

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 10th, 2009
Cornerstone Services, Inc.
Conference Room
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Kimberlee Brewerton, Acting Chairperson at 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Kimberlee Brewerton, Bruce Berry, Michele Arthur and Carol Genutis.

Members Absent: Judith Rauls, Theresa Buell and Lauren Pell

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was not present, but all business could be conducted except for approving the Meeting Minutes.

II. COMMUNICATION

The November 12th, 2009 Meeting Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

Members could not vote on whether the May through November 2009 Executive Meeting Minutes should remain closed because a quorum was not present.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

There were five new complaints for discussion.

10-040-9008 (Hospital) Members present consented to postpone accepting the case for investigation pending guardianship for a signed release of information. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting.

10-040-9010 (Hospital's Emergency Department) Members present consented to accept the case for investigation pending a signed release of information. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case acceptance will be ratified at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

10-040-9011 (Day Training Program) Members present consented to accept the case for investigation pending signed releases of information. The complaint alleged inadequate programming at the agency's Day Training sites and home-based seniors' program. The complainant also added medication issues to the complaint after the packets were mailed to the members. The medication issues involve the agency's Behavioral Health program and might require a separate case file. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case(s) acceptance will be ratified at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

10-040-9012 (Hospital) Members present consented to accept the case for investigation pending a signed release of information. The recipient's address is unknown, and she has not returned the Coordinator's calls. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case acceptance will be ratified at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

10-040-9013 (Hospital) Members present consented to accept the case for investigation pending a signed release of information. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case acceptance will be ratified at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

Ratify Acceptance of New Complaint

The Sertoma Centre case #10-040-9007 was not ratified because a quorum was not present. The case will be presented for ratification at the next meeting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Acting Chairperson moved the meeting into closed session at 10:10 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss status of cases; provider's responses a report and case closures.

Eleven cases were discussed:

- 09-040-9010 (Tinley Park MHC)
- 09-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC)
- 09-040-9013 (Tinley Park MHC)
- 09-040-9014 (Lydia Health Care)
- 10-040-9001 (Imperial of Hazel Crest)
- 10-040-9004 (Woodside Extended Care)
- 10-040-9005 (Heather Healthcare)
- 10-040-9006 (Tinley Park Mental Health Center)
- 10-040-9007 (Sertoma Centre)

Draft Reports/Responses

09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC) A report of findings was reviewed.

09-040-9011 (Saint James Hospital) A provider's response was not received.

Open session reconvened at 10:45 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included ten progress reports and one report.

V. Reports/Accept Response/ Closures/ Make Report Available to the Public

09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC) Members present consented to accept the report of findings that contain violations pending the HRA's administration approval. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The report will be ratified at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

09-040-9011 (Saint James Hospital) Members present consented to keep the case open for a provider's response. A copy of the report that contained violations was sent to the provider on November 16th, 2009. The provider is still within the 30-day time frame allowed for responding to the report. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carol Genutis, Lauren Pell, Kimberlee Brewerton and Michele Arthur completed mileage forms.

The Meeting Calendar for 2010 was discussed and members present consented to meet on November 18th because the second Thursday falls on a holiday. Also, members requested that the Homewood Library be contacted concerning the February 11th meeting date.

The Regional Christmas Luncheon will be held at Al's Steak House in Joliet following the meeting.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled at New Hope Center in Dolton on February 11th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

ADJOURNMENT

Members present consented to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Lauren Pell came after the meeting adjourn and gave her vote on actions discussed for a majority.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis, Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region

