

**PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES**  
**July 18th, 2012**

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:12am on Wednesday, July 18th, 2012 by Chairperson Meri Tucker.

The meeting was held at Peoria Public Library - Lakeview Branch, 1137 West Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL. 61614

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Diane Pflederer, Janelle Crump, Debra Goodwin, Meri Tucker, Lois Hamilton

Absent: Flora Knutson, Anne Hicke, Dolores Sheen

Staff: Gene Seaman  
Briana Smith - Intern

Guests: Kristine Hornung, citizen

Meri Tucker stated that there was a quorum present.

Meri Tucker stated the personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings to protect the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Introductions were made.

The motion was made by Janelle Crump to enter closed session at 10:34am pursuant to Section 120/2 (c) (4) and (10) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 20), Section 3955/10 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) and Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110); the motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss confidential information with guests and then to discuss confidential information on current cases in their various stages. The HRA returned to open session at 11:05am having taken no action in closed session. Guest Kristine Hornung entered closed session at 10:34am with the HRA Board and exited closed session at 10:45am. The HRA entered executive session again at 11:18am to discuss confidential information regarding complaints with a motion from Lois Hamilton that was seconded by Debra Goodwin and carried. The HRA exited executive session at 12:43am with a motion from Debra Goodwin that was seconded by Janelle Crump and was carried.

**MINUTES**

Debra Goodwin motioned to accept the May 2012 meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and the motion passed.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The HRA reviewed newspaper articles associated with disability rights.

The HRA also motioned to send a letter to OSF regarding a newspaper article which was discussed by the board. The action was motioned by Janelle Crump and seconded by Meri Tucker. The motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Ratifications:

**12-090-9009 - Midland School District** - Janelle Crump motioned to ratify the vote to not close the case and table until the September meeting so changes can be made to the report and the report can be sent to the provider. Meri Tucker seconded the motion and it carried.

**12-090-9017 - Methodist Medical Center** - Debra Goodwin motioned to ratify the emergency case opening. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and carried.

**12-090-9018 - Peoria School District 150** - Diane Pflederer motioned to ratify the emergency case opening. The motion was seconded by Lois Hamilton and the motion carried.

### New Cases:

**12-090-9019 - Hospital Psych Unit** - Medication being forced on patient when not needed. Adequate treatment, including staff not allowing patient to participate in treatment. Communication rights violations. Meri Tucker motioned to table opening the complaint pending a release. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and carried.

**13-090-9001 - Jail** - Inappropriate screening for infections. Inappropriate suicide watch precautions. Unsanitary conditions at jail. Communication violations concerning legal mail being opened and not provided to inmate. Inadequate treatment when inmate was not given prescribed medication. Inhumane treatment by jail staff when inmate was abused. Debra Goodwin motioned to table the complaint pending a release. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and carried.

**13-090-9002 - Hospital Psych Unit** - Forced medication in facility emergency room with no rights restriction documentation completed. Inhuman treatment when facility staff member pressured patient to sign voluntary admission paperwork. Meri Tucker motioned to open the case. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and carried.

**13-090-9003 - Nursing Home** - Facility did not pursue guardians request for medical intervention in a timely manner. Inadequate treatment, facility did not follow physician's orders regarding surgical preparation. Janelle Crump motioned to open the case. The motion was seconded by Lois Hamilton and carried.

**Case Progress:**

12-090-9017: Methodist Medical Center - Gene Seaman gave an update on the status of the case.

12-090-9018: Peoria School District 150 - Gene Seaman gave an update on the status of the case.

**Draft Report:**

12-090-9011: Kindred Hospital - Debra Goodwin motioned that the report be tabled for the next meeting. That motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and carried.

12-090-9014: Sharon Healthcare Facilities - Janelle Crump motioned to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Lois Hamilton and the motion carried.

12-090-9015: St. Mary's Square - Diane Pflederer motioned to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and the motion carried.

12-090-9016: KCCDD - Janelle Crump motioned to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Diane Pflederer and the motion carried.

**Case Closures:**

11-090-9040: Midland School District - Lois Hamilton motioned to close the case. Debra Goodwin seconded the motion and it carried.

12-090-9004: El Paso Healthcare and Rehabilitation - Diane Pflederer motioned to close the case, making it part of the public record, and send a copy of the report to Public Health for informational purposes. The motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and carried.

12-090-9005: Midland School District - Diane Pflederer motioned to table the case and send a letter to the facility requesting information. Meri Tucker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

12-090-9006: Robert Young Center - Janelle Crump motioned to table the case for the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Lois Hamilton and carried.

12-090-9007: Forest Hill Health and Rehab - Debra Goodwin motioned to close the case, making the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and carried.

12-090-9009: Midland School District - Meri Tucker motioned to close the case, making the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

12:57pm

  
Gene Seaman, Reporter