

PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
May 15, 2024

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:09 am Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at the Princeton Chamber of Commerce Community Building 435 S. Main St. Princeton, IL 61356.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tracy Wright, Jim Runyon, Rod Joos, Heather Choi, Connie Hardy, Shannon Dault, and Sharon Tear

Absent: Meri Tucker

Staff: Erin Nowlan

Guests: Curt Mower
Andrew Becker

Tracy Wright 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.

The motion was made by Jim Runyon to enter closed session at 10:10am pursuant to Section 120/2 (c) (4) and (10) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 20), Section 3955/10 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) and Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110); the motion was seconded by Shannon Dault and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss confidential aspects of cases with guests attending representing their agency. Curt Mower and Andrew Becker left closed session at 10:23am. Heather Choi joined closed session at 10:41am. Board returned to Open Session at 11:16am.

MINUTES

Motion to approve March 20, 2024 Open Meeting Minutes made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Sharon Tear.

Ratifications:

None.

New Cases:

24-090-9010 – Public Transportation – Inadequate paratransit transportation services, including picking up passenger at incorrect, unscheduled times and failure to pick up passenger, the complaint alleges a public transportation system is not picking up a passenger with a disability at the scheduled time. When efforts are made to discuss the issue the company indicates that they do not have adequate staffing to meet scheduling needs. A passenger in need of this transportation service is arriving late to work or not at all due to this scheduling issue. Motion to open made by Connie Hardy. Seconded by Rod Joos. Motion passes.

24-090-9011 - Behavioral Health Unit – Inadequate treatment planning, the complaint alleges that an individual was receiving court ordered medications during an inpatient hospitalization, but the treatment team did not discuss medication side effects or treatment plan goals. 2) Patient Rights Violation, the complaint alleges that an individual who involuntarily admitted for behavioral health care was in seclusion for 4-6 hours and did not receive a rights restriction form. Motion to close case due to no consent to release information made by Rod Joos. Seconded by Jim Runyon. Motion passes.

24-0909017-CILA- Inadequate Treatment, the complaint alleges an individual receiving services is not receiving their psychotropic medications as prescribed which has resulted in physical aggression. Staff have an adversarial relationship with this individual. The most recent incident involved a nurse calling police after a vacuum was thrown and the individual was sent to the hospital, alone, for three hours. Motion to close case due to no consent to release information made by Rod Joos. Seconded by Jim Runyon. Motion passes.

24-090-9018– Behavioral Health Unit – 1)Improper involuntary behavioral health admission, the complaint alleges that a recipient sought treatment due to a behavioral health emergency caused by postpartum psychosis. The recipient was not medically cleared for the behavioral health admission, was involuntarily admitted which switched to a voluntary admission at some point during the process. The recipient had recently given birth and had a urinary tract infection that was exacerbating symptoms. If medical care would have been provided involuntary admission could have been avoided. The petition, 2 certificates or notice of rights restriction were not provided to the patient during the involuntary admission process. Nor was the paperwork filed with the courts per statute. The provider attempted to start the petition process over when the previous petition had expired. 2) Inadequate care and services, the complaint alleges during a behavioral health admission a recipient reported being sexually assaulted during the admission. the treatment team did not respond by ensuring safety and well-being and ignored the reporting of this alleged crime for several hours attributing it to being a delusion associated with the mental health diagnosis. 3)Patient rights violations allegedly occurred when medications were given intravenously without verbal or written informed consent. Family visits were restricted. The service recipient was breastfeeding and was restricted from visiting the newborn child or breastfeeding during this time. The attending provider was difficult to communicate with during the treatment process and did not provide a rights restriction. 4) Inadequate treatment plan/discharge planning, the complaint alleges a written treatment plan was not coordinated by the treatment team or communicated to the recipient as to treatment goals needed to be achieved

to discharge. When the admission for the individual became a voluntary admission, the patient signed a five-day notice to discharge, and the hospital did not discharge the patient for four days after the five-day timeline had passed. The recipient felt like they were incarcerated, and no one would communicate or explain to the recipient what needed to occur for discharge. The complaint further alleges that documentation was not provided to the recipient or family as requested and staff kept telling the individuals to check the MyChart application but no information was uploaded to this program during the inpatient admission per hospital process. Motion to open case made by Connie Hardy. Seconded by Rod Joos. Motion passes.

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 Rod Joos. Motion passes.

24-090-9020 - Disability Agency – Inadequate treatment, the complaint alleges an individual who receives money due to a disability has been the victim of fraud, had their income stopped, is entitled to Camp Lejuene money and the agency is refusing to assist the person with annual review which has resulted in more financial problems with the IRS and other public entitlement benefits. Motion to close informal case made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion passes.

24-090-9021- Medical Facility – Rights Violation, the complaint alleges a local medical provider denied a scheduled procedure of an individual with a disability due to concerns regarding their decision-making capacity. The individual has a kidney stone however due to their size The individual was not refusing the necessary medical treatment and had received prior treatment. The treatment plan had been discussed with the person and family but a nurse involved in the consent process questioned the individual's ability to give consent due to the person having family involved to assist them but no power of attorney or legal guardianship arrangement. Motion to close informal case made by Rod Joos. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion passes.

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 Connie Hardy. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion passes.

24-090-9023 – Emergency Services, Rights Violation an individual with dementia had their rights violated by community emergency response services when the individual was removed from their residence without cause. The individual was cooperative and displaying no behaviors

that would be considered a danger to themselves or others. Emergency providers were working with an illegal power of attorney when making the decision to transport to the hospital. Motion to close case and refer to Office of State Guardian for training purposes made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Shannon Dault.

Draft Report:

23-090-9018 - The Children's Home SASS Program – Motion to approve Draft Report and send to provider made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Rod Joos. Motion passes.

Case Closures:

23-090-9003 – McLean County Jail - Motion to table case closure pending fourth response made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion passes.

23-090-9012 - Knox County Jail – Motion to table case closure pending further response made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Rod Joos. Connie Hardy asked for Point of Order to clarify response.

23-090-9015 – McLean County Jail – Motion to table case closure pending response made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion passes.

24-090-9001 - Gateway at RiverCity – Motion to table case closure pending second response made by Connie Hardy. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion passes.

Other Business:

Mandatory 2024 trainings for board members.

Review Volunteer Board Applications. Motion made by Jim Runyon to invite two of the applicants to the July 17, 2024 board meeting for interview. Seconded by Rod Joos.

Tracy Wright recognition for completion of her 6 year term on the HRA board.

ADJOURNMENT

Rod Joos adjourned the meeting at 11:33am

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Dault, Secretary