

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16th, 2010
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 South 1st Ave. Hines, IL

Acting Chairperson, Jill Quinto opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:05 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Jill Quinto, Pat Mencinkas, Edith Bukwa, and Katherine Dunford.

Members Absent: Lana Peck, Danielle Garland, Deanne Medina, and Elizabeth Vitell.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Pat Parker. Ms. Parker is interested in becoming an HRA member and attended the meeting to meet HRA members and observe a meeting.

Chairperson Jill noted that a quorum was not present. Votes will be obtained through electronic mail and all actions ratified at the April meeting of the HRA. Jill read the confidentiality statement.

Approval of the February 2nd, 2010 Minutes: Katherine made a motion to approve the February 2nd, 2010 minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Communications:

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#10-030-9018 The complaint alleges that a recipient's physician ordered medication for him that he was allergic to and when the recipient refused to take it the doctor discontinued all medication, needlessly causing the recipient to suffer medication withdrawal. The recipient was also placed in restraints for no adequate reason and denied communication with his family. Katherine made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9019 The complaint alleges that a recipient was detained and administered psychotropic medication in violation of the Mental Health Code. Pat made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9020 The complaint alleges that a recipient was restrained and administered psychotropic medication in violation of the Mental Health Code. Katherine made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9021 The complaint alleges that a hospital breached a recipient's confidentiality by giving the recipient's landlord medical information from the recipient's clinical record. Katherine made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Jill made a motion to go into closed session at 5:23 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 5:45 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session included progress reports on open cases, discussion of the report for case #10-030-9007 Chicago Lakeshore and case closure for #9-030-9019 Chicago Lakeshore #10-030-9001 Swedish Covenant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: A motion was made to ratify all actions taken at the February 2, 2010 meeting of the HRA. It was properly seconded and carried.

Report of Findings:

#10-030-9007 Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA reviewed the report and Katherine moved to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Case Closures:

#09-030-9019 Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA reviewed the response. It was decided that the HRA would request training agendas and attendance sheets for the trainings that address the report recommendations. The case will remain open until this data is received.

#10-030-9001 Swedish Covenant Hospital. Katherine made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Case Status Reports:

#10-030-9002- Madden. The second site visit was held on March 2, 2010. The report is forthcoming.

#10-030-9006 UIC. A site visit has been scheduled for March 22, 2010.

Elections

Announcements and Comments: The next meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Vitell, Secretary