

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

Beth opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:10 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

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

Members Absent: Kamil Jaruga.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

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

Approval of January 29, 2013 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:

#13-030-9011- St. Mary's Hospital. The complaint alleges that a recipient was administered Thorazine without a Dr.'s Order and that it lowered his blood pressure so much that he fell to the floor and had to have a CAT scan as a result. A release of information has been obtained. Donna made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#13-030-9012- MacNeal Hospital. The complaint alleges that a recipient was administered forced psychotropic medication for no adequate reason. A release of information has been

obtained. Donna made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#13-030-9013- Madden MHC. The complaint alleges that the facility did not secure the recipient's belongings or aid her in their recovery, did not allow her to see a physician for a diabetes related foot injury, did not give her the prescribed medication for the injury when she was discharged, and did not have a physician examine her when she was ill while on the unit. A release of information has been obtained. LaVonne made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#13-030-9014- St. Bernard. The complaint alleges that a recipient was not discharged within the statutorily mandated time frame. A release of information has been obtained. Donna made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

Beth made a motion to go into closed session at 5:28 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 6:20 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:

#12-030-9015- Victor Neumann. A motion was made to accept the report without revision and the motion was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9017- Chicago Lakeshore. A motion was made to accept the report without revision and the motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#12-030-9010- Rush. LaVonne made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

Case Status Reports:

The site visit date for Cermak has been rescheduled for 4/02/13.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa

Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA)
Executive Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2013

Beth made a motion to go into closed session at 5:28 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act. The purpose of the closed session was as follows: to assign members to new cases, to discuss updates of open cases, reports of findings and case closures.

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

Members Absent: Kamil Jaruga.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Case Assignments:

#13-030-9011- St. Mary's. Nicole assigned.

#13-030-9012- MacNeal. Ashley assigned.

#13-030-9013- Madden MHC. Edie assigned.

#13-030-9014- St. Bernard's. LaVonne assigned.

Draft Report Discussion:

The HRA reviewed the report for case #12-030-9015- Victor Neumann. The report was accepted without revision.

The HRA reviewed the report for case #12-030-9017 Chicago Lakeshore. The report was accepted without revision.

Case Closures:

The HRA considered case closure for case #12-030-9010- Rush. The HRA did not substantiate the complaint and recommendations were not issued. A response was not required or given.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa, Secretary