



CALLED MEETING of the VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LHRC
Minutes
REVIEW of NEXT FRIEND AR
December 20, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Committee:

Present: Denton Staley, Chair; Deidra Mathena, Gardner Umbarger

Absent: Mark Fendig

Others Present:

Zina Worley, Social Worker; Dr. Everett Jones, Team Psychiatrist;
Cynthia McClaskey, PhD, Facility Director; Brandon Rotenberry, SWVMHI Advocate
and Patricia Evans, CAP, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Staley, Chairperson, called the Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) meeting to order at 1:06 pm on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Learning Center Dogwood Room.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a review concerning a proposed Next Friend Authorized Representative. The LHRC will entertain a motion for a closed session in order to protect private health information.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Staley moved that the LHRC go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711.A. (4) and (15) for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and the discussion of medical and mental records, namely to conduct a review of and interview with a proposed next friend Authorized Representative. Ms. Mathena seconded the motion. Acting Chair requested all in favor to signify by saying "Yes" and all those opposed indicate by saying, "No." The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Staley moved to convene public session. Mr. Staley moved that each member certify that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meetings requirements were heard, discussed, or considered. Each member replied "*I so certify.*"



OPEN SESSION

Having heard and reviewed the evidence, including but not limited to testimony from Dr. Jones and Ms. Worley, and the capacity determination, and interviewed “BP”, the proposed Next Friend, the LHRC finds that the Director’s designation of Next Friend Authorized Representative complies with requirements of the Human Rights regulation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm

Chair