

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2009
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, Illinois

Chairperson, Ray Hemphill, opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Ray Hemphill, Jill Quinto, Deanne Medina, Lana Peck and Elizabeth Vitell.

Members Absent: Katherine Dunford, Pat Mencinkas and Danielle Garland.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Dr. Carlos Gomez, Director of Mental Health Services, Cermak Health Services of Cook County and Jean E. Kiriazes, Director CQI and Risk Management, Cermak Health Services of Cook County.

Albert Cueller, Division Director of Residential Services, Clara Morris, CILA Director, and Guvanda Manuel, QMRP of Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.

Chairperson Ray Hemphill noted that a quorum was present. Ray read the confidentiality statement.

Approval of January 20, 2009 Minutes: Jill Quinto made a motion to approve the January 20 minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Approval of March 3, 2009 Minutes: Lana Peck made a motion to approve the March 3 minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

09-030-9017 A complaint was filed alleging that the recipient was taken by police to a hospital emergency room and while there he was stripped, tied to a gurney, struck in the face by a staff person, catheterized and given forced medication. A release of information has been received.

Jill made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation and it was properly seconded and carried.

Ray Hemphill made a motion to go into closed session at 6:10 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to assign the new case and discuss case closures and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:30 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session included case assignment, progress reports on all open cases, discussion of the reports for cases #08-030-9018 Northwestern, #08-030-9020 Northwestern and #09-030-9005 Mac Neal, response from case #08-030-9004 Northwestern, and case closure for 09-030-9005 MacNeal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None.

Report of Findings:

08-030-9018 Northwestern. The HRA reviewed the report and a motion was made to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

08-030-9020 Northwestern. The HRA reviewed the report and a motion was made to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-030-9005 MacNeal. The HRA reviewed the report and a motion was made to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Case Closures:

08-030-9004-Northwestern. Jill Quinto made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

08-030-9019 Riveredge. Deanne made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

Case Status Reports:

09-030-9010 UIC Hospital. Site visit was held on April 6, 2009. The report is forthcoming.

09-030-9011 St. Bernard's Hospital. Site visit scheduled for April 21, 2009.

Elections

Announcements and Comments: The next meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at the Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Vitell, Secretary