

AGENDA

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

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, coordinator, or visitor 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 August 2009 meeting.
- B. Approval

III. COMMUNICATIONS: NEW BUSINESS

A. New complaints -

10-050-9006 - caller had stated to an attorney that her rights were violated - when contacted by HRA stated she was confused, did not understand why she was at the facility and repeatedly stated that she is there because she failed God and he is punishing her and she deserves it. Stated she doesn't have any rights. Members tabled case opening at the last meeting.

10-050-9009 - a patient was unable to get a petition for discharge form from nursing staff (told he/she would have to wait to speak to their case manager. Two staff told the patient that if he/she continued to complain, they will be kept for the entire 90 days of their commitment order.

10-050-9010 - persons with disabilities who live in facilities licensed by the DCFS and are between the ages of 18 and 21 have no recourse when experiencing neglect and abuse by facility staff. That is, DCFS guidelines for investigation of abuse and neglect only includes persons up to the age of 18 and the Department of Human Service's Office of Inspector General will not investigate allegations, because Department of Human Services is not the licensor.

10-050-9011 - guardian forbids a sister from taking her brother out to eat or out for a ride. A new resident allegedly hits the consumer and the staff at the facility state that the aggressor is just playing, although he allegedly leaves bruises.

B. Other new business -

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Case progress reports

1. 09-050-9014 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - abuse
2. 09-050-9017 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - evaluation & diagnosis
3. 09-050-9018 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - freedom of choice food and sex
4. 09-050-9020 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - medication
5. 09-050-9022 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - medication/discharge
6. 10-050-9001 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - communication
7. 10-050-9002 - Achievement Unlimited - outings
8. 10-050-9003 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - two part complaint
9. 10-050-9004 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - guardian's wishes
10. 10-050-9005 - Hope School - meals, forced to stay in day room, notice of abuse
11. 10-050-9007 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - no medical treatment

B. Reports of Findings

1. 09-050-9019 - Emma Place - restriction of food

C. Case Closures

1. 09-050-9007 - Mental Health Center's of Western Illinois
2. 09-050-9016 - Porta School
3. 09-050-9021 - Adams County Ambulance - restraint
4. 09-050-9012 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - Barcode
5. 09-050-9008 - Winchester High School

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

- A. Set next meeting (October 27, 2009 at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center)
- B. Schedule site visits
- C. Comments from the public

VII. ADJOURNMENT