

Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2012

Members Present:

Debbie Weiner, Chairperson
Tara Dunning, Secretary
Donna Ferguson, Member
Jan Little, Vice Chairperson
Linda O'Rourke, Member
Janet Shelton, Member
Megan Waldschmidt, Member

Staff Present:

Michael J. Pintar, Coordinator

Members Absent:

James Bakunas, 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 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. 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 February 28, 2012 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Linda O'Rourke to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Donna Ferguson. Motion carried.**

Communications:

Pintar reported that Megan Waldschmidt has taken an internship with the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission and will be developing a website dedicated to the HRA volunteers. She has distributed a survey to gather feedback on the content of the site.

New Business:

New complaints –

12-050-9018 – an agency driver does not adhere to the rules outlined for riders and is rude and inconsiderate to the riders.

Motion: Donna Ferguson made a motion to open case 12-050-9018 for investigation. Linda O'Rourke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12-050-9019 – the complaint is that a physician saw an instance of abuse and did report it to OIG be not in a timely manner. The allegation of abuse was investigated by OIG but was not substantiate.

Motion: Tara Dunning made a motion not to open case 12-050-9019. Linda O’Rourke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Janet Shelton and seconded by Megan Waldschmidt to enter into closed session at 6:40 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:

12-050-9001 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – sexual abuse
Pintar has yet to receive the consent form, he will follow up with the facility and request mass records.

12-050-9014 – Blessing Hospital – inadequate treatment
Pintar has schedule a site visit for April 5th.

12-050-9015 – Blessing Hospital – restraint
Pintar has schedule a site visit for April 5th.

B. Reports of Findings:

12-050-9016 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – consumer lost privileges
The written report was reviewed – unsubstantiated. A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Ferguson to accept the report as written. Motion carried.

A motion to reconvene open session was made by Linda O’Rourke and seconded by Jan Little at 7:06 p.m.

C. Case Closures:

11-050-9017 – Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center – Motion was made by O’Rourke and seconded by Dunning to provide an additional 30 days to the facility for a response and table closure.

12-050-9003 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – Motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Shelton to table case closure until Pintar can get clarification on the facilities response.

12-050-9008 – Capitol Care – Motion was made by Little and seconded by Dunning to close this case.

12-050-9010 – SPARC – Motion was made by Dunning and seconded by O’Rourke to make the facilities response part of the public record and close the case.

12-050-9012 – Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center – Motion was made by O’Rourke and seconded by Little to provide an additional 30 days to the facility for a response and table closure.

12-050-9013 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – Motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Waldschmidt to table closure of this case until a response is received.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jan Little and seconded by Janet Shelton. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Dunning, Secretary

Date Approved