

METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES

August 8, 2024

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 5:07p.m., Thursday, August 8th, 2024 by Catherine Goebel.

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

HRA Members Present: Karen Kelly, Catherine Goebel, Diane Borawski, Emily Bruegge-Klein, Denise Bradley, and Georgia Rands

HRA Members Absent: Marie Krysnoski and Andrea Frazier

Guests: Felicia Voelkel

Staff Present: Jo Ann (Jodi) Russell-Baum

INTRODUCTIONS

Catherine Goebel recognized that a quorum was present.

Catherine 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.

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

MINUTES

The Open Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of June 13, 2024 were reviewed for correction. Change the date of the meeting to the 13th.

Upon a motion by Member, Diane Borawsky, seconded by Denise Bradley, members voted to accept the above listed minutes.

The Closed Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of June 13, 2024, were reviewed for correction. Change the date of the meeting to the 13th.

Upon a motion by Member, Karen Kelly seconded by Georgia Rands, members voted to accept the above listed minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Members should have received an email with OneNet login information.
OneNet Trainings are due in October.

NEW BUSINESS

RATIFICATIONS

None

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

25-070-9001 – CILA – adequate and humane care/restriction of rights/guardian notification

Member, Denise Bradley made a motion to accept the complaint. Diane Borawski seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case accepted.

25-070-9002 – hospital – guardian notification/informed consent

Member, Denise Bradley made a motion to accept the complaint. Diane Emily Bruegge-Klein seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case accepted.

25-070-9003 – hospital – property

Member, Karen Kelly made a motion to not accept the complaint as it has been resolved informally. Georgia Rands seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case not accepted.

25-070-9004 – hospital – adequate and humane care/restriction of rights

Denise Bradley made a motion to not accept the complaint as it has been informally resolved. Emily Bruegge-Klein seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case not accepted.

25-070-9005 – hospital – restriction of rights

Member, Denise Bradley made a motion to not accept the complaint. Diane Borawski seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case not accepted.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Guest, Felicia Voelkel was dismissed from the meeting before voting to go into closed session.

Upon a motion by Diane Borawski, seconded by Karen Kelly, the Authority went into closed session at 6:09p.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 tx/discharge planning (report in progress)
20-070-9006 – Wood River School District – special education services (policy review)
21-070-9013 – DD Homes Network – adequate treatment/guardian notification (ready for report)
23-070-9003 -- Bryan Manor – adequate care/treatment planning (needs site visit)
23-070-9006 – Gateway Regional Medical Center – ROR/Advocacy (needs policy review)
23-070-9007 – Murray Center – adequate and humane care (needs site visit)
24-070-9009 -- Villas of Holly Brook – adequate and humane care (needs site visit & ROI)

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT REPORT REVIEWS:

23-070-9008 -- Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care
Report is not ready to review.
24-070-9005 -- Community Link – ROR/right to appeal
24-070-9007 -- Community Link – ROR/right to appeal

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION OF CASE CLOSURES:

20-070-9003 – Alton Mental Health Center -- censorship/property/restriction of rights
Waiting on policies/supportive documentation. CEO asked for an extension.

21-070-9004 – Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care
CEO asked for an extension.

22-070-9007 – Alton Mental Health Center – adequate and humane care/dental
A hygienist has been hired and confirmation has been submitted to the HRA.

**Open session reconvened at 6:29 p.m. with a motion by Karen Kelly,
seconded by Georgia Rands.**

MOTIONS REGARDING REPORT APPROVALS:

23-070-9008 -- Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care (not ready)

Report is not ready for approval. No vote taken.

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

Karen Kelly made a motion to accept the report. Member, Emily Bruegge-Klein, seconded the motion. Report approved.

MOTIONS REGARDING CASE CLOSURE:

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

Diane Borawski made a motion to Table case closure. Georgia Rands econded the motion and the motion carried.

21-070-9004 – Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care

Diane Borawski made a motion to Table case closure. Georgia Rands econded the motion and the motion carried.

22-070-9007 – Alton Mental Health Center – adequate and humane care/dental

Upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Emily Bruegge-Klein, members voted to close the case.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vote for Executive Minute Privacy:

Karen Kelly made a motion to keep the last 6 months executive minutes private. Emily Bruegge-Klein seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Vote for New Member:

Emily Bruegge-Klein made a motion to accept Felicia Voelkel as a board members. Karen Kelly seconded the motion and the motion carried. Her application will be forward to the Deputy Director for review and approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:

The HRA is looking for additional community outreach opportunities.

The next scheduled meeting is on October 10th, 2024 at 5:00pm at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission.

Members agreed to adjourn meeting at 6:40 p.m.