

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 31, 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 5:17 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

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

Members Absent: Deanne Medina

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Chairperson Jill Quinto noted that a quorum was present. Jill read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of Meeting Minutes July 20, 2010: Edith made a motion to accept the minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes June 8, 2010: David made a motion to accept the minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes April 27, 2010: Katherine made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes March 16, 2010: Pat made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes December 22, 2009: Edith made a motion to accept the minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Communications: The HRA send its best wishes to Lana Peck upon her resignation and we wish her well in all her endeavors- thank you, Lana, for your wonderful contribution to our team.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#10-030-9023- The HRA recommends that the case be closed due to the lack of a Release of Information. David made a motion to close the case and it was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9001- The complainant alleges that he was detained, restrained, denied meals, and neglected while being held at a hospital emergency room. A Release of Information has been received. Katherine made a motion to accept the case for investigation and it was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9002- The complainant alleges that he was disrespected and harassed by staff and residents and prevented from returning to the facility after hospitalization. Also, his belongings were allegedly stored improperly and were stolen. A Release of Information has been received. Dave made a motion not to accept the case due to the fact that the Mental Health Code does not apply and the motion was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9003- The complainant alleges that the facility restrained and administered forced psychotropic medication to him in violation of the Mental Health Code. A Release of Information has been received. David made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation and it was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9004- The complainant alleges the facility detained her in violation of the Mental Health Code and denied her the medication she had been prescribed by her physician. A Release of Information has been received. Pat made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation and it was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9005- The complainant alleges that she received forced emergency medication in violation of the Mental Health Code. A Release of Information has been received. Katherine made a motion to accept the case for investigation and it was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9006- The complainant alleges that she was given no rights information when she was admitted to the facility, did not ever have a financial discussion regarding funding, has never had a care plan, has never signed a contract of any kind for her services, has not had a washcloth since she was admitted three months ago, and was humiliated in public by an administrator who pointed out her lack of payment in front of residents in the dining hall. She has been sent a Release of Information however the staff have not faxed it to the HRA as yet. Pat made a motion to accept the case for investigation and it was properly seconded and carried.

Jill made a motion to go into closed session at 6:05 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 6:25 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session included progress reports on open cases, draft report discussion, response discussion and case closure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: A motion was made to ratify all actions taken at the July 20, 2010 meeting of the HRA. It was properly seconded and carried.

Report of Findings:

#10-030-9008- Madden. The HRA reviewed the report and a motion was made to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9010-Chicago Read. The site visit was held August 19, 2010 and the report is forthcoming.

#10-030-90013- Loretto. The HRA reviewed the report and a motion was made to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9003 and #10-030-9009- Kindred. The site visit was conducted July 16, 2010 and the reports are forthcoming.

#10-030-9017- Lakeshore. The site visit was conducted August 26, 2010 and the report is forthcoming.

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.

#10-030-9006- UIC. The HRA reviewed the response. Edith 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:

#10-030-9010-Chicago Read. The site visit was held August 19, 2010 and the report is forthcoming.

#10-030-9017- Lakeshore. The site visit was conducted August 26, 2010 and the report is forthcoming.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa

