

NORTH SUBURBAN REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

Pioneer Center

4:00 P.M.

**Call To Order:**

The Chairperson, Dan Haligas, called the regular monthly meeting of the Human Rights Authority, North Suburban Region, to order at 4:05 p.m.

Members Present: Dan Haligas, Sumner Garte, Louise Miller, Don Judson, Patricia Getchell, John Barrett, Art Savage, Kori Larson, Jeanette Rossetti

Members Absent:

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Julie Sass

Guests:

The Chairperson, Dan Haligas, noted that a quorum was present. Chair Haligas read the confidentiality statement.

Changes in the Agenda:

There were no changes in the agenda.

Approval of the June 2, 2009 Minutes: Louise Miller made a motion to approve the June 2, 2009 Minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried. Kori Larson and Jeanette Rossetti abstained.

**New Business:**

New Complaints:

09-100-9040:

Louise Miller made a motion to not accept the complaint for investigation; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-9041:

John Barrett made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-9042:

Sumner Garte made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation pending receipt of consent; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

10-100-9001:

Don Judson made a motion to accept allegations #2 and 3 for investigation (#1 not being a violation of patient rights); the motion was properly seconded and carried.

10-100-9002:

Don Judson made a motion to table the acceptance of allegation #2 until more information is obtained (allegation #1 determined not to be a rights violation); the motion was properly seconded and carried. Information obtained and an additional complaint presented; vote taken (8/5/09) via email to accept both allegations for investigation.

10-100-9003:

Don Judson made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

10-100-9004:

Dan Haligas made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation pending receipt of consent; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

10-100-9005:

Art Savage made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

10-100-9006:

John Barrett made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

09-100-9038:

Don Judson made a motion to not the complaint for investigation; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-910: the case status remains as: case opened postponement

09-100-9038:

The complainant is to send additional written information about the allegations; complaint to be considered when information is available.

09-100-9031:

Waiting on results of lawsuit

09-100-9005

DHS/IGAC management reviewing matter.

09-100-9014:

Waiting on results of discharge appeal

**Comments from the public:**

**Other Business:**

At 4:50 p.m. the Authority voted in accordance with Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to go into closed session to discuss new complaint assignments, case closures, draft reports and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The Authority voted to return to open session at 6:05 p.m. having taken no action in closed session.

A summary of closed session included new complaint assignments and consideration of Draft Reports (09-100-9032, 09-100-9030, 09-100-9033, 09-100-9034) case closures (09-100-9028, 09-100-9025, 09-100-9017, 09-100-9022, 09-100-9024, 09-100-9029); members reported on recent site visits (09-100-9036, 09-100-9039, 09-100-9035, 09-100-9037).

Draft Report of Findings:

09-100-9032: Louise Miller made a motion to approve the Draft Report of Findings; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-9030: Louise Miller made a motion to approve the Draft Report of Findings; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-9033: Louise Miller made a motion to approve the Draft Report of Findings; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-9034: Louise Miller made a motion to approve the Draft Report of Findings; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Provider Response received/accept response/close case/make available to the public:

09-100-9028: Elgin Mental Health Center  
Louise Miller made a motion to accept the response, close the case and make it available to the public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-9025: Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Center  
Louise Miller made a motion to accept the response, close the case and make it available to the public; the motion was properly seconded and carried. Pat Getchell abstained.

09-100-9017: Elgin Mental Health Center  
Louise Miller made a motion to accept the response, close the case and make it available to the public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-9022: Streamwood Behavioral Healthcare Center  
Louise Miller made a motion to accept the response, close the case and make it available to the public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-9024: Westlake Community Hospital  
Louise Miller made a motion to accept the response, close the case and make it available to the public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-9005: EMHC  
The letter from DHS was reviewed; no action taken.

09-100-9029: Rush/Copley  
Louise Miller made a motion to accept the response, close the case and make it available to the public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

No Provider Response received/needed; allegations unsubstantiated: close case and make available to public:

09-100-9023: Good Samaritan

Louise Miller made a motion to close the case and make it available to the public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

09-100-9026: Alexian Brothers Behavioral Healthcare Center

Louise Miller made a motion to close the case and make it available to the public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Announcements: Annual Election of Officer:

Slate presented:

Dan Haligas - Chairperson

Don Judson - Vice Chairperson

Sumner Garte - Secretary

The slate was accepted.

Comments from the public:

Comments from the Chairperson:

Next Meeting: September 2, 2009 - Rush North Shore Medical Center - Skokie.

Adjournment:

John Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was properly seconded and carried. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by the Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,

Sumner Garte,  
Secretary

