

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY  
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
New Hope Center  
Conference Room  
1624 E. 154<sup>th</sup> Street  
Dolton, Illinois 60419  
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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 9:07 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Theresa Buell and Lauren Pell

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Alice Apará and Krister Hendricks, Lydia Healthcare

#### 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 9:10 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 representatives. Open session reconvened at 9:48 a.m.

#### II. COMMUNICATION

The August 13<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Meeting Minutes were approved without changes.

#### III. NEW COMPLAINTS

There was one new complaint for discussion.

10-040-9007 (Sertoma Centre) Members present consented to accept the complaint for investigation pending a signed release of information. Michele Arthur left the room during the discussion and abstained from the vote. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. Carol Gentius and Judy Rauls are assigned to the investigation.

#### Ratify Acceptance of New Complaints

10-040-9005 (Heather Health Care) Kimberlee Brewerton moved to ratify case acceptance. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

10-040-9006 (Tinley Park MHC) Kimberlee Brewerton moved to ratify case acceptance. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson moved the meeting back into closed session at 10:15 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss status of cases; provider's responses and case closures. Thirteen cases were discussed:

09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC)  
09-040-9010 (Tinley Park MHC)  
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)  
10-040-9004 (Woodside Extended Care)  
10-040-9005 (Heather Healthcare)  
10-040-9006 (Tinley Park Mental Health Center)

#### Draft Reports/Responses

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center) A provider's response was reviewed.

09-040-9008 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center) The members reviewed the report of findings. They requested that suggestion #2 be amended as follows: "Take reasonable precautions to ensure that containers that can be used to disguise contraband items are securely sealed at intake.

09-040-9009 (Cornerstone Services) The provider's response was reviewed again. The provider disagrees with the report findings. The members agreed to let the report stand.

Open session reconvened at 11:00 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included ten progress reports, one report, and two provider's response.

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

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center) Bruce Berry moved to accept the provider's response, close case and make the report public. The provider did not request that its response be made public Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

09-040-9008 (Timberline Knolls) Bruce Berry moved that the report of findings be accepted as amended and sent to the provider pending the HRA's administration approval. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried.

09-040-9009 (Cornerstone Services) Bruce Berry moved to accept the provider's response, close case and make the report public. The provider disagrees with the report findings and requested that its response be made public if the HRA stands by its findings. There were no changes made to the report. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

10-040-9002 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) Michele Arthur moved to ratify case closure because the complainant withdrew the complaint. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

#### OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carol Genutis and Bruce Berry completed mileage forms.

The members completed September and October 2009 volunteer time calendars.

The next meeting will be held at Sertoma Centre in Alsip on November 12<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