

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
DRAFT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rachel Jones, Subcommittee Chair
Denton Staley
Willie McFarlane

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Fendig, Chair
Elvera McLees
Joann Johns
Beverly Derian

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia McClaskey, Facility Director
Evan Grant, M.D.
Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate

Rachel Jones agreed to serve as Chairperson of the subcommittee. Ms. Jones called the meeting to order at approximately 1:12 P.M. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Learning Center to conduct review of informed consent for Electroconvulsive Treatment (ECT) for an individual receiving services at SWVMHI.

Ms. McFarlane moved that the Subcommittee 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 review of informed consent related to treatment with ECT. Mr. Staley seconded the motion, and the Subcommittee entered closed session.

Ms. McFarlane moved to convene public session, Mr. Staley seconded the motion, and the Subcommittee reentered public session. Ms. McFarlane 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. Mr. Staley seconded the motion. Each member properly certified.

Having heard the testimony from Evan Grant, M.D, the LHRC Subcommittee finds that the individual's Authorized Representative has been informed regarding the proposed treatment and is prepared to give written informed consent for Electroconvulsive Treatment (ECT) in accordance with regulation as soon as the treating hospital has been identified.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Rachel Jones, Subcommittee Chair