

**MINUTES**  
**LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Piedmont Community Services - Martinsville, VA**  
**September 4, 2015 – 2:30 P.M.**

**LHRC MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Nancy Sprinkle, Davin Estep, Sharon Shepherd and Sharon Hooker (via telephone conference call)

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Joseph Mayo, Mayo Residential Manager, Eugene U. Norman (potential A/R), CB, consumer, Becky Lovell and Ron Hairston, Piedmont Community Services, and Mandy Crowder, Office of Human Rights/DBHDS.

**LHRC MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Potter and Jim Rountree

**I. Call to Order – Nancy Sprinkle**

Vice Chairman Nancy Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. Sharon Hooker could not be at the meeting today but requested that she be included through conference call. She verified he identity and desire to be included by telephone. Nancy verified that a quorum was present. Ron Hairston (PCS) requested that he be approved to attend the meeting (open and closed sessions) today. CB and his representative, Joseph Mayo, approved Ron’s attendance request.

**II. Closed Session – Nancy Sprinkle**

Sharon Shepherd made a motion that the committee go into closed session under Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (4&15) for the purpose of hearing a “Next Friend” request. The motion received a second and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

After discussing and interviewing CB who requested that Eugene Norman be approved as his “Next Friend”, a motion was made by Sharon Shepherd that the meeting return to open session. Davin Estep seconded the motion and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Nancy Sprinkle asked that each committee member individually certify that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meetings under VA Code 2.2-3711 A 94 & 15) for the purpose of interviewing hearing a “Next Friend” request were discussed. Each member individually did so by saying “I so certify”.

Sharon Shepherd made a motion that Eugene Norman be approved as “Next Friend” for CB as requested. Davin Estep seconded the motion and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

There being no other business for discussion, the LHRC meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Becky Lovell