

AGENDA

METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2013

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 December 13, 2012 meeting?
- B. Approval

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

IV. NEW BUSINESS A. Complaints

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 case opening at the December meeting.

13-070-9007 - 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. Tabled at the last meeting.

13-070-9019 - a consumer states that inaccurate information was written in his file by a staff person who does not work on his unit. The false statement states that the consumer intentionally antagonized a peer which was taken way out of context. The consumer stated that the staff does

not like him and holds a personal grudge.

13-070-9020 - a resident states that the hospital will not allow her to have an electric razor without her doctor's approval through a treatment team meeting and that she is supposed to meet with her team once a week. The staff routinely cancel her meetings and thus she is denied razor and other privileges. The consumer's room is locked during the day while other patients are allowed to stay in their rooms during day programming.

13-070-9021 - a nursing home has a private guardian who is unrelated. That guardian and nursing home only allow the husband to visit her one hour per week. Both the man and his wife want daily visits.

13-070-9022 - staff requires a consumer who lives in a managed apartment to turn over her food stamps and will only allow her to spend them when they decide.

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

13-070-9009 - Alton Mental Health Center - least restrictive setting

13-070-9011 - Alton Mental Health Center - will not allow ink pens or pencils -

13-070-9013 - Alton Mental Health Center - medical and dental care

B. Reports of Findings:

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

13-070-9008 - Community Link - discharge & notify OIG of allegation of abuse

13-070-9010 - Madison County Housing - eviction.

C. Case Closures:

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

13-070-9012 - Alton Mental Health Center - blankets (personal property)

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

A. Set next meeting February 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. - Schedule site visits –

VII. ADJOURNMENT