

AGENDA

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 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, 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 September 25, 2012 meeting.
- B. Approval

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Tabled complaints -

13-050-9003 - a consumer was transferred from long term care to a community home. While at the long term care facility it is believed that funds were available and the facility was mandated to offer dental care, yet the consumer was transferred with emergency dental needs. It is believed the former facility had responsibility to offer dental services. There are no available funds for dental care now that she resides in the community.

13-050-9005 - an agency does not allow daily fresh air breaks for all consumers.

New Complaints:

13-050-9007 - a facility may violate a consumer's rights when it will not honor her five day notice to request discharge. She has no family and would like to return to her apartment, yet the facility is trying to make her consider placement in a different city which leaves her blocked from discharge.

13-050-9008 - A consumer was transferred to a nursing facility in Springfield after the facility

in southern Illinois where he lived closed abruptly. He is not allowed to exercise his right to live in the least restrictive setting in the town (Centralia or Mount Vernon) of his choice. Now, at the new facility he has a girlfriend and they wont allow them to hold hands and no one is attempting to help him leave. He has bi- polar diagnosis and the Physician at this new facility changed his dosage of Depakote which has made him sicker than he's ever been.

13-050-9009 - a consumer has been approved by court to move to a lesser restrictive setting at the facility where she lives, or total discharge; however the facility repeatedly blocks her requests. Also, the public defender assigned to her case has blocked her from calling that office even though they have never actually had verbal contact. Now that restriction may be a setback because it makes it look like she is blocked as a result of harassment. The public defender is totally worthless and does not defend her.

13-050-9010 - an agency performed a mental health evaluation per court order. The consumer has been successful in the community for the past several years and because she moved, she had to acquire a different agency to provide services and the court ordered evaluation. The staff person from the new agency failed to do her job and report accurately about the accomplishments. The agency scored the consumer very low; after the same agency had denied her services because of high assessment scores. The assessor appraised time management abilities, money management, nutrition and household stability, healthcare, and communications and leisure entertainment and personal grooming and dress. These scores were contrived without the staff having interviewed the consumer regarding details, visiting her home and investigating other aspects named above. The client is disturbed about the low scores provided to the court.

Other New Business:

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Case progress reports -

1. 12-050-9020 - Bethesda Lutheran Home - Administration of Medication
2. 13-050-9001 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - blocked discharge
3. 13-050-9002 - Memorial Medical Center - forced medication

B. Reports of Findings

1. 12-050-9001 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - sexual abuse notify guardian
2. 13-050-9004 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center -glasses
3. 13-050-9006 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - treatment planning

C. Case Closures

1. 12-050-9015 - Blessing Hospital - restraint

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

A. Set next meeting (November 27, 2012 at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center)

B. Schedule site visits

B. Comments from the public

VII. ADJOURNMENT