

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY  
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Madden Mental Health Center  
1200 S. First Avenue  
Hines, Illinois 60141

The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Kevin Gawthorp, the Chairperson at 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT: Kevin Gawthorp, Carol Genutis, and Patrice Henderson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hendiz Flynn, Lisa Bellamy, Amy Upson, and Pamela Cabrera.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman, HRA Regional Disability Rights Manager

GUESTS: Gary Weintraub, Counsel for Thornton Heights Terrace  
Kimberly Rogers, Thornton Heights Terrace Administrator

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The HRA Regional Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that at a quorum was not present, but all business could be discussed.

#### II. COMMUNICATION

The April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes could not be approved because a quorum of members was not present at the meeting.

#### III. NEW COMPLAINTS

23-040-9008 (Hospital Unit) The complaint was postponed for acceptance because a quorum of members was not present to vote on the complaint. A signed release was not received.

23-040-9009 (Cila) The complaint was postponed for acceptance because a quorum of members was not present to vote on the complaint. A signed release was received.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A closed session was not convened due to the lack of a quorum of members present at the meeting.

There were no new case assignments.

## Progress Reports

22-040-9009 (Amita Health St. Joe Medical Center) A report will be completed pending receipt of additional information requested.

22-040-9015 (Burbank Rehabilitation Center) A meeting will be scheduled with the provider.

23-040-9002 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) A meeting will be scheduled with the provider.

23-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) The medical record and policies requested have not been received.

23-040-9007 (UChicago Medicine Ingalls Hospital) The hospital's request for additional time to provide the medical record and policies was granted. The hospital reportedly will provide the requested information on or around June of 2023.

## Reports\Responses

22-040-9001 (Northwestern Medicine Palos Hospital) The report did not contain any violations and a provider's response to the report was not reviewed at the meeting.

22-040-9005 (Promedica Skilled Nursing Home) The report did not contain any violations and a provider's response to the report was not reviewed at the meeting.

22-040-9013 (Timberline Knolls Treatment Center) The report did contain violations and a provider's response to the report was not reviewed at the meeting.

23-040-9001 (Thornton Terrace Heights) A report was reviewed at the meeting and will be voted on upon returning to open session.

## Reports\Cases Closures\Accept Responses\Make Available to the Public

22-040-9001 (Northwestern Medicine Palos Hospital) It was moved by Amy Upson to accept the report approved by the Program Director. The motion was seconded by Pamela Cabrera and carried.

22-040-9013 (Timberline Knolls Treatment Center) It was moved by Amy Upson to accept the report approved by the Program Director. The motion was seconded by Pamela Cabrera and carried.

23-040-9001 (Thornton Terrace Heights) A report was not reviewed as planned at the meeting.

## OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Illinois Department of Human Services' response to the enforcement referral involving Radius Foundation was discussed. The members were asked to provide feedback regarding the response.

The meeting packets were discussed.

The need for HRA volunteer members was discussed.

The need to schedule site visits/virtual meetings was discussed.

The HRA public meetings will be held in person on the second Wednesday of the month, at various south suburban locations, and at 10:00 a.m., effective June of 2023.

The regional next scheduled public meeting will be held at the Civic Center (In the Rotunda Conference Room), 14750 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, Illinois 6041 on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Regional Chairperson adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. The members present consented to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geraldine Boatman, the Regional Disability Manager  
Human Rights Authority  
South Suburban Region

