

PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES

November 20, 2024

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:03 am Wednesday November 20, 2024, at the Bloomington YMCA 202 St. Joseph Dr. Bloomington, Illinois 61704.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Runyon, Shannon Dault, Dianna Taylor-Meneses, Dr. Tracy Knight, Connie Hardy, Heather Choi, and Sharon Tear

Absent: Rod Joos and Meri Tucker

Staff: Erin Nowlan
Lara Davis

Guests: Michelle Arnold
Heidi Peak

Connie Hardy 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 Tracy Knight to enter closed session at 10:13am 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 case. Board returned to Open session at 10:23am. Dianna Taylor-Meneses made a motion to return to closed session at 10:25am. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Michelle Arnold and Heidi Peak were guests during closed session and left at 10:31am. Board returned to Open Session at 11:22am.

MINUTES

Motion to approve September 18, 2024 Open Meeting Minutes made by Dianna Taylor-Meneses. Seconded by Shannon Dault.

Motion to approve informal minutes from July 17, 2024 made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Shannon Dault.

Ratifications:

None

New Cases:

25-090-9002 – Behavioral Health Unit – Patient Rights Violation, the complaint alleges a patient's rights were violated when they voluntarily admitted to the behavioral health unit, and nursing staff refused to provide the patient with their asthma inhaler medications. When nursing staff refused to provide or explain why they would not provide the asthma medication this caused anxiety for the recipient and triggered the recipient's behavioral health symptoms. Police were called to the unit and asked that the nursing staff provide the patient with their asthma medications. Motion to table case opening pending release of information made by Dianna Taylor-Meneses. Seconded by Shannon Dault.

25-090-9003 – CILA - (1) Failure to provide adequate and Humane services, including failure to support a resident requiring assistance with daily haircare, failure to follow a recipient's behavior plan resulting in injury of a recipient, and failure to follow allergy and other diet restrictions ordered by a physician. (2) Resident rights violation, occurred when facility failed to take a recipient to engage in community activities such as attend church and grocery shop. Motion to table case opening pending release made by Shannon Dault. Seconded by Tracy Knight.

25-090-9004 - District Special Education Program - Inadequate special education services including, Inadequate special education services, not following 504 Accommodations, and failure to provide assessment and evaluation of a student for special education services evidenced by the school threatening the use of law enforcement to control student behaviors. Motion to open case made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Dianna Taylor-Meneses. Case open.

25-90-9005 - Child Welfare Agency - Rights violation occurred when agency moved an individual with disabilities to an ICFDD placement without notifying family member of the move. Motion to table case opening pending release of information made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Dianna Taylor-Meneses.

25-090-9006 - Behavioral Health Unit - Inadequate involuntary admission process, the complaint alleges a recipient of services did not receive their copies of the Involuntary Petition and certificate within 12 hours of admission. Patient rights violation, complaint alleges provider failed to communicate rights restrictions and treatment planning with person of choice. Inhumane care, complaint alleges a recipient of services was cursed at saying, "Fucking [Name]" when a request was made to have their meal tray brought to their room. Complaint also alleges a recipient did not receive their requested Pepsi. Motion to table case opening pending release made by Shannon Dault. Seconded by Sharon Tear.

Draft Report:

24-090-9012 – Red Oaks Memory Care – motion to approve draft report and send to provider made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion carries.

24-090-9016 – OSF St. Elizabeth Hospital – Ottawa – motion to table approval of draft report pending further review made by Shannon Dault. Seconded by Dianna Taylor-Meneses. Motion carries.

25-090-9001 – Villas of Hollybrook Pekin – motion to approve draft report and send to provider made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Dianna Taylor-Meneses. Motion carries.

Case Closures:

23-090-9002 – Peoria County Jail – motion to close case made by Shannon Dault. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries. Case closed.

23-090-9009 – UnityPoint Healthcare Methodist/Proctor – motion to table case closure pending response made by Dianna Taylor-Meneses. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion carries.

23-090-9012 - Knox County Jail – motion to table case closure pending response and grant extension until January 3, 2025 made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries.

24-090-9002 – Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center – motion to close case and make the report public made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Dianna Taylor-Meneses. Shannon Dault abstains. Motion carries. Case closed.

24-090-9003 – Carle Methodist Hospital – motion to close case and make the report public made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Dianna Taylor-Meneses. Motion carries. Case closed.

Other Business:

Mandatory 2024 Board trainings and a reminder that 2025 will again require mandatory training.
2025 Board Meeting Dates

ADJOURNMENT

Connie Hardy adjourned the meeting at 11:43am

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Dault, Secretary