

# **METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY**

## **MAY 12, 2011 MINUTES**

The Chairperson, Emil Wilson called to order the May 12, 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  
David Bollone, Member  
Kingston Schmid, Vice-Chairperson  
Dr. Marguerite Riley, Member  
Margaret Merrell, Member

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Michael J. Pintar

### **ABSENT**

Thomas Cannady, Member  
Karen Kelly, 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, there were none.

The Chairperson noted that the HRA did not meet in April 2011.

## **MINUTES**

The members reviewed the stated minutes of the March 10, 2010 HRA meeting and considered them for approval. Upon a motion by Kingston Schmid seconded by Marguerite Riley, members present voted to approve the minutes. Upon a motion by the Chairperson, the members voted to ratify approval of the February 2011 minutes.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The HRA reviewed the new cases that were approved by the members present at the March meeting and agreed upon case openings, report approval and case closure.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

11-070-9027 - a patient states that he has a skin condition and that he went to the emergency for that condition he was admitted against his wishes. He has a sleeping disease and he cannot be given psychotropic medication and the hospital gave him medication after he had warned them

that he cannot take meds. Upon a motion by Kingston Schmid, seconded by Margaret Merrell members voted to investigate the allegation. Gateway Medical Center

11-070-9028 - a consumer has been at a CILA for twenty years he had major surgery and then during recovery he fell was hospitalized and then sent to a nursing home to recover. On March 31, 2011 the home sent a notice of discharge. Guardian wants him to return to the CILA. Sandy Burbank made a motion, seconded by David Bollone, members voted not to accept the case for investigation.

11-070-9029 - a nursing home was sold and the new owners made changes including the styles of serving dinner and other issues regarding the way services are provided. Some new changes are not desired by the residents and some feel it is a violation of their rights. Upon a motion by Sandy Burbank not to open the case for investigation, seconded by Kingston Schmid, members agreed to table case opening.

### **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 Dr. Marguerite Riley, seconded by Kingston Schmid, 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:

###### 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 7:55 p.m. upon a motion by Sandy Burbank, seconded by Carol Neudecker.

Upon returning to open session:

Reports of findings:

11-070-9009 Alton Mental Health Center - Upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Carol Nuedecker, members voted to accept the report of findings with suggested revisions pending administrative approval.

11-070-9020 - Southwestern Illinois Visiting Nurse Association - 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.

11-070-9013 - Alton Mental Health Center - property - Upon a motion by Carol Neudecker, seconded by Kingston Schmid, members voted to table case closure.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:**

The next meeting will be June 16, 2011 at Illinois Department of Transportation

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Michael J. Pintar, Acting Secretary