

SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

The Civic Center

(Rotunda Conference Room)

14750 Ravinia Avenue

Orland Park, Illinois 60467

The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Carol Genutis, the Acting Chairperson at 10:05 a.m.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Carol Genutis and Lisa Bellamy.

ATTENDED VIRTUALLY: Amy Upson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Gawthorp, Patrice Henderson, and Pamela Cabrera.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman, HRA Regional Disability Rights Manager

GUESTS: Miracle Leach, Trinity Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. COMMUNICATION

Amy Upson has been approved due to her medical disability to attend all HRA meetings virtually.

The June 14th, August 9th and September 13th, 2023 meeting minutes could not be approved because a quorum of members were not present at the meeting.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

23-040-9008 (Hospital Unit) The consensus of the members present was not to accept the complaint for investigation because a signed release was not received. Follow up votes were received. The complaint will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

24-040-9001 (Nursing Home) The consensus of the members present was to accept complaint #1 and 2 for investigation. The consensus of the members was not to accept complaint #3 concerning discharge because the complaint was withdrawn. It was reported that the resident now wants to stay at the nursing facility to get his teeth repaired and a pair of new eyeglasses. A

signed release for investigation was received. Follow up votes were received. The complaint will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

24-040-9002 (Nursing Home) The consensus of the members present was to accept the complaint for investigation pending a properly signed release. The resident will be asked to sign another release because the release provided was dated incorrectly. Follow up votes were received. The complaint will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

24-040-9003 (Behavioral Hospital) The consensus of the members present was to accept the complaint for investigation because a signed release was received. Follow up votes were received. The complaint will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

24-040-9004 (Nursing Home) The consensus of the members present was to accept the complaint for investigation because a signed release was received. Follow up votes were received. The complaint will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

24-040-9005 (Special Educational Program) The consensus of the members present was to postpone accepting the complaint for investigation because additional information is needed. The Disability Rights Manager reported that the resident's behavior problem was resolved, per the HRA Special Education Rights Manager. However, the members would like clarification about how the behavioral problem is related to the transportation issue and if the parent was allowed to review a recording of the student that is a part of student's educational record. Follow up votes were received. The complaint will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

24-040-9006 (Developmental Disability Facility) The consensus of the members present was to accept the complaint for investigation because a signed release was received. Follow up votes were received. The complaint will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

There were no new case assignments.

Progress Reports

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

23-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) A meeting will be scheduled with the provider.

23-040-9007 (UChicago Hospital of Ingalls) The medical record and policies requested have been received.

23-040-9009 (Trinity Services) The complaint was discussed with the provider's representative at the meeting. The medical record and policies requested have been received. A meeting will be scheduled with the provider.

23-040-9010 (Lydia Healthcare) A meeting will be scheduled with the provider pending the receipt of the medical record and policies requested.

Reports\Responses

22-040-9009 (Amita Health St. Joe Medical Center) A report was reviewed at the next meeting.

23-040-9001 (Thornton Terrace Heights) A provider's response to the report was reviewed at the meeting.

23-040-9002 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) A report was reviewed at the meeting.

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

22-040-9009 (Amita Health St. Joe Medical Center) The consensus of the members present was to accept the report as approved by the Program Manager. Follow up votes were received. The report will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

23-040-9001 (Thornton Terrace Heights) The consensus of the members present was to accept the provider's response, to close the case, and to make the report part of the public report. Follow up votes were received. The provider has requested that its response should be made public. The case will be ratified for closure pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

23-040-9002 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) The consensus of the members present was to accept the report as approved by the Program Manager. Follow up votes were received. The report will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Executive Closed Minutes for June of 2023 thru November of 2023 for review. The regional authority did not convene a closed session for June, August, and September because a quorum of members physically present at the meetings. The regional authority did not meet in July and November.

Hendiz Flynn has submitted his resignation on the regional board. The members will vote on accepting Mr. Flynn's resignation pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

Mandatory trainings for members were discussed. The meeting packets were discussed.

The need for HRA volunteer members was discussed. An individual has expressed an interest about joining the regional board.

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 scheduled month at various locations at 10:00 a.m.

The HRA regional next scheduled public meeting will be held at the Sertoma Star Services (Conference Room), 4331 Lincoln Highway, Matteson, Illinois 60443 on December 13th, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURMENT

The regional HRA consented to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geraldine Boatman, Acting Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region