

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 11th, 2009
Sertoma Centre, Inc.
Conference Room
4100 W. 127th Street
Alsip, Illinois 60803
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Theresa Buell, Chairperson at 9:10 a.m.

PRESENT: Theresa Buell, Carol Genutis, Judith Rauls, Kimberlee Brewerton and Michele Arthur.

Members Absent: Lauren Pell and Bruce Berry.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman and Jon Burnet.

GUESTS: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was present and all business could be conducted.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Judith Rauls to accept the May 14th, 2009 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

It was moved by Judith Rauls to keep the December 8th, 2008, February 5th, March 12th, April 9th, 2009 Executive Meeting Minutes closed. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

There was one new complaint for discussion.

09-040-9013 (Tinley Park Mental Health Center) Judith Rauls moved that complaint be accepted for investigation. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried. A signed release of information was received. Michele Arthur is assigned to the investigation and Judith Rauls is a back up.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson moved the meeting into closed session at 9:15 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss the Embassy Care Center Report #09-040-9003, review status of cases, provider's responses and case closures. A motion was made by Judith Rauls. Motion was seconded by Michelle Arthur and carried.

Six cases/ progress were discussed:

09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC)
09-040-9008 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center)
09-040-9009 (Cornerstone Services)
09-040-9010 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center)
09-040-9011 (Saint James Hospital)
09-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC)

Draft Reports/Responses

09-040-9001 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) The provider's response was reviewed.

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center) The report was amended.

09-040-9006 (Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center) There was no provider's response reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 10:15 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included one written report, six progress reports and one provider's response.

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

09-040-9001 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) Judith Rauls moved that that the provider's response be accepted, case be closed and the report be made public. The provider requested that its response should not be part of the public record. Motion was seconded by Michelle Arthur and carried.

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center) Judith Rauls moved to amend the report and send pending Teresa Parks' approval. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

09-040-9006 (Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center) Judith Rauls moved that the case be reviewed for progress at the next meeting. The provider is still within the 30-day timeframe allowed to respond to the report of findings. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carol Genutis and Theresa Buell completed mileage forms.

Members present completed June 2009 volunteer time calendars.

The next meeting will be held at Cornerstone Services on August 13th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

ADJOURNMENT

Judith Rauls moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis, Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region