

Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority

Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2011

Members Present:

Debbie Weiner, Chairperson
James Bakunas, Member
Tara Dunning, Secretary
Jan Little, Vice Chairperson
Janet Shelton, Member

Staff Present:

Michael J. Pintar, Coordinator

Members Absent:

Donna Ferguson, Member
Linda O'Rourke, Member
Stephanie Snyder, Member
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 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 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; no changes were made.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 25, 2011 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Jan Little to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Janet Shelton. Motion carried.**

Communications:

The coordinator reminder everyone present that there will be no meeting in December. Out next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

New Business:

New complaints –

12-050-9011 – A nursing home does not maintain appropriate care, including updates regarding care for pressure sores, updated treatment plans regarding care and changing needs for care. Evidence that a resident had not been attended to (repositioned) for 5 hours during a shift.

A motion was made by Janet Shelton to table opening case 12-050-9011 for investigation until the coordinator can obtain and review a copy of the report and plan of correction from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Tara Dunning seconded this motion. Motion carried.

12-050-9012 – An adolescent was forced into treatment for mental illness even though she does not have and has never had a diagnosis of mental illness. Even though the family ensured her safety, the hospital would not allow her to leave and threatened to call the child welfare hotline.

A motion was made by James Bakunas and seconded by Janet Shelton to open case 12-050-9012 for investigation. Motion carried.

12-050-9013 – A consumer had dentures made for \$3,000 without consent from the guardian for the expenditure. The Center staff will not return calls to the guardian regarding the consumer’s dental care as well as the cost of dentures that do not fit.

A motion was made by Jan Little to open case 12-050-9013 for investigation. Janet Shelton seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Jan Little and seconded by Tara Dunning to enter into closed session at 6:42 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 – *this case has been investigated and is waiting for a response.*

12-050-9001 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – rape notification – *this case has been investigated and is waiting for a response.*

12-050-9008 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – rude, transfer request ignored – *this case needs to be investigated.*

12-050-9010 – SPARC – Personal fund management – *this case needs investigated.*

B. Reports of Findings:

12-050-9003 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – 3 parts

11-050-9017 – Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center – NOR's

A motion to reconvene open session was made by Jan Little and seconded by James Bakunas at 7:00 p.m.

C. Case Closures:

11-050-9014 – motion by Jan Little and seconded by Janet Shelton to close case 11-050-9014 and make the findings and agency's response public record.

12-050-9002 – motion by Janet Shelton and seconded by James Bakunas to close case 12-050-9002.

12-050-9004 – motion by Tara Dunning and seconded by James Bakunas to table the closure of case 12-050-9004 until a response has been received.

11-050-9006 – motion by Tara Dunning and seconded by James Bakunas to table the closure of case 12-050-9006 until a response has been received.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 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 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Dunning, Secretary

Date Approved