

**Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2012**

Members Present:

Jan Little, Chairperson
James Bakunas, Member
Tara Dunning, Secretary
Linda O'Rourke, Member
Megan Waldschmidt, Member

Staff Present:

Michael J. Pintar, Coordinator

Guest:

Sandy Mollahan, St. John's Hospital
Maria Oldani, Potential new member

Members Absent:

Donna Ferguson, Vice Chairperson
Janet Shelton, Member
Debbie Weiner, Member

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jan Little recognized that a quorum was present and called the regular meeting of the Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 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. A request was made to move case 12-050-9019 to the top of the agenda to accommodate our guest, Sandy Mollahan.

A motion was made by O'Rourke to enter into closed session at 6:15 pm. Waldschmidt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

12-050-9019 – St. John's Hospital – Sandy Mollahan is present today to discuss in person St. John's written response to the substantiated findings. Discussion revolved around guardian's rights and how to keep them involved in treatment plans.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Waldschmidt to come out of closed session at 6:51pm. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the July 31, 2012 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Shelton to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Bakunas. Motion carried.**

Communications:

Pintar gave a short orientation of the Advocacy and Guardianship Commission and the Human Rights Authority, a division of the Commission which exists to conduct investigations of complaints of violations of the rights of persons with disabilities.

New Complaints:

13-050-9002 a consumer was transferred from a long term care facility to a community home with emergency dental care needed. It is believed the former facility had the responsibility to offer dental care but did not. There are no funds available in the community setting for the extensive care needed.

A motion was made by O'Rourke to table case 13-050-9002 until a signed consent is received. The motion was seconded by Bakunas and passed.

13-050-9003 a consumer states she was forced to take medication even though she was not a danger to herself or others. The medication made her sick.

A motion was made to open case 13-050-9003 for investigation by Waldschmidt and seconded by Dunning. Motion passed.

13-050-9004 - a consumer is forced to wear broken eye glasses although the staff has a repair kit, they have decided they are tired of repairing the glasses.

A motion to open case 13-050-9004 for investigation was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Waldschmidt. Motion passed with 1 opposed.

13-050-9005 an agency does not allow daily fresh air breaks for all consumers.

A motion to table case 13-050-9005 so Pintar can gather more information was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Dunning. Motion passed.

13-050-9006 a consumer received a letter for guidelines for self-monitoring and consequences for failure to do so. This document does not appear to be part of the treatment plan and threatens loss of privileges for non-safety reasons.

A motion was made by Waldschmidt to open case 13-050-9006 for investigation. The motion was seconded by Bakunas. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Bakunas to enter into closed session at 7:07 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:

12-050-9020 – Bethesda Lutheran Home – administration of medication
Pintar will schedule an investigation.

13-050-9001 – Jacksonville Development Center – placement cooperation
Pintar is waiting for an update from this guardian.

B. Draft Reports of Findings:

12-050-9001 – McFarland Mental Health Center – sex/notify guardian
Written report was presented with several areas in need of correction. Pintar will rework the report and submit for approval in October.

C. Case Closures:

12-050-9013 – McFarland Mental Health Center - teeth

12-050-9014 – Blessing Hospital – inadequate treatment

12-050-9015 – Blessing Hospital – restraint

12-050-9019 – St. John's Hospital – medical care on behavioral unit

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by O'Rourke at 7:20pm to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Waldschmidt. Motion passed.

A motion was made by O'Rourke to table acceptance of report 12-050-9001 until a written report is adjusted per tonight's suggestions. The motion was seconded by Bakunas. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by O'Rourke to accept the written response and close case 12-050-9013. *Pintar to respond to active dental issue in closure letter.* Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by O'Rourke to close 12-050-9014. Motion carried.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Bakunas to table closure of 12-050-9015 until a response is received. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Bakunas to accept the written response to the findings and close 12-050-9019. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Waldschmidt to adjourn the meeting of the HRA. Dunning seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Dunning, Secretary

Date Approved