

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY  
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Cornerstone Services, Inc.  
Conference Room  
19043 Wentworth Avenue  
Lansing, Illinois 60438  
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Judith Rauls, Chairperson at 9:10 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Michele Arthur, Lauren Pell and Bruce Berry

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Krister Hendricks, Lydia Healthcare

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was not present and all business could be conducted except for approving the minutes. The Chairperson moved the meeting into closed session at 9:25 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss the Lydia Healthcare case #09-040-9014 with the provider's representative. Open session reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

#### II. COMMUNICATION

The August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Meeting Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

#### III. NEW COMPLAINTS

There were two new complaints for discussion.

10-040-9005 (Heather Healthcare) Members present consented to accept complaints #s 4, 5 and 6 for investigation. Complaints #s 1, 2 and 3 were referred to the Illinois Department of Public Health for investigation following the August meeting. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. Judith Rauls is assigned to the investigation.

10-040-9006 (Tinley Park Mental Health Center) Members present consented to accept the complaint for investigation. A signed release of information was received. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. Kimberlee Brewerton is assigned to the investigation.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson moved the meeting into closed session at 10:16 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss status of cases, provider's responses and case closures were reviewed. Nine cases/ progress were discussed:

09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC)  
09-040-9010 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center)  
09-040-9011 (Saint James Hospital)  
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)  
10-040-9002 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center)  
10-040-9004 (Woodside Extended Care)

#### Draft Reports/Responses

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center) There was no provider's response reviewed.

09-040-9008 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center) The report was not presented during the meeting but will be for reviewed at the next meeting.

09-040-9009 (Cornerstone Services) The provider's response was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 10:58 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included nine progress reports and one provider's response.

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

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center) The Coordinator will follow up with the provider concerning the facility's action taken in regard to the report recommendations. Members present consented to keep case open and review at the next meeting. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting.

09-040-9009 (Cornerstone Services) Members present consented to accept the provider's response, close case and make the report public pending a majority vote by telephone. The provider disagrees with the report findings and request that its response be made public if the HRA stands by its findings. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10-040-9002 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) Members present consented to close the case without further investigation because the complainant withdrew the complaint. Michele Arthur gave her vote for a majority by telephone later.

## OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carol Genutis completed a mileage form.

The Coordinator will bring September and October 2009 volunteer time calendars to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at New Hope Center in Dolton on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis, Secretary  
Human Rights Authority  
South Suburban Region