

METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

APRIL 12, 2012 MINUTES

The Chairperson, Emil Wilson, called to order the April 12, 2012 meeting at 7:10 p.m. This meeting was held at Cannady and AuBuchon, Belleville.

PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Michael J. Pintar

ABSENT

Margaret Merrell, Member
Carol Neudecker, Member
David Bollone, Member

GUESTS

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson recognized that a quorum was not 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.

The Chairperson asked for changes in the agenda there were none

MINUTES

The members reviewed the stated minutes of the March 15, 2012 HRA meeting and considered them for approval. Members present agreed to approve the minutes based on a motion by Marguerite Riley, seconded by Kingston Schmid.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Coordinator shared information regarding a grant received by the State of Illinois used to educate providers regarding privacy of information for persons with mental illness.

NEW BUSINESS:

12-070-9025 - a CILA resident purchased a new wheel chair in 2011 yet she has not been able to use that chair because the ramp to her home is too steep and the 70 year-old staff cannot push her chair into the into the house. Tabled at the last meeting. The Coordinator visited the home and found that a new ramp had been constructed. Upon a motion by Beverly Sweatman, seconded by Kingston Schmid, members voted not to accept the case for investigation.

12-070-9027 - a kindergarten student is not receiving timely IEP meetings. This is his second year of kindergarten. The parent asked for an IEP meeting in December and the Principal just now scheduled it for the end of April, past the student's annual. Upon a motion by Thomas Cannady, seconded by Karen Kelly, members voted for case acceptance. (Pocahontas Elementary)

12-070-9028 - a consumer earned less restrictive setting and after almost two years a staff person reduced her privileges because she didn't like how the consumer talked even though the consumer was not displaying behavior that threatened anyone's safety. Upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Marguerite Riley members voted for case acceptance. (Alton Mental Health Center)

12-070-9029 - An agency initiated eviction without having sought services for a person who is a hoarder. The 79 year-old renter has other mental issues and states that she is not opposed to having an agency help her with issues that cause her to be non compliant with her lease. Upon a motion by Marguerite Riley, seconded by Emil Wilson, members voted to table case opening and for the Coordinator to gather additional information regarding the eviction.

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 Marguerite Riley, seconded by Beverly Sweatman, the Authority went into closed session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss case progress and reports of findings.

Case Progress Reports:

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Case progress reports

12-070-9005 - Alton Mental Health Center - guardian access

12-070-9010 - Alton Mental Health Center - medical treatment & not allowed to rest

12-070-9011 - Alton Mental Health Center - psychotropic medication

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

12-070-9016 - Madison County Housing - a consumer was evicted & the landlord refused to return property

12-050-9017 - Alton Mental Health Center - over-medicated.

12-070-9018 - Alton Mental Health Center - forced a blood test

12-070-9023 - Warren Murray Center - DNR

12-070-9024 - Warren Murray Center - treatment team

12-070-9026 - Alton Mental Health Center - phones

B. Reports of Findings:

12-070-9019 - DDS of Metro East - denied services

12-070-9021 - Central Elementary School District 106 - IEP

C. Case Closures:

11-070-9033 - Alton Mental Health Center - privileges [caught with tobacco]

12-070-9007 - Alton Mental Health Center - computer/personal property

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

The HRA returned to open session at 8:59 p.m. upon a motion by Beverly Sweatman, seconded by Dave Bollone.

Upon returning to open session:

B. Reports of findings:

12-070-9019 - DDS of Metro East - Upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Beverly Sweatman, members voted to accept the report as written.

12-070-9021 - Central Elementary School - Upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Beverly Sweatman, members present agreed to report approval.

C. Case Closures:

11-070-9033 - Alton Mental Health Center - Upon a motion by Thomas Cannady, seconded by Beverly Sweatman, members voted to table case closure.

12-070-9007 - Alton Mental Health Center - computers and personal property. Upon a motion by Kingston Schmid, seconded by Beverly Sweatman, members voted to table case closure pending the Center's response.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

The next meeting will be May 10, 2012 at Thomas Cannady's Law Office 1931 West Main Street, Belleville

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Dr. Marguerite Riley, Recording Secretary