

**Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2012**

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Michael J. Pintar, Coordinator

Members Absent:

Megan Waldschmidt, 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 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 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 April 24, 2012 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by O'Rourke to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Shelton. Motion carried.**

Communications:

Pintar reported that the Illinois Summer Guardianship Conference will be held June 13 in Springfield. Pintar also discussed Senate Bill 3592 which will help further the rights of the disabled and will stabilize state guardianship services throughout Illinois.

New Complaints:

12-050-9019 – a guardian stated that a consumer was admitted to a hospital behavioral unit and during her stay she fell and broke a rib. Upon discharge it was discovered she also sustained a broken foot that went untreated. The consumer is mostly nonverbal and the guardian feels the hospital did not treat her loved one appropriately.

A motion was made by Shelton and seconded by Little to open this complaint for investigation. Motion passed.

12-050-9020 – a medication error was made that caused an individual to be hospitalized. It was discovered that staff gave the individual a double dosage of medication and did not enter the information on the Medication Administration Record. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigated and did not substantiate the findings although it reported that the violation occurred.

Shelton motioned to open a case for the purpose of reviewing the OIG report and decide if further investigation is warranted. O'Rourke seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote in favor.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Little and seconded by Ferguson to enter into closed session at 6:35 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 finally received a signed consent to release information. He will schedule a date for investigation.

B. Draft Reports of Findings:

12-050-9015 – Blessing Hospital – restraint
This case was unsubstantiated. A written report was presented for review and approval.

12-050-9018 – Access Springfield – rude driver
This case was unsubstantiated. A written report was presented for review and approval.

C. Case Closures:

12-050-9013 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – teeth
12-050-9014 – Blessing Hospital – inadequate treatment
12-050-9016 – Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center – victim privileges

OPEN SESSION:

A motion to reconvene open session was made by Bakunas and seconded by Ferguson at 6:45 p.m. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Shelton to accept the reports as written for 12-050-9015 and 12-050-9018.

A motion was made by Bakunas and seconded by Ferguson to table cases 12-050-9013, 12-050-9014 and 12-050-9016 until a response has been received.

Announcements and Comments:

There is no meeting in June. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dunning and seconded by O'Rourke. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Dunning, Secretary

Date Approved