

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 29, 2013
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

Pat opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:12 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: David Ginter, Edith Bukwa, Donna Claffy, LaVonne McClairen, and Beth Tucker.

Members Absent: Kamil Jaruga and Nicole Erickson.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Geri Staehle, RN, from MacNeal Hospital, was present to observe the HRA. Ms. Staehle did not discuss the present case at MacNeal and was not present during the closed session.

Pat noted that a quorum was present. Beth read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of August 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes: David made a motion to approve the minutes with no revisions; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Approval of September 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes: Beth made a motion to approve the minutes with no revisions; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Approval of November 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes: LaVonne made a motion to approve the minutes with no revisions; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Approval of December 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes: Donna made a motion to approve the minutes with no revisions; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Communications: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#13-030-9009- Chicago Read. The complaint alleges that a recipient was denied her right to vote in the general election. A release of information has been obtained. David made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#13-030-9010- Madden. The complaint alleges that the recipient did not receive an evaluation upon admission, did not give consent for psychotropic medications, had her phone use restricted for no adequate reason, was prevented from contacting an advocacy agency, and was discharged

to the streets without discharge planning. A release of information has been obtained. Donna made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

David made a motion to go into closed session at 5:32 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and responses and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 5:52 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases, discussion of reports as well as responses, and case closures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None

Reports of Findings:

#12-030-9010- Rush. A motion was made to accept the report without revision and the motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#12-030-9001- Hines. Beth made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

#12-030-9013- Norwegian. LaVonne made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

#13-030-9016- Rush. David made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded and passed.

Case Status Reports:

The site visit date for Cermak has been scheduled for 2/26/13.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa