

**Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
November 27, 2012**

**Members Present:**

Jan Little, Chairperson  
Donna Ferguson, Vice Chairperson  
Tara Dunning, Secretary  
Janet Shelton, Member  
Debbie Weiner, Member

**Staff Present:**

Michael J. Pintar, Coordinator

**Members Absent:**

James Bakunas, Member  
Linda O'Rourke, Member  
Megan Waldschmidt, 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 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday, November 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. Several changes were made to the order of the agenda, including adding case #13-050-9008 to new business which was mistakenly left off the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the October 23, 2012 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Shelton to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.**

**Communications:**

Pintar provided a report of case statistics per region from July 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012 for the Human Rights Authorities statewide.

**New Complaints:**

A motion was made **to not open case #13-050-9003 for investigation** by Weiner and seconded by Shelton. Motion passed.

A motion was made **to open case #13-050-9005 for investigation** by Dunning and seconded by Weiner. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Shelton **to not accept case #13-050-9007 for review.** The motion was seconded by Dunning. Motion passed.

A motion was made **to open case #13-050-9008 for investigation** by Shelton and seconded by Ferguson. Motion passed.

A motion by Dunning **to open case #13-050-9009 for investigation** was seconded by Shelton. Motion passed.

A motion by Dunning **to accept case #13-050-9010 for investigation** was seconded by Shelton. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ferguson **to open case #13-050-9011 for investigation**. Seconded by Weiner. Motion passed.

A motion by Dunning **to accept case #13-050-9012 for investigation** was seconded by Shelton. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Shelton and seconded by Ferguson **to open case #13-050-9013 for investigation**.

Case #13-070-9006 is a referral from the Alton region HRA. Because of a conflict of interest the case has been given to the Springfield HRA.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**A motion was made by Weiner and seconded by Dunning 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.

**Draft Reports of Findings:**

12-050-9001  
13-050-9004 & 9006

**OPEN SESSION:**

**A motion was made by Weiner at 6:55 pm to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Ferguson. Motion passed.**

**Case Closures:**

**A motion was made to close case #12-050-9015 by Shelton. Weiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made to close case #12-050-9020 by Shelton. Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made to close case #13-050-9001 by Ferguson. Weiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made to close case #13-050-9002 by Weiner. Dunning seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Shelton to adjourn the meeting of the HRA. Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tara Dunning, Secretary

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Date Approved