

**Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
April 30, 2013**

**Members Present:**

Jan Little, Chairperson  
James Bakunas, Member  
Annie Brooks, Member  
Tara Dunning, Secretary  
Javed Irshad, Member  
Debbie Weiner, Member

**Staff Present:**

Michael Pintar, Coordinator

**Members Absent:**

Donna Ferguson, Vice Chairperson  
Linda O'Rourke, Member  
Janet Shelton, Member

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Jan Little recognized that a quorum was present and called the regular meeting of the Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority to order at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. The meeting was held at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center, Springfield, Illinois. Welcome and introductions were made. Pintar gave a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of the Human Rights Authority for the guest present.

**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 March 26, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dunning to accept the minutes with the correction of the attendance list. The motion was seconded by Weiner. Motion carried.**

**New Complaints:**

13-050-9018 – A cancer patient is dying in hospital. The hospital is withholding nourishment, including water and any form of hydration based on a telephone conversation with an out of town relative who is the patient's Power of Attorney. Nurses are allowing her to have some ice chips but the nurse emphasized that the Dr.'s orders stated, no fluids. The patient does not have authority to consent.

**A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Brooks to not accept case 13-050-9018 for investigation. Motion carried.**

13-050-9020 – A consumer lost privileges after another patient attacked her.

**A motion was made by Little and seconded by Bakunas to open case 13-050-9020 for investigation. Motion passed.**

13-050-9021 – A patient was held at a hospital for several months against her will. She questions that legality of not being allowed to leave AMA and of the hospital forcing her to take medication when she was not a danger to herself or others. A consent form has been received.

**A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Weiner to open case 13-050-9021 for investigation now what a release of information has been received. Motion carried.**

13-050-9023 – A consumer was sent to hospital ER for behavior issues. The hospital refused to pursue involuntary admission and he was returned to the group home. The home is now insisting that his family make other living arrangements. The family noted that that physician changed his psychotropic medication to a 1 x month injection and his behavior is difficult towards the end of the month. The family does not want to move him and are not being included in treatment plan meetings.

**A motion was made by Irshad and seconded by Brooks to open 13-050-9023 for investigation. Motion carried.**

13-050-9024 – It is alleged that a consumer was making a telephone call, telling the person on the other end of the phone her desired regarding them bringing her a meal during visitation. Allegedly, staff interrupted the call and accused the consumer of calling a restaurant. The consumer that was making the call has not signed consent to release information and is not the one making the complaint.

**A motion was made by Little to open for investigation but failed due to lack of a second.**

**Closed Session: A motion was made by Bakunas and seconded by Weiner to enter into closed session at 6:50 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. Motion passed and the committee went into closed session.

**Case Progress Reports:**

Pintar reported on a number of cases that need investigating.

They include:

13-050-9008            13-050-9013  
13-050-9009            13-050-9014  
13-050-9011

13-050-9015 – Pintar reported an investigation has taken place and a written report will be available at the May meeting.

**Draft Reports of Findings:**

13-050-9012 – A written report was distributed for report.

13-050-9017 – A written report was reviewed and the claim unsubstantiated, however, the report was not complete and will need to be finalized.

**Case Closures:**

12-050-9001 – a written report is in progress.

13-050-9004 & 9006 – a written report is in progress.

13-050-9010 – a response to the final report has been received.

13-050-9016 – the complaint has been withdrawn.

**Open Session:**

**A motion was made by Weiner at 7:18 pm to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Brooks. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Weiner to accept the report on case 13-050-9012 as written. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Brooks and seconded by Bakunas to accept the report on case 13-050-9017 with additional information on the unsubstantiated Part 2 regarding one-on-one supervision. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Weiner to table case closures of 12-050-9001, 13-050-9004 and 13-050-9006 until Pintar can complete the reports. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Weiner and seconded by Bakunas to close case 13-050-9010. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Brooks and seconded by Bakunas to close case 13-050-9016 as the individual has withdrawn the complaint. Motion carried.**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dunning to adjourn the meeting of the HRA. Weiner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tara Dunning, Secretary

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Date Approved