

METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES

December 12, 2024

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 5:09p.m., Thursday, December 12th, 2024 by Catherine Goebel.

This meeting was held at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Metro East location.

HRA Members Present: Karen Kelly, Andrea Frazier, Catherine Goebel, Diane Borawski, Emily Bruegge-Klein, Felicia Voelkel and Marie Krysnoski.

HRA Members Absent: Georgia Rands and Denise Bradley.

Guests: None

Staff Present: Jo Ann (Jodi) Russell-Baum.

INTRODUCTIONS

Catherien Goebel recognized that a quorum was present.

Catherien Goebel read the confidentiality statement that indicates that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Catherien Goebel asked for any changes in the agenda and there were none.

MINUTES

The Open Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of August 8, 2024 were reviewed for correction. No changes noted.

Member, Karen Kelly, made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Emily Bruegge-Klein seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Closed Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of August 8, 2024, were reviewed for correction. No changes noted.

Member, Karen Kelly, made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Emily Bruegge-Klein seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Open Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of October 24, 2024 were reviewed for correction. No changes noted.

Member, Marie Krysnoski, made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Karen Kelly seconded

the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

OneNet Trainings are due by the end of the year. It has been announced that all 2025 trainings will be available in paper form and online.

NEW BUSINESS

RATIFICATIONS

Report Approvals

20-070-9006 – Wood River School District – special education services

Member, Karen Kelly, made a motion to ratify report approval. Emily Bruegge-Klien seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Case Closures

20-070-9003 – Alton Mental Health Center -- censorship/property/restriction of rights

Member, Andrea Frazier, made a motion to ratify case closure. Diane Borawski seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

21-070-9004 – Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care
Members requested to send the report to DHS for informational purposes only.

Member, Karen Kelly, made a motion to ratify report approval. Marie Krysnoski seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW COMPLAINTS: The HRA considered the following cases for acceptance:

25-070-9009 – ICF DD– guardian notification

Member, Karen Kelly, made a motion to table the complaint. Marie Krysnoski seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case Tabled to obtain additional information.

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Upon a motion by Andrea Frazier, seconded by Emily Bruegge-Klein, the Authority unanimously voted to enter closed session at 5:35p.m. pursuant to Section 721 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss case progress and reports of finding.

CLOSED SESSION CASE PROGRESS REPORTS REVIEWED:

- 17-070-9015 – Alton Mental Health Center** – privilege level (report in progress)
18-070-9007 --Alton Mental Health Center – inadequate treatment/discharge planning (report in progress. Have not received additional info. that was requested)
21-070-9013 – DD Homes Network – adequate treatment/guardian notification (ready for report)
23-070-9003 -- Bryan Manor – adequate care/treatment planning (ready for report)
23-070-9006 – Gateway Regional Medical Center – ROR/Advocacy (needs policy review)
24-070-9009 -- Villas of Holly Brook – adequate and humane care (needs site visit & ROI)
25-070-9001 – Vista Care – adequate and humane care/restriction of rights/guardian notification (site visit needed)
25-070-9002 – Alton Mental Health Center – guardian notification/informed consent (site visit needed)
25-070-9006 – Alton Mental Health Center – restriction of rights
25-070-9007 – Alton Mental Health Center – appeals/grievance process
25-070-9008– Alton Mental Health Center – rule 50

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT REPORT REVIEWS:

- 23-070-9007 – Murray Center** – adequate and humane care
Report is not ready to review. Additional masked records requested.
- 23-070-9008 -- Alton Mental Health Center**– adequate and humane care
Report is not ready to review.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION OF CASE CLOSURES:

- 24-070-9005 – Community Link** – adequate and humane care/ROR/grievance policy
- The board read over the second response from the provider. Discussed case closure and the option of sending the report to DHS for informational purposes.
- 24-070-9007 – Community Link** – adequate and humane care/ROR/grievance policy
- The board read over the second response from the provider. Discussed case closure and the option of sending the report to DHS for informational purposes.
- 20-070-9006 – Wood River School District** – special education services
Case closure discussed.

**Open session reconvened at 5:47 p.m. with a motion by Diane Borawski,
seconded by Marie Krysnoski.**

MOTIONS REGARDING REPORT APPROVALS:

23-070-9007 – Murray Center – adequate and humane care
Report is not ready for approval. Additional records requested.

23-070-9008 -- Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care (not ready)
Report is not ready for approval. No vote taken.

MOTIONS REGARDING CASE CLOSURE:

24-070-9005 & 24-070-9007-- Community Link – ROR/right to appeal

Member, Karen Kelly, made a motion to accept case closure. Diane Borawski seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. Members decided to send the report to DHS for informational purposes only.

20-070-9006 – Wood River School District – special education services

Member, Diane Borawski, made a motion to accept case closure. Marie Krysnoski seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. Case Closed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of 2025 Meeting Schedule

Member, Karen Kelly, made a motion to accept case closure. Andrea Frazier seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. Schedule approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:

The HRA is looking for additional community outreach opportunities.

The next scheduled meeting is on February 13th, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Edwardsville office.

Members agreed to adjourn meeting at 5:57 p.m.