

# Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority

## - Meeting Minutes –

August 23, 2011

### Members Present

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

### Guests - None

### Staff Present

Michael J. Pintar, HRA Coordinator

### Absent Members

Janet Shelton, Recording Secretary  
Megan Waldschmidt, Member

### 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, August 23, 2011. The meeting was held at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center, Springfield, Illinois. Introductions were made.

### Confidentiality Statement:

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 July 24, 2011 meeting were reviewed and several suggestions were made regarding corrections, upon a motion by Linda O'Rourke, seconded by Stephanie Snyder members voted to approve the revised minutes.

**Communications:** The Coordinator offered information regarding several training sessions in the area, including guardianship training offered by Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission.

**New Business:** there were no new cases for consideration.

**Other New Business:** The members discussed nominations for the election of officers. Linda O'Rourke nominated a slate of Debbie Weiner as Chairperson, Jan Little for Vice-Chairperson and Tara Dunning Secretary. The members present voted to accept the proposed nominations.

**Unfinished Business:**

Upon a motion by Linda O'Rourke seconded by Jan Little, 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. 11-050-9012 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - stolen property
3. 11-050-9017 - Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center - NOR's
4. 12-050-9001 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - rape notification
5. 12-050-9002 - Blessing Hospital - discharge
6. 12-050-9004 - Andrew McFarland - inadequate medical care

**B. Draft Reports of Findings**

- 11-050-9014 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - female/ male & disc discharge
- 11-050-9018 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - communication
- 12-050-9003 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - 3 parts

**C. Case Closures**

1. 11-050-9013 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - alcohol
2. 11-050-9016 Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - meds/

Upon a motion by Linda O'Rourke, seconded by James Bakunas, the HRA returned to opened session at 7:04 p.m.

**Reports of findings**

Upon a motion by Jan Little, seconded by Stephanie Snyder, members voted to accept the reports of findings with the suggested changes and administrative approval.

Case Closures:

1. 11-050-9013 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - alcohol - Members discussed their opinions regarding the outcome of that case. Upon a motion by Tara Dunning, seconded by Jan Little, members voted to table case closure.
2. 11-050-9016 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - allergy/ u nit conditions. Upon a motion by James Bakunas seconded by Linda O'Rourke members voted for case closure.

**Announcements and Comments:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 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,  
Donna Ferguson  
Acting Secretary