

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

Jill Quinto opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:05 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Jill Quinto, Donna Claffy, LaVonne McClairen, Edith Bukwa, Pat Mencinkas, David Ginter, and Kamil Jaruga.

Members Absent: Beth Tucker.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Nicole Erickson, a prospective new member, visited the HRA and discussed her background and interest in the HRA.

Jill noted that a quorum was present. Jill read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of February 28, 2012 Minutes: Donna made a motion to approve the February 28, 2012 minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Communications: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#12-030-9012 The complaint alleges that a recipient, who was a patient on the behavioral health unit of a hospital, became very sick and complained of stomach pains. When she requested a doctor, security was called and 5 staff persons held her down and administered forced psychotropic medication. The recipient was then expected to clean her own mess when she vomited as a result of her stomach pain. Also, the recipient was not given her inhaler for her asthma. A release of information has been obtained. Kamil made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#12-030-9014 The complaint alleges that the facility regularly ran out of the recipient's medication, and administered forced psychotropic medication and hospitalized the recipient for no adequate reason. A release of information has been obtained. Donna made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

LaVonne made a motion to go into closed session at 5:12 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and responses and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:50 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases, discussion of reports as well as responses, and case closures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None

Report of Findings:

#11-030-9018 Chicago Read. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9019 HRDI. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and carried.

#12-030-9005 Libby Elementary. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and carried.

Case Closures:

#11-030-9016 Alden Village North. David made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

#11-030-9017 Chicago Read. Kamil made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

#11-030-9020 Illinois Masonic. David made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

Case Status Reports:

#11-030-9010 Jesse Brown. The provider did not respond to the letter from the LAS attorney requesting a site visit date. David made a motion to pursue a subpoena to complete the site visit and interview staff. The motion was seconded and carried.

#12-030-9001 Hines. We have been informed by our contact from Jesse Brown VA that she will also be the contact for Hines, so the result of the subpoena will apply to this case as well.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa