

METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

DECEMBER 15, 2011 MINUTES

The Chairperson, Emil Wilson called to order the December 15, 2011 meeting at 7:10 p.m. This meeting was held at Illinois Department of Transportation, Collinsville.

PRESENT

Dr. Marguerite Riley, Member
Margaret Merrell, Member
Carol Neudecker, Member
Emil Wilson, Chairperson
Kingston Schmid, Vice-Chairperson

STAFF PRESENT

Michael J. Pintar

ABSENT

Sandy Burbank, Member
Thomas Cannady, Member
David Bollone, Member
Karen Kelly, Member

GUESTS

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson recognized that a quorum was present.

The Coordinator 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.

MINUTES

The members reviewed the stated minutes of the November 10, 2011 HRA meeting and considered them for approval. Members agreed to approve the minutes based on a motion by Margaret Merrell, seconded by Emil.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Coordinator noted that Sandy Burbank resigned her HRA position due to a new work schedule and Beverly Sweatman has agreed to return to the Authority pending approval by the Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

12-070-9012 - a consumer had sex with a staff member and then the hospital reduced his privileges and forced him to take a blood test. Upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Carol Neudecker, members agreed to case opening.

12-070-9013 - a consumer's trust fund does not balance with the agency's ledger. The consumer's records shows that he is owed \$ 6 and his Case Manager has told him that she agrees with his math. Upon a motion by Marguerite Riley, seconded by Emil Wilson, members voted to investigate the allegation.

12-070-9014 - A mental health service agency is mismanaging a consumer's personal funds. The Case Manager is the payee and while the consumer has plenty of income (\$1500 a month); he is only allowed \$50 a week. Upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Kingston Schmid, members voted to table case opening while awaiting consent.

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 Kingston Schmid, seconded by Thomas Cannady, the Authority went into closed session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss case progress and reports of findings.

Case Progress Reports:

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Case progress reports

1. 11-070-9010 - Alton Mental Health Center - privileging (search)
2. 11-070-9016 - Alton Mental Health Center - level & communication
3. 11-070-9017 - Alton Mental Health Center - lost privilege (\$)
4. 11-070-9025 - Call for Help - communication
5. 11-070-9030 - Alton Mental Health Center - makeup
6. 11-070-9033 - Alton Mental Health Center - privileges [tobacco]
7. 12-070-9008 - Alton Mental Health Center - OIG property
8. 12-070-9010 - Alton Mental Health Center - medical & forced treatment
9. 12-070-9011 - Alton Mental Health Center - psychotropic medication

B. Reports of Findings:

1. 11-070-9027 - Gateway Medical Center - involuntary admit & medication

C. Case Closures:

1. 11-070-9019 and 11-070-9032 - DRS - denied services
2. 12-070-9004 - Trinity Services - safety
3. 12-050-9006 - Epilepsy - safety

The HRA returned to open session at 8:08 p.m. upon a motion by Carol Neudecker, seconded by Emil Wilson.

Upon returning to open session:

B. Reports of findings:

11-070-9027 - Gateway Medical Center - Upon a motion by Marguerite Riley seconded by Carol Neudecker, members agreed to accept the report with suggested revisions.

12-070-9007 - Alton Mental Health Center - computers and personal property. The Coordinator explained that he had asked for and not received comment from the Administration regarding their position in this case. Upon a motion by Margaret Merrell, seconded by Kingston Schmid, members voted to table report acceptance at this time and for a team to visit the Administrator or Medical Director and add their take to the report.

C. Case Closures:

11-050-9019 & 9032 - Illinois Department of Human Services - Department of Rehabilitation (combined cases). Upon a motion by Kingston Schmid, seconded by Carol Neudecker, members voted to table case closure awaiting response from the agency.

12-070-9004 - Trinity Services - safety - Upon a motion by Marguerite Riley, seconded by Carol Neudecker, members voted for case closure

12-050-9006 - Epilepsy - safety - Upon a motion by Carol Neudecker, seconded by Marguerite Riley, members voted for a case closure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

The next meeting will be February 9, 2012 at Illinois Department of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dr. Marguerite Riley, Recording Secretary