

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 8th, 2010
Civic Center
Rotanda Room
14750 Ravinia Avenue
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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 9:12 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Lauren Pell and Theresa Buell

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Glenda Corbett, Elizabeth Ludeman Developmental Center
Lee Wesley, Elizabeth Ludeman Developmental Center
Georgia Jones, Prospective HRA Member
Anita Gillenwater, Individual Advocacy Group
Augustine Brown, Individual Advocacy Group

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 meeting agenda was changed to accommodate the guests.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Carol Genutis to accept the March 11th, 2010 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to enter into closed session at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss the Elizabeth Ludeman Developmental Center case #10-040-9016 and the Individual Advocacy Group case #10-040-9023 with the provider's representatives. The motion was properly approved and carried.

Open session reconvened at 10:25 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. During closed session the above two cases were discussed.

IV. NEW COMPLAINTS

There were seven new complaints for discussion.

10-040-9008 (Hospital) Bruce Berry moved that the complaint should not be accepted for investigation because a signed release of information was not received. The complaint had been postponed for acceptance since October 2009 pending guardianship. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

10-040-9017 (Mental Health Center) Bruce Berry moved that the complaint be postponed for acceptance because a signed release of information was not received. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

10-040-9020 (St. James Hospital) Bruce Berry moved that the complaint be accepted for investigation because a signed release of information was received. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried.

10-040-9021 (Mental Health Center) Kimberlee Brewerton moved that the complaint be postponed for acceptance because a signed release of information was not received. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

10-040-9022 (Mental Health Center) Bruce Berry moved that the complaint should not be accepted for investigation because additional information is needed. And, the allegations concerning environmental issues should be referred to the Office of the Inspector General for possible investigation. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

10-040-9023 (Individual Advocacy Group) Judith Rauls, Bruce Berry and Lauren Pell approved emergency case acceptance on March 23rd, 2010. Carol Genutis moved that the case be ratified. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton. Michelle Arthur and Judith Rauls voted in favor of the motion. Bruce Berry opposed the motion because of the time lag in reporting the allegation.

10-040-9024 (Burnham Healthcare) Bruce Berry moved that the complaint be accepted for investigation because a signed release of information was received. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to reconvene closed session at 11:30 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss status of cases, provider's responses, reports, case assignments and case closures. The motion was properly approved and carried.

New Case Assignments:

10-040-9015 (Riviera Care Center) (Judy and Carol)
10-040-9016 (Elizabeth Ludeman Developmental Center) (Theresa & Judy)
10-040-9017 (Mental Health Center)
10-040-9020 (St. James Hospital) (Judy & Carol)
10-040-9021 (MHC)
10-040-9023 (Individual Advocacy Group) (Judy)
10-040-9024 (Burnham Healthcare)

Progress Reports:

09-040-9013 (Tinley Park MHC)
10-040-9001 (Imperial of Hazel Crest)
10-040-9005 (Heather Healthcare)
10-040-9006 (Tinley Park Mental Health Center)
10-040-9007 (Sertoma Centre)
10-040-9010 (Palos Hospital)
10-040-9011 (Trinity Cila Program)
10-040-9013 (Advocate Christ Medical Center)
10-040-9014 (Trinity Behavioral Health Program)
10-040-9015 (Riviera Care Center)
10-040-9016 (Elizabeth Ludeman Developmental Center)

Draft Reports/Responses

09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC) A provider's response was reviewed.
09-040-9010 (Tinley Park MHC) A provider's response was reviewed.
09-040-9011 (Saint James Hospital) A provider's response was not reviewed.
09-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC) A report of findings was reviewed.
09-040-9014 (Lydia Healthcare) A provider's response was not reviewed.
10-040-9004 (Woodside Extended Care) A report of findings was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 12:05 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included new case assignments, eleven progress reports, two providers' responses and two reports.

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

09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC) Bruce Berry moved to accept the provider's response, close the case and make the report public. The provider requested that its response be made public. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

09-040-9010 (Tinley Park MHC) Bruce Berry moved that the case be kept open because the provider did not adequately address the report recommendations #1, 2 and 4. The Coordinator

will send a letter to the provider concerning the recommendations. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

09-040-9011 (Saint James Hospital) Kimberlee Brewerton moved to keep the case opened for revised policies. Also, the case will be held pending copies of the policies and training documentation. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

09-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC) Bruce Berry moved to accept the report that contains violations pending Theresa Parks approval. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

09-040-9014 (Lydia Healthcare) Kimberlee Brewerton moved to close the case and make the report public. The report does not contain violations, and a provider's response to was not received. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried.

10-040-9004 (Woodside Extended Care) Bruce Berry moved to accept the report that contains violations. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carol Genutis, Bruce Berry and Michele Arthur completed mileage forms.

The next meeting is scheduled at Sertoma Centre in Alsip on May 13th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

Georgia Jones, a retired nurse who is interested in becoming an HRA member observed the meeting during open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Carol Genutis moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis, Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region

