

PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
July 17, 2024
INFORMAL MEETING

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:02 am Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at the Chillicothe Public Library 430 N. Bradley Ave. Chillicothe, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Runyon, Rod Joos, Connie Hardy and Meri Tucker

Absent: Heather Choi, Shannon Dault, Sharon Tear

Staff: Erin Nowlan
Gene Seaman

Guests: Jennifer Donnelly
Tracy Knight
Dianna Taylor Meneses

Rod Joos read the confidentiality statement: Illinois law protects the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the Human Rights Authority conducts investigations. The Authority welcomes concerned citizens wishing to present information. We remind all citizens and guests that public reference to any name, description, or other information, which would identify an eligible person or the family without consent, is strictly prohibited.

Introductions were made.

There was no closed session at this meeting due to not having a quorum.

MINUTES

Motion to table approval of May 15, 2024 Open Meeting Minutes made by Connie Hardy. Seconded by Meri Tucker. On 7/19/24 phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi to table approval of minutes due to no quorum.

Motion to table approval and keep confidential Executive Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2024, March 20, 2024 and January 17, 2024 made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Jim Runyon. On July 19, 2024 phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi to table approval and keep confidential of Executive meeting minutes for 5/15/24, 3/20/24 and 1/17/24 due to no quorum.

Ratifications:

None.

New Cases:

24-090-9019 - Skilled Care Center – Inadequate treatment planning, the complaint alleges a resident of the facility was court ordered for treatment at this particular facility for up to 90 days, the recipient is in need of medical treatment that has not been scheduled. Allegedly the facility treatment team is difficult to communicate with and have not begun working on discharge plans to a less restrictive environment after the 90 day involuntary admission. Motion to table case opening pending release made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Meri Tucker. On 7/19/24, phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi.

24-090-9022 - Hospital– Improper treatment process, the complaint alleges the facility is refusing to communicate treatment planning with a legal power of attorney. Allegedly, staff are telling the POA that they can not guarantee communication with the POA since the person is receiving treatment for a behavioral health need. The individual is hospitalized due to a suicide attempt and has a foley catheter which has resulted in them being held in ICU until a suitable placement has been found. Rights violation, the facility is not following the mental health code with rights restriction and a patient’s rights to notify a particular person. The facility is saying a patient is not permitted visits for ten days. Motion to table case opening pending release made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Connie Hardy. On 7/19/24 phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi.

24-090-9024 – Hospital – Improper behavioral health admission, a patient was under the impression they were being voluntarily admitted for a mental health need and the voluntary admission would only last 24 hours. The patient was transferred to a different hospital and their voluntary admission paperwork was switched to an involuntary admission paperwork, although the patient was agreeing to a 24 hour admit, by the psychiatrist or attending physician. Patient Rights Violation, occurred when patient was not provided with behavioral health paperwork prior to transfer to a different hospital for admission. Motion to open made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Meri Tucker. On 7/19/24 vote to open received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi.

25-090-9001 – Assisted Living - Inadequate services and staffing levels, complaint alleges a resident of the facility was given a power wheelchair that was not working correctly. This resulted in the power wheelchair having unexpected “surges” which resulted in injury. The facility did not have adequate staff on shift to assist with an incident that occurred when using the wheelchair. The Occupational Therapist did not train on the use of the chair only stated “It takes practice.” Failure to communicate financial matters with a resident’s Power of Attorney, complaint alleges a resident was on a month to month lease and is still being charged for living at the facility although they no longer reside there. The resident has a power of attorney and the leasing contract may or may not have been signed by the POA. The allegation also states the facility is trying to charge for damage to carpet in the apartment. Motion to table pending release made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Connie Hardy. On 7/19/24 phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi.

Draft Report:

23-090-9009 - UnityPoint Healthcare – motion to approve draft report and send to provider made by Meri Tucker, seconded by Jim Runyon. On 7/19/24 phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi. Motion passes.

Case Closures:

23-090-9003 – McLean County Jail - motion to close case and make the report public made by Meri Tucker, seconded by Connie hardy. On 7/19/24 phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi.

23-090-9012 - Knox County Jail – motion to table case closure made by Connie Hardy and seconded by Jim Runyon. On 7/19/24 phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi.

23-090-9015 – McLean County Jail – motion to close and make the report public made by Jim Runyon and seconded by Meri tucker. On 7/19/24 phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi.

23-090-9018 - The Children’s Home SASS Program - motion to close case and make report public made by Meri Tucker and seconded by Connie Hardy. On 7/19/24 phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi.

24-090-9001 - Gateway at RiverCity – motion to table case closure made by Meri Tucker and seconded by Connie Hardy. On 7/19/24 phone votes received from Shannon Dault and Heather Choi.

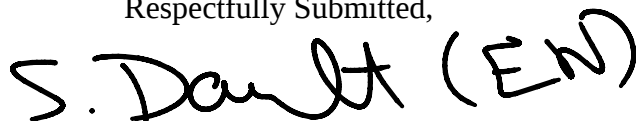
Other Business:

Tracy Knight interview.
Dianna Taylor Meneses interview.

ADJOURNMENT

Rod Joos adjourned the meeting at 11:45am

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Dault (EN)". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannon Dault, Secretary