

METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

MARCH 10, 2011 MINUTES

The Chairperson, Emil Wilson called to order the March 10, 2011 meeting at 7:10 p.m. This meeting was held at Illinois Department of Transportation, Collinsville.

PRESENT

Emil Wilson, Chairperson
Carol Neudecker, Member
Sandy Burbank, Member

STAFF PRESENT

Michael J. Pintar

ABSENT

David Bollone, Member
Kingston Schmid, Vice-Chairperson
Dr. Marguerite Riley, Member
Thomas Cannady, Member
Karen Kelly, Member
Margaret Merrell, Member

GUESTS

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson recognized that a quorum was not present and read the confidentiality statement that indicates that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

The Chairperson asked for changes in the agenda. The Coordinator asked that the case 11-070-9009 Alton Mental Health Center, restraint be changed from report of findings section to unfinished business. The Chairperson agreed.

MINUTES

The members reviewed the stated minutes of the February 2010 HRA meeting and considered them for approval. Upon a motion by Carol Neudecker seconded by Emil Wilson, members present voted to approve the minutes and will ratify the minutes at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no new communications offered.

NEW BUSINESS:

11-070-9022 and 11-070-9023 - a consumer is not allowed to seek services in the least restrictive setting when two agencies do not offer assistance to secure individual housing. Upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Carol Neudecker, Sandy agreed to case opening.

11-070-9024 - a consumer was caught with one caffeine pill and the treatment team told him he's lost all privileges for 3 months. Upon a motion by Sandy Burbank, seconded by Carol Neudecker, members present agreed to case opening.

11-070-9025 - an agency does not allow unimpeded communications when it doesn't allow use of the telephone. Some staff are mean to residents when they ask to use the phone and the caller says he was threatened with discharge for breaking an obscure rule. Upon a motion by Carol Neudecker, seconded by Sandy Burbank, members agreed to investigate the case.

11-070-9026 - at a CILA a guardian provided meal supplements and explained to staff that she wanted the food available to the consumer. When she returned a week later none of the food had been offered to the consumer. The consumer had a \$100 gift certificate and the CILA staff took him shopping and spent the money on soda (according to the guardian, the consumer only drinks ice tea) and other useless items. Finally, the guardian has visited on various days at supper time and she has yet to see the residents sit down together and have a meal. The consumer is not able to prepare a meal and he has lost weight. Case approved based on a motion by Emil Wilson to accept the allegation seconded by Carol Neudecker with approval from Sandy Burbank.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 721 of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act, upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Sandy Burbank, the Authority went into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss case progress and reports of findings.

Case Progress Reports:

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Case progress reports

11-070-9008 - Atrium - discharge

11-070-9009 - Alton Mental Health Center - restraint

11-070-9010 - Alton Mental Health Center - privileging (search)

11-070-9016 - Alton Mental Health Center - level & communication

11-070-9017 - Alton Mental Health Center - lost privilege (\$)

B. Reports of Findings:

11-070-9001 - Alton Mental Health Center - vending

11-070-9014 - Madison County Housing - eviction

C. Case Closures:

10-070-9020 - Alton Mental Health Center - attendance

10-070-9021 - Alton Mental Health Center - property - no music

11-070-9006 - FAYCO - property

11-070-9013 - Alton Mental Health Center - computer violations

The HRA returned to open session at 8:00 p.m. upon a motion by Sandy Burbank, seconded by Carol Neudecker.

Upon returning to open session:

Reports of findings:

Upon a motion by Emil Wilson , seconded by Carol Nuedecker, members voted to accept the Alton Mental Health Center (10-070-9021) report of findings with suggested revisions.

11-070-9001 - Alton Mental Health Center - Upon a motion by Sandy Burbank, seconded by Carol Neudecker, members accepted the report pending all approvals.

11-070-9014 - Madison County Housing - Upon a motion by Sandy Burbank, seconded by Carol Neudecker, members voted to accept the report pending administrative approval.

Case Closures:

10-070-9020 - Alton Mental Health Center - 100 % attendance - Upon a motion by Sandy Burbank, seconded by Carol Neudecker, members agreed to case closure.

10-070-9021 - Alton Mental Health Center - property no music. Upon a motion by Carol Neudecker, seconded by Sandy Burbank members voted to table case closure.

11-070-9006 - FAYCO - the HRA voted to table case closure and send a response letter to the agency based on a motion by Carol Nuedecker, seconded by Emil Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

The next meeting will be April 14, 2011 at Illinois Department of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Michael J. Pintar, Acting Secretary