

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 South 1st Ave. Hines, IL

Chairperson, Jill Quinto opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:15 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: Danielle Garland, Deanne Medina, and Elizabeth Vitell.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Dave Ginter, applicant for HRA membership, attended the meeting to meet the members and observe the open meeting proceedings.

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

Approval of the Feb. 2nd, March 16th, and April 27th, Minutes: Chairperson Jill Quinto noted that a quorum was not present to approve minutes.

Communications: Pat Mencinkas presented the HRA with a booklet of Medical Records Law which outlines the Illinois and federal law governing the release of medical records, including Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities records. It is a great tool that I'm sure we will referencing often.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#10-030-9022 The complaint alleges that the facility does not allow the recipient to leave the premises for therapeutic day passes. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation and it was properly seconded and passed.

#10-030-9023 The complaint alleges that the facility placed a recipient in restraints and administered forced psychotropic medication in violation of the Mental Health Code. The opening of the case is postponed until receipt of a Release of Information.

#10-030-9024 The complaint alleges that a resident was injured by another resident at the facility but the facility would not call an ambulance to have her treated, nor would they allow the resident to report the incident to the proper authorities, and then had her hospitalized for no

adequate reason. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation, and it was properly seconded and passed.

Jill made a motion to go into closed session at 5:35 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 5:55 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session included assignment of cases, progress reports on open cases, and discussion of the response for #10-030-9004 Chicago Read.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: A motion was made to ratify all actions taken at the April 27, 2010 meeting of the HRA. It was properly seconded and carried.

Report of Findings:

#10-030-9006 UIC Hospital. The report is still being reviewed.

#10-030-9013 Loretto. The facility cancelled the site visit and it has not been rescheduled. The report will follow the site visit.

Case Closures:

#09-030-9019 Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA reviewed the response. The HRA is requesting the training agendas and attendance sheets for the trainings that are being offered to address the report recommendations. The case will remain open until this data is received.

#10-030-9002 Madden. Madden requested an extension for their submission of their response and it was granted.

#10-030-9004 Chicago Read. The HRA considered case closure for #10-030-9004. The HRA substantiated the complaint, recommendations were issued, and a corrective plan was submitted by the facility and approved by the HRA. Katherine made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. It was properly seconded and carried.

Case Status Reports:

#10-030-9003 and #10-030-9009 Kindred. The facility has a new contact person who has requested that we schedule the site visit sometime in July to give her time to acclimate to her position. Jill has been reassigned to this case.

Elections The Chicago HRA appointed an acting Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary due to the resignations of two members and the leave of absence of another. At this meeting the HRA voted to elect these members to their positions. Jill Quinto is the current Chairperson, Katherine Dunford is the Vice-Chairperson, and Edith Bukwa is the Secretary.

Announcements and Comments: The next meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa

