

**MINUTES
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMITTEE MEETING**



**Tuesday, October 2, 2012
SWVMHI – Henderson H-106 Conference Room
12:00 Noon**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Fendig, Vice Chair
Rachel Jones
Jo Ann Johns

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Willie McFarlane

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate
Cynthia McClaskey, Ph.D., Facility Director, SWVMHI
Elvera McLees, Ph.D., LHRC Applicant
Denton Staley, LHRC Applicant

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CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) was called to order by Mark Fendig, Vice Chairperson, at 12:37 P.M. on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Henderson Building Conference Room.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the LHRC Meeting agenda for October 2, 2012. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

INTERVIEW OF THE LHRC APPLICANTS

A motion was made and seconded to convene closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711.A.(1) and (4) for the purpose of protecting privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely to conduct interviews with LHRC applicants.

Mr. Fendig reconvened the open meeting and the motion was made and seconded that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were heard, discussed or considered. Each member so certified.

The Committee thanked the applicants for their appearance today. Nan Neese, Regional Advocate, explained the process of appointment by the State Human Rights Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next LHRC meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, November 20, 2012**, at 12:00 Noon on the grounds of SWVMHI

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Chair