

METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

FEBRUARY 9, 2012 MINUTES

The Chairperson, Emil Wilson called to order the February 9, 2012 meeting at 7:10 p.m. This meeting was held at Illinois Department of Transportation, Collinsville.

PRESENT

Dr. Marguerite Riley, Member
Emil Wilson, Chairperson
Kingston Schmid, Vice-Chairperson
Thomas Cannady, Member
David Bollone, Member
Karen Kelly, Member

STAFF PRESENT

Michael J. Pintar

ABSENT

Margaret Merrell, Member
Carol Neudecker, Member
Beverly Sweatman, Member

GUESTS

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson recognized that a quorum was present.

The Coordinator read the confidentiality statement that indicates that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

MINUTES

The members reviewed the stated minutes of the December 15, 2011 HRA meeting and considered them for approval. Members agreed to approve the minutes based on a motion by Kingston Schmid, seconded by Karen Kelly.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Coordinator shared information regarding an HBO documentary film "Raising Renee" a film about living with a person with developmental disabilities. Also, the American's with Disabilities Act is suing an Oregon sheltered workshop because it pays less than minimum wage.

NEW BUSINESS:

12-070-9014 - A mental health service agency is mismanaging a consumer's personal funds. The Case Manager is the payee and while the consumer has plenty of income (\$1500 a month); he is only allowed \$50 a week. Upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Kingston Schmid, members voted to table case opening while awaiting consent.

12-070-9015- an adult consumer's parents wont let her have her pertinent belongings from her home. She was discharged from a psychiatric unit with a clean bill of health however, her parents are pursuing guardianship. Upon a motion by Dr. Marguerite Riley, seconded by Thomas Cannady, members voted not to accept the complaint for investigation.

12-070-9016 - section 8 landlords evicted a consumer and refused to return her property and refused to allow her to have her apartment back where she lived for twenty years. Upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Kingston Schmid, members agreed to accept the case for investigation. Madison County Housing

12-050-9017 - a consumer was administered 30 milligrams of Haldol for the past 2 years and recently when he fell and was sent to a regional emergency room, that Physician stated that he was being over medicated. Upon a motion by Thomas Cannady, seconded by Dr. Marguerite Riley members voted to accept the case for investigation. Alton Mental Health Center

12-070-9018 - The HRA has received a complaint states a consumer was forced to take a blood test after staff found food wrappers in his room. Upon a motion by Kingston Schmid, seconded by Dave Bollone, members voted to investigate the allegation. Alton Mental Health Center

12-070-9019 - 21 year old who had received special education services and is diagnosed with developmental disability was denied services by an area agency for persons who are developmentally disabled. The individual desperately needs services such as day training; however, after assessment agency staff stated that eh consumer probably didn't qualify for services and never followed up with a denial letter or other referral. Upon a motion by Kingston Schmid, seconded by Karen Kelly, members voted to investigate the allegation. DDS Metro East

12-070-9020 - a consumer states he was forced to take medication and over a two year period when was so over medicated the he couldn't control his bowels and eventually required colon surgery. Also, his thyroid was damaged and he blames the medication and inadequate treatment. Upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Kingston Schmid members voted to table case opening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 721 of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act, upon a motion by Kingston Schmid, seconded by Thomas Cannady, the Authority went into closed session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss case progress and reports of findings.

Case Progress Reports:

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Case progress reports

1. 11-070-9033 - Alton Mental Health Center - privileges [tobacco]
2. 12-070-9005 - Alton Mental Health Center - guardian access
3. 12-070-9010 - Alton Mental Health Center - medical & forced treatment
4. 12-070-9011 - Alton Mental Health Center - psychotropic medication

5. 12-070-9012 - Alton Mental Health Center - loss of privileges (sex)

6. 12-070-9013 - Alton Mental Health Center - accounting

B. Reports of Findings:

1. 12-070-9007 - Alton Mental Health Center - computers

2. 12-070-9008 - Alton Mental Health Center - OIG property

C. Case Closures:

1. 11-070-9009 - Alton Mental Health Center - restraint

2. 11-070-9019 - DRS Department of Human Services - denied services

3. 11-070-9025 - Call for Help - communication

4. 11-070-9030 - Alton Mental Health Center - makeup

5. 11-070-9032 - (DRS) reduced services [combined DRS cases]

6. 11-070-9027 - Gateway Medical Center - involuntary admit & medication

The HRA returned to open session at 8:59 p.m. upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Kingston Schmid.

Upon returning to open session:

B. Reports of findings:

12-070-9007 - Alton Mental Health Center - computers and personal property. Upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Kingston Schmid, members voted to accept the report of findings as written.

12-070-9008 - Alton Mental Health Center - OIG and property - Upon a motion by Kingston Schmid, seconded by Karen Kelly, members voted to accept the report of findings pending administrative approval.

C. Case Closures:

11-050-9019 & 9032 - Illinois Department of Human Services - Department of Rehabilitation (combined cases). Upon a motion by Kingston Schmid, seconded by Karen Kelly, members voted to table case closure awaiting response from the agency.

11-070-9025 - Call for Help - communications, the consumer moved and consent was not obtained. Upon a motion by Thomas Cannady, seconded by Kingston Schmid, members voted to close the case without having conducted an investigation.

11-070-9027 - Gateway Medical Center - Upon a motion by Marguerite Riley seconded by Kingston Schmid, members agreed to case closure.

11-070-9009 & 11-070-9030 - Alton Mental Health Center - makeup - the consumer withdrew the allegation that the Center withheld her makeup because she used it as war paint. Upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Kingston Schmid, members agreed to case closure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

The next meeting will be March 15, 2012 at Thomas Cannady's Law Office 1931 West Main Street, Belleville

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Marguerite Riley, Recording Secretary