

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2013
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

HRA Secretary, Kamil Jaruga opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:11 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: David Ginter, Kamil Jaruga, and Beth Tucker.

Members Absent: Edith Bukwa, Donna Claffy, Nicole Erickson, and Ashley Casati.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Genevieve Presbitero and Morgan Murphy from Thorek Hospital.

Kamil noted that a quorum was not present. Votes on all measures except meeting minutes will be secured by email and ratified at the next meeting of a quorumed HRA. Kamil read the Confidentiality statement.

Communications:

Staff from Thorek Hospital were present during their portion of the closed session to discuss the HRA case being investigated there. A cursory review of the record did not show that the recipient was restrained in any way (including time in a quiet room) however the HRA has not concluded the investigation. A date for the site visit will be arranged for later in the month.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

14-030-9008. The complaint alleges that the facility did not honor the Power of Attorney for the recipient. A release of information has been obtained. Beth made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

14-030-9009. The complaint alleges that the agency does not meet the Probate Act requirements when staff are not familiar with or protect visitation and disability rights guaranteed by the Nursing Home Care Act and Mental Health and Developmental Disability Code. A release of information has been obtained. Beth made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

14-030-9010. The complaint alleges that the facility did not take adequate steps to provide for the safety and security of a recipient and did not provide adequate follow-up care after the

recipient was assaulted. A release of information has been obtained. Kamil made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and carried.

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 6:17 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:

#13-030-9016 Riveredge. A motion was made to accept the report without revision and the motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#13-030-9004 Anixter Center. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#13-030-9007 Cedar Point. The closure has been postponed pending the receipt of training agendas and staff sign-in sheets for the inservices recommended in the report. The facility will have 6 months to provide this training.

#13-030-9012 MacNeal. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#13-030-9011 St. Mary's. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and closed.

#13-030-9014 St. Bernard. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Status Reports:

#13-030-9015 Norwegian. A site visit date has been set for 11/6/13.

#14-030-9002 Margaret Manor. The nursing home has rejected the release of information because the recipient's signature does not match their records. A new release has been sent to the recipient.

#14-030-9004 All American. A site visit date has been set for 10/23/13.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamil Jaruga