

**PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES**  
**January 16, 2013**

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:18am on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 by Chairperson Meri Tucker.

The meeting was held at Morton Public Library, 315 W. Pershing Street, Morton, IL 61550.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Diane Pflederer, Meri Tucker, Dolores Sheen, Sandra Anton, Debra Goodwin

Absent: Janelle Crump, Lois Hamilton, Flora Knutson, Anne Hicke

Staff: Gene Seaman

Meri Tucker stated that there was a quorum present.

Meri Tucker stated the personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings to protect the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Introductions were made.

The motion was made by Diane Pflederer to enter closed session at 11:01am pursuant to Section 120/2 (c) (4) and (10) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 20), Section 3955/10 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) and Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110); the motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss confidential information. Diane Pflederer and Sandra Anton exited the closed session due to conflict of interest. The HRA returned to open session at 12:09pm having taken no action in closed session.

**MINUTES**

Sandy Anton motioned to accept the November 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Diane Pflederer and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ratifications:**

None

**New Cases:**

**13-090-9010 - Hospital** - Medication being forced on patient when not needed. Inadequate treatment, including staff not allowing patient to participate in treatment and treatment not being explained to patient. Inappropriate use of seclusion while in the emergency department. Patient forced to disrobe and give blood and urine samples against her will. Inadequate explanation of patient's rights regarding involuntary commitment. Privacy violations, including staff discussing patient treatment in hallway in front of other patients. Sandy Anton motioned to not accept the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

**13-090-9012 - Hospital** - Inadequate treatment, physician told patient that they could have medication if they could not sleep but did not tell nurses that the patient could have the medication. Staff did not show patient that instrument used for test was sterile. Dolores Sheen motioned to close the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Diane Pflederer.

**13-090-9015 - Hospital** - Inadequate discharge process. Inadequate treatment process. Facility refused to allow patient access to patient records. We have yet to receive a response. Dolores Sheen motioned to not accept the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and passed.

**13-090-9016 - Nursing Home** - Violation of a recipient's right to vote in general election. Inadequate restriction of a recipient's right to use and retain private property. Recipient's diet needs not met by facility. Inadequate building maintenance. Violation of recipient's right to practice his/her religion. We have yet to receive a response. Meri Tucker motioned to not accept the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

**13-090-9017 - Jail** - We have been exchanging correspondence in an attempt to clarify aspects of this complaint. We have not received a response to the most recent letter. Debra Goodwin motioned to table the complaint pending clarification. The motion was seconded by Diane Pflederer and passed.

**13-090-9019 - Hospital** - It was not explained to the patient by the facility why the patient was transferred to Methodist. Patient was told that if a medication was taken, they could be discharged but if it was not, they would pursue a court order for medication. Inadequate discharge process. Communication violation. Involuntary admission process. Inadequate inventory process. Debra Goodwin motioned to accept the case. The motion was seconded by Sandy Anton and passed.

**13-090-9020 - Hospital** - Inhumane treatment, including staff accusing patient of lying. Communication violations. Inadequate protection from aggressive patients. Sexual assault by staff and other patients. Meri Tucker motioned to table pending the release. Sandy Anton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **Case Progress:**

**13-090-9001: Rock Island County Jail** - No action was taken on this case.

**13-090-9004: El Paso Health and Rehab** - No action was taken on this case.

**13-090-9011: Methodist Medical Center** - No action was taken on this case.

**Draft Report:**

**13-090-9003: Sharon Healthcare Facilities** - No action was taken on the report.

**Case Closures:**

**12-090-9011: Kindred Hospital** - Dolores Sheen motioned to close the case, making it a part of the public record, and to send a copy to the Illinois Department of Public Health and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for informational purposes.

**12-090-9014: Sharon Healthcare Facilities** - Dolores Sheen motioned to close the case, making it a part of the public record, and to send a copy to the Illinois Department of Public Health and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for informational purposes.

**12-090-9017: Methodist Medical Center** - Sandy Anton motioned to send a follow-up letter to the facility. The motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and passed.

**13-090-9002: Methodist Medical Center** - Meri Tucker motioned to send a follow-up letter to the facility. The motion was seconded by Diane Pflederer and passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

12:57pm

  
Gene Seaman, Reporter