

# Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority

## Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2011

### **Members Present:**

Debbie Weiner, Chairperson  
James Bakunas, Member  
Tara Dunning, Secretary  
Jan Little, Vice Chairperson  
Linda O'Rourke, Member  
Janet Shelton, Member  
Stephanie Snyder, Member  
Megan Waldschmidt, Member

### **Staff Present:**

Michael J. Pintar, Coordinator

### **Members Absent:**

Donna Ferguson, Member

### **Guests:**

Rachel Boyd, UIS College Republicans  
Zach Watkins, UIS College Republicans

### **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 6:12 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. The meeting was held at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center, Springfield, Illinois. Welcome and 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 to the Agenda:**

The Chairperson reviewed the agenda and asked for changes; the Coordinator requested two cases be moved on the agenda.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Janet Shelton to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Linda O'Rourke. Motion carried.**

### **Communications:**

The Coordinator discussed the purpose of the HRA and its volunteers for the guests present. Mike Pintar also distributed information about a conference on Memory Loss. Jan Little discussed the recent public hearing regarding the closure of Jacksonville Developmental Center.

**New Business:**

New complaints –

12-050-9008 – A nursing home tells guardians that they must accompany and in some cases transport residents who have medical appointments outside the facility.

**A motion was made by Linda O’Rourke to open 12-050-9008 for investigation. Janet Shelton seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

12-050-9009 – A consumer has filed a complaint against his payee because the consumer feels he is owed money from when he was hospitalized.

**A motion was made by Tara Dunning and seconded by Linda O’Rourke not to open this case for investigation. Motion carried.**

12-050-9010 – A guardian has filed a complaint against a CILA stating they have allowed the resident to use his money for bowling instead of the psychological testing it was meant to be used for.

**A motion was made by Linda O’Rourke to open 12-050-9010 for investigation. Jan Little seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**A motion was made by Janet Shelton and seconded by Stephanie Snyder to enter into closed session at 7:06 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:**

- 11-050-9012 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – stolen property
- 12-050-9001 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – rape notification
- 12-050-9004 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – inadequate medical care
- 12-050-9008 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – rude, transfer request ignored
- 11-050-9017 – Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center – NOR’s
- 12-050-9003 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – 3 parts

**B. Reports of Findings:**

11-050-9006 – written report was reviewed

**A motion was made by Janet Shelton and seconded by Jan Little to accept the written report on 11-050-9006 after revisions. Motion carried.**

**A motion to reconvene open session was made by Janet Shelton and seconded by Linda O'Rourke at 7:25 p.m.**

**C. Case Closures:**

**11-050-9014 – Motion to table awaiting a response from McFarland was made by Linda O'Rourke and seconded by Megan Waldschmidt. Motion carried.**

**11-050-9018 – Motion was made by Tara Dunning and seconded by James Bakunas to close this case. Motion carried.**

**12-050-9002 – Motion was made by Linda O'Rourke and seconded by Megan Waldschmidt to table closure of this case until a response is received. Motion carried.**

**12-050-9007 – Motion was made by Linda O'Rourke and seconded by Megan Waldschmidt to close this case based on the complaint being withdrawn. There is no written report.**

**Announcements and Comments:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center.

**Site Visits:**

There are no site visits at this time.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tara Dunning, Secretary

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Date Approved