

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 23, 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 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

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

Members Absent: Deanne Medina and Katherine Dunford.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Prospective new members LaVonne McClairen, Donna Claffy, and Kamil Jaruga.

Chairperson Jill Quinto noted that a quorum was not present. Jill read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of Meeting Minutes October 12, 2010: A quorum was not present to approve meeting minutes.

Communications: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#11-030-9007 The complaint alleges that a recipient was placed in seclusion, restrained, and administered psychotropic medication for no adequate reason. Also, it is alleged that the recipient's physician used profanities while in individual counseling. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9008 The complaint alleges that a recipient was admitted into treatment, given forced psychotropic medication, and prevented from signing himself out, all in violation of the Mental

Health Code. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9009 The complaint alleges that the hospital refused to acknowledge a recipient's guardian and thus her ward was held for 6 days and his medication altered without the guardian's input. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9010 The complaint alleges that a recipient was restrained and administered psychotropic medication in violation of the Mental Health Code. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

Pat made a motion to go into closed session at 5:47 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 progress reports on open cases and response discussion and case closure for case #10-030-9003 Kindred, #10-030-9009 Kindred, #10-030-9010 Read, and #10-030-9017 Chicago lakeshore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None.

Report of Findings: None.

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.

#10-030-9003- Kindred. The HRA considered case closure. David made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9009-Kindred. The HRA considered case closure. Pat made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9010- Read. The HRA reviewed the response. Pat made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9017- Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA considered case closure. Pat made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Case Status Reports:

#10-030-9011 Chicago Lakeshore. A site visit was held on 11/09/10. The report is forthcoming.

#10-030-9020 Swedish Covenant. A site visit was held 11/17/10. The report is forthcoming.

#10-030-9021 Swedish Covenant. A site visit was held 11/17/10. The report is forthcoming.

11-030-9003 Chicago Lakeshore. The facility confirmed that, with additional information, the recipient was indeed a recipient there. A revised opening letter was sent on 11/22/10.

#11-030-9005 Chicago Lakeshore. A site visit was held on 11/09/10. The report is forthcoming.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA members introduced themselves to the prospective members who were present at the meeting and gave a short description of their reasons for being involved with the HRA as well as what to expect as a member.

A new schedule for 2011 was distributed and approved by the HRA.

The next meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa

