

Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority

- Meeting Minutes -

April 26, 2011

Members Present

James Bakunas, Member
Tara Dunning, Member
Donna Ferguson, Member
Jan Little, Vice Chairman
Linda O'Rourke, Member
Stephanie Snyder, Member
Megan Waldschmidt, Member
Debbie Weiner, Chairman

Guests - None

Staff Present

Teresa Parks, HRA
Director

Absent Members

Janet Shelton,
Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Chairperson Debbie Weiner recognized that a quorum was present and called the regular meeting of the Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority to order at 6:10 pm on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. The meeting was held at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center, Springfield, Illinois. In the absence of the recording secretary, Teresa Parks served as Secretary Pro-Temp. Introductions were made.

Confidentiality Statement:

Teresa Parks read the confidentiality statement which indicates that personally identifiable information will not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Changes in Agenda:

The Chairperson asked for changes to the agenda. Teresa Parks reported that, under item B, draft reports for the following 3 cases were not yet ready for approval: Case #11-050-9006 - Andrew McFarland Mental health Center; Case #11-050-9009 - Hope School; and Case #11-050-9010 - Blessing Hospital.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the March, 22, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Jan Little and seconded by Linda O'Rourke members voted to approve and accept the minutes with a grammatical

revision; the motion carried.

Communications: Teresa Parks reported on training, co-sponsored by our agency and scheduled to be held on May 10th in Springfield. An agenda will be e-mailed to HRA Members.

New Business: There were no new cases for consideration

Other New Business: Jan Little will make inquiries regarding transportation services available for persons with disabilities in the Springfield area and report back to the HRA at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Upon a motion by Megan Waldschmidt and seconded by Linda O'Rourke, the Authority entered into closed session at 6:15 p.m. pursuant to Section 721 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss confidential and potentially identifiable information contained in a new referral and in discussions of case progress, reports of findings and case closures. The HRA returned to open session at 6:43 p.m. having taken no action in closed session.

A. Case Progress Reports:

1. 11-050-9012 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - property - A site visit investigation is needed.
2. 11-050-9013 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - alcohol - Teresa Parks reported that initial telephone discussion with the facility medical director has occurred. A site visit is needed.
3. 11-050-9014 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - treatment/discharge - A site visit investigation is needed.
4. 11-050-9015 - Midwest Clinical Counseling - Teresa Parks reported that Mike Pintar has had initial discussion and correspondence with the agency director.

B. Draft Reports of Findings:

1. 11-050-9005 Jacksonville Developmental Center - Jan Little made a motion , seconded by Donna Ferguson, to approve the draft report of findings. The motion carried.
2. 11-050-9011 – Andrew McFarland Mental health Center – Tara Dunning made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Snyder, to approve the draft report of findings; the motion carried.
3. 11-050-9006 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - no action taken as the draft is not yet ready.
4. 11-050-9009 - Hope School - no action taken as the draft is not yet ready.
5. 11-050-9010 - Blessing Hospital - no action taken as the draft is not yet ready.

C. Case Closures:

1. 10-050-9009 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - No response was provided and none was required. Jan Little made a motion to close, seconded by Linda O'Rourke; the motion carried.
2. 10-050-9024 - Western Illinois Access - Megan Waldschmidt made a motion for Mike Pintar to send written communication to DHS representative Mary Spriggues that would include documentation about a recipient's request to remain in a nursing.

D. Ratify Case Closures:

1. 10-050-9026 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - Jan Little made a motion to ratify the case closure vote taken at the March 22, 2011 meeting at which there was no quorum. Linda O'Rourke seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. 11-050-9002 - SPARC - Jan Little made a motion to ratify the case closure vote taken at the March 22, 2011 meeting at which there was no quorum. Linda O'Rourke seconded the motion and the motion carried.
3. 11-050-9003 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - Jan Little made a motion to ratify the case closure vote taken at the March 22, 2011 meeting at which there was no quorum. Linda O'Rourke seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center.

Site Visit: The Coordinator will call to set up dates for visits. Tara Dunning reported that she has not yet been on a site visit and would like to be a part of an upcoming investigation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Parks
Secretary Pro-Temp