

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY  
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Sertoma Centre

Conference Room

4100 W. 127<sup>th</sup> 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 Judith Rauls, Chairperson at 9:10 a.m.

PRESENT: Judith Rauls, Michele Arthur, Carol Genutis, Theresa Buell and Lauren Pell

Members Absent: Bruce Berry and Kimberlee Brewerton

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Krister Hendricks, Lydia Healthcare  
Kim Haas, Sertoma Centre

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was present and all business could be conducted. 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 Lydia Healthcare case #09-040-9014 and the Sertoma Centre case #10-040-9007 with the provider's representatives. Michele Arthur left the room during the discussion concerning the Sertoma Centre case. Open session reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

#### II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Theresa Buell to accept the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

#### III. NEW COMPLAINTS

There were two new complaints for discussion.

10-040-9008 (Hospital) Michele Arthur moved that complaint be postponed for acceptance pending guardianship for a signed release of information to thoroughly investigate the allegation. Motion was seconded by Theresa Buell and carried.

10-040-9009 (Housing Program) Theresa Buell moved that complaint not be accepted for investigation because the allegation lacks a possible rights violation. Motion was seconded by Lauren Pell and carried.

## Ratify Acceptance of New Complaint

The Sertoma Centre case #10-040-9007 was not ratified because Michele Arthur could not vote on this issue. The case will be presented for ratification at the next meeting.

## IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson moved the meeting back into closed session at 10:45 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. Twelve cases were discussed:

09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC)  
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

09-040-9008 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center) A provider's response was reviewed.

09-040-9011 (Saint James Hospital) A report of findings was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 11:20 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included ten progress reports, one report, and one provider's response.

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

09-040-9008 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center) Lauren Pell moved to accept the provider's response, close case and make the report public. The provider requested that its response not be made public. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

09-040-9011 (Saint James Hospital) Lauren Pell moved that the report of findings that contain violations be accepted and sent to the provider pending the HRA's administration approval. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

## OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carol Genutis and Lauren Pell completed mileage forms.

The Meeting Calendar for 2010 was discussed and should be completed for the December's meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Cornerstone Services in Joliet on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The Regional Christmas Luncheon at Al's Steak House in Joliet will follow the meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Members present consented to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis, Secretary  
Human Rights Authority  
South Suburban Region