

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SPRINGFIELD REGION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
830 S. Spring St., Springfield, Illinois and Webex

PRESENT: James Bakunas, Abdush Shakoor, Lisa Beam, Javed Irshad, Karen Osgood and Diana Braun.

ABSENT/EXUSED:

STAFF: Jon Burnet

Guests:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Springfield Region was called to order at 5:46 p.m. by the Springfield Region Chair, James Bakunas.

It was determined that a quorum was present and that appropriate business could be conducted. Karen read the confidentiality statement.

Minutes: Diana moved to approve open and closed November 29, 2022 minutes. Lisa seconded and the motion carried. Lisa moved to accept open January 31, 2023 minutes. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried.

Communications:

The HRA will return to in-person meeting in May 2023 when the executive emergency order ends.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications for case acceptance:

23-050-9004 Diana moved to ratify non acceptance of the case. Lisa seconded and the motion carried.

Ratifications for report approval/issuance: none

Ratifications for case closures:

22-050-9010 Karen moved to ratify closure and publishing of the case. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried.

New complaints:

23-050-9005 A school for students with disabilities has students arrested for behavioral problems. Lisa moved to table acceptance of the case for investigation pending more information of agencies already involved. Jon updated that per the ISBE, they are providing added supports and training to the staff. Lisa moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried.

23-050-9006 An ICF resident's clothes are not being washed, some clothes are missing, the resident has urine-soaked clothes, the resident does not like the food and his room is changed.

Shakoor moved to table acceptance of the case for investigation pending more information of public health involvement. Jon updated that per a FOIA request, the department has not received complaints at this facility so far in 2023. Shakoor moved to refer the complaint to the IDPH. Diana seconded and the motion carried. Jon will submit the complaint to the IDPH.

23-050-9007 An agency for linking people with developmental disabilities will not honor a consumer's designated POA or guardian and provide services. Lisa moved to accept the complaint for investigation. Diana seconded and the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At 6:26 pm, Diana moved to enter Executive/Closed Session pursuant to the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955/21) and the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2). Lisa seconded and the motion carried. The purpose of the closed session was for discussion on any case assignments, case progress, draft reports, responses and case closures (22-050-9014 and 23-050-9003).

Case progress:

None were discussed.

Reports for acceptance:

23-050-9003 (McFarland MHC) The HRA made no changes to the report as drafted. Lisa moved to accept and issue the report. Jay seconded and the motion carried.

Accept responses, close and publish:

19-050-9014 (Springfield Memorial) The HRA was satisfied with the response received. Karen moved to accept the response, close and publish the case. Diana seconded and the motion carried.

Other unfinished business, announcements and comments:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Adjournment:

Diana moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Lisa seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Beam, Secretary