

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 10th, 2010
Sertoma Centre
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Kimberlee Brewerton, Vice-Chairperson at 9:10 a.m.

PRESENT: Kimberlee Brewerton, Bruce Berry, Michele Arthur, Lauren Pell, Theresa Buell and Carol Genutis.

Members Absent: Judith Rauls

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Georgia Jones, Prospective HRA Member
Augustine Brown, Individual Advocacy Group

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was present, and all business could be conducted.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Lauren Pell to accept the April 8th, 2010 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Theresa Buell and carried.

It was moved by Lauren Pell to accept the May 13th, 2010 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Theresa Buell and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

There were three new complaints for discussion.

10-040-9017 (Mental Health Center) Bruce Berry moved to not accept the complaint for investigation because a signed release was not received. The complaint was received in January and many attempts have been made to secure a release. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried.

10-040-9021 (Mental Health Center) Theresa Buell moved to not accept the complaint for investigation because a signed release was not received. The complaint was received in February and many attempts have been made to secure a release. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

10-040-9025 (Cila) Michele Arthur moved to postpone accepting the complaint for investigation because a signed release was not received. Motion was seconded by Theresa Buell and carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Vice-Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:21 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. Michele Arthur moved and the motion carried.

There were no new case assignments.

Progress Reports:

10-040-9005 (Heather Healthcare) (Judy)
10-040-9006 (Tinley Park Mental Health Center)
10-040-9007 (Sertoma Centre) (Theresa & Carol)
10-040-9010 (Palos Hospital) (Michele & Carol)
10-040-9011 (Trinity Cila Program) (Michele & Kim)
10-040-9013 (Advocate Christ Medical Center) (Lauren & Judy)
10-040-9014 (Trinity Behavioral Health Program) (Bruce & Theresa)
10-040-9015 (Riviera Care Center) (Judy & Carol)
10-040-9016 (Elizabeth Ludeman Developmental Center) (Theresa & Judy)
10-040-9020 (St. James Hospital) (Judy & Carol)
10-040-9023 (Individual Advocacy Group) (Judy)
10-040-9024 (Burnham Healthcare) (Judy & Michele)

Draft Reports/Responses

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 provider's response was not reviewed.
09-040-9013 (Tinley Park MHC) A provider's response was not reviewed
10-040-9004 (Woodside Extended Care) A provider's response was reviewed.
10-040-9001 (Imperial of Hazel Crest) (Carol) A report was not reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 10:26 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. Theresa Buell moved and the motion carried. A summary of closed session included twelve progress reports and two providers' responses.

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

09-040-9010 (Tinley Park MHC) The provider accepted three of four recommendations in the report of findings. The provider did not accept recommendation #2 to revise the facility's consumer's rights statement #29 that address recipients' request to review their records. The Coordinator will send the provider a letter explaining that record access cannot be restricted under Section 110/4 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act. Bruce Berry moved to keep the case open. Michele Arthur seconded and motion carried. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

09-040-9011 (Saint James Hospital) The hospital had previously requested additional time for policy revision and staff training. Theresa Buell moved to keep the case open. Lauren Pell seconded and motion carried. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

09-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC) The report cover letter is dated April 12th, 2010. The Coordinator will send the provider a letter for a response to the report of findings that contains violations. Theresa Buell moved to keep the case open. Lauren Pell seconded and motion carried. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

09-040-9013 (Tinley Park MHC) The report cover letter is dated May 19th, 2010. The Coordinator will send the provider a letter for a response to the report of findings that contains violations. Theresa Buell moved to keep the case open. Lauren Pell seconded and motion carried. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10-040-9004 (Woodside Extended Care) Theresa Buell moved to accept the provider's response and to keep the case open for training documentation. Lauren Pell seconded and motion carried. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10-040-9001 (Imperial Nursing Home) A report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Augustine Brown, Individual Advocacy Group was informed that a report of findings will be completed in the near future.

Michele Arthur moved to elect Judith Rauls, Chairperson and Kimberlee Brewerton, Vice Chairperson for fiscal year 2011. Bruce Berry seconded and motion carried.

Theresa Buell moved to elect Carol Genutis, Secretary and Michele Arthur, Acting Secretary for fiscal year 2011. Lauren Pell seconded and motion carried.

Carol Genutis, Lauren Pell, Bruce Berry, Kimberlee Brewerton and Theresa Buell completed mileage forms.

The next meeting is scheduled at LARC in Lansing on August 12th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

ADJOURNMENT

The Vice-Chairperson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Theresa Buell moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis, Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region