

## **Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority**

**- Meeting Minutes -**

**May 24, 2011**

### **Members Present**

James Bakunas, Member  
Donna Ferguson, Member  
Jan Little, Vice Chairman  
Linda O'Rourke, Member  
Stephanie Snyder, Member  
Debbie Weiner, Chairman  
Janet Shelton, Recording Secretary

**Guests** - None

### **Staff Present**

Michael J. Pintar, HRA Coordinator

### **Absent Members**

Megan Waldschmidt, Member  
Tara Dunning, Member

### **Call to Order:**

Chairperson Debbie Weiner recognized that a quorum was present and called the regular meeting of the Springfield Regional pm on Tuesday, May 22, 2011. The meeting was held at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center, Springfield, Illinois. Introductions were made.

### **Confidentiality Statement:**

Human Rights Authority to order at 6:10

The Coordinator 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, there were none.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the April 25, 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:** The Coordinator reported on training available in July by Department of Human Services. Member Jan Little contacted Springfield Access regarding regional bus transportation of

persons with disabilities. Jan explained that the consumers must apply in advance and then call the day of for services and it is recommended that consumers call at 6:00 to ensure service because there only a limited number of pick ups may be arranged each day. When requests are made at the last minute Access usually cannot provide the service. Calling early is the main issue.

**New Business:**

11-050-9016 - Upon admission a consumer stated she was housed in an observation room and the staff withheld bed clothes for several days. There was urine on the floor of that room from a previous occupant and staff refused to clean that area. Additionally, while on the telephone, the consumer had an argument with her sister that led to the Physician giving her shots of Haldol after she had explained to she was allergic to that medication. Upon a motion by Jan Little, seconded by Linda O'Rourke, members voted to investigate the allegations.

11-050-9017 - a hospital may violate rights when completing Notice of Restriction forms. Upon a motion by Linda O'Rourke, seconded by James Bakunas members agreed to investigate.

11-050-9018 - a consumer asked for security and made a complaint that he was given bad medicine on 5/19/11. Since that time, the staff involved has responded to him with an angry attitude. The consumer was under phone restriction and when the consumer asked to call the HRA and the agencies Human Rights Committee, he was mysteriously disconnected each attempt. He was later refused pain medication and denied a p.c. to Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission. Upon a motion by Janet Shelton, seconded by Linda O'Rourke, members voted to open the case.

**Other New Business:**

**Unfinished Business:**

Upon a motion by Janet Shelton and seconded by Linda O'Rourke, the Authority entered into closed session at 6:35 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.

**A. Case Progress Reports:**

1. 11-050-9006 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - Case Manager
2. 11-050-9010 - Blessing Hospital - denied transfer and phone
3. 11-050-9012 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - property -
4. 11-050-9014 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - treatment/discharge -
5. 11-050-9015 - Midwest Clinical Counseling - discharged from treatment.

**B. Draft Reports of Findings:**

1. 11-050-9009 - Hope School - members reviewed the draft report.
2. 11-050-9013 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - alcohol

**C. Case Closures:**

1. 10-050-9024 - Western Illinois Access - placement
2. 11-050-9005 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - staff training
3. 11-050-9011 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - MP3's

Upon a motion by Linda O'Rourke, seconded by James Bakunas, the HRA returned to opened session at 7:55 p.m.

1. 11-050-9009 - Hope Institute - members voted to accept the report of findings with suggested corrections Upon a motion by Jan Little seconded by Donna Ferguson
2. 11-050-9013 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - alcohol - the report of findings was not completed. Members discussed their opinions regarding the outcome of that case. No action was taken at this time.
3. 10-050-9024 - Western Illinois Access: Upon a motion by Stephanie Snyder, seconded by Linda O'Rourke, members voted to close the case.
4. 11-050-9005 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - Upon a motion by Debbie Weiner, seconded by Donna Ferguson, members voted to close the case.
5. 11-050-9011 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - (listening devices) members voted to table case closure based on a motion by Donna Ferguson, seconded by James Bakunas.

**Announcements and Comments:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center.

**Site Visit:** potential site visits were discussed.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Shelton  
Secretary