

## AGENDA

### METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

#### REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2012

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call - Determination of a quorum present.
- B. Introductions by Chairperson
- C. Confidentiality statement presented
- D. Changes in Agenda:
  - 1. Does any member or the coordinator wish to change the agenda?
  - 2. Does any guest wish to speak on an agenda item?

#### II. MINUTES

- A. Corrections or changes for the minutes of the September 13, 2012 meeting?
- B. Approval

#### III. COMMUNICATIONS:

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS A. Complaints

12-070-9035 - a consumer is mistreated by agency staff who will not allow her to live a normal life when staff purposely challenge consumers rather than offering a treatment style of approach when working with persons with disabilities. Tabled at the last meeting.

12-070-9036 - a consumer receives services and lives in an agency owned apartment. Her treatment team, including staff and Physician do not meet with her to offer a discharge plan. She has made it clear she would like to move to her home, which is out-of-state. The Physician does not want to release her to leave facility who acts as her payee. Agency staff are punishing her because she had a friend in her apartment and she likes to have an occasional drink. She goes to gambling counseling and she has not been in any trouble but the agency will not cooperate with her plan to return home and she feels as though she is being held hostage. Tabled at the last meeting.

12-070-9037 - In February 2012, the media announced that Gov Quinn had decided to close a state operated facility to move residents into community group homes. This was a budget decision, not based on the needs of residents. A letter from the agency Director dated February 24, 2012 indicates that the family will be contacted by Department of Human Services and still the residents and/or families have not received additional correspondence. No one has followed

through on this promise or provided additional information. The HRA had a discussion, trying to determine the best way to proceed. Tabled at the last meeting.

13-070-9007 - a consumer believes staff are making inaccurate entries into his record.

13-070-9008 - A young lady with mental illness lives at home and she has become dangerous. Regional agencies are not assisting the family for placement and instead point the finger at one another that the other should be handling placement. In the mean time, the daughter has threatened to harm herself and her father. She was taken to an area emergency room and after assessment they discharged her home, did not offer the family a petition for involuntary admission.

13-070-9009 - a consumer was involved in an incident at day training and the agency called the family to report they were kicking him out of the program. The facility wants to move the consumer and his guardian is not prepared at this time because of health issues to take all the necessary steps to ensure that the next move will be his last.

13-070-9010 - A consumer has been held at the center for 6 years without having displayed any safety issues. He would like, at the very least, to move closer to his home in Chicago. The staff have indicate that they agree that transfer or discharge may be appropriate but courts won't allow him to leave.

13-070-9011 - After another resident's property was misplaced, a 76 year old resident received notice that the apartment management was initiating eviction. There have been no other incidents or warnings regarding eviction.

13-070-9012 - a facility will not allow ink pens or pencils -

13-070-9013 - two consumers have blankets in personal property that a facility will not allow the to possess. The facility does not offer a notice of restricted property.

## V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Case progress reports

12-070-9034 - Alton Mental Health Center - computer/education

13-070-9001 - Alton Mental Health Center - computer privileges

13-070-9002 - Alton Mental Health Center - rights posted

13-070-9005 - Alton Mental Health Center - dental services

### B. Reports of Findings:

12-070-9018 - Alton Mental Health Center - forced a blood test

12-070-9022 - Wellsprings - housing discrimination

12-070-9016 - Madison County Housing - landlord evicted a consumer & refused to return property

C. Case Closures:

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

A. Set next meeting November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. - Schedule site visits –

VII. ADJOURNMENT