

PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
September 18, 2024

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:03 am Wednesday September 18, 2024, at the Chillicothe Public Library 430 N. Bradley Ave. Chillicothe, Il 61523

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Runyon, Shannon Dault, Meri Tucker, Dr. Tracy Knight, Connie Hardy and Heather Choi

Absent: Rod Joos, Sharon Tear and Dianna Taylor-Meneses

Staff: Erin Nowlan

Guests: Jennifer Donnelly
Angel Marinch

Shannon Dault 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 10:19am 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 Meri Tucker and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss confidential aspects of cases with guests attending representing their agency. Angel Marinch left closed session at 10:35am. Jennifer Donnelly left closed session at 10:45am. Board returned to Open Session at 11:32am.

MINUTES

Motion to approve May 15, 2024 Open Meeting Minutes made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Meri Tucker.

Motion to approve and keep confidential the Executive Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2024, March 20, 2024 and May 15, 2024 made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Shannon Dault.

Ratifications:

24-090-9024 - motion to approve ratification of case opening made by Meri Tucker and seconded by Jim Runyon

24-090-9019 – motion to approve ratification of motion to table case opening pending release made by Meri Tucker and seconded by Shannon Dault

24-090-9022 – motion to approve ratification of motion to table case opening pending release made by Jim Runyon and Meri Tucker

25-090-9001 – motion to approve ratification of motion to table case opening pending release made by Tracy Knight and seconded by Meri Tucker.

23-090-9009 UnityPoint Healthcare – motion to approve ratification of motion to approve draft report and send to the provider made by Jim Runyon and seconded by Shannon Dault.

23-090-9003 – McLean County Jail – motion to approve ratification of motion to close case and make the report public made by Jim Runyon and seconded by Tracy Knight.

23-090-9012 – Knox County Jail – motion to approve ratification of motion to table closure and grant an extension made by Meri Tucker and seconded by Shannon Dault.

23-090-9015 – McLean County Jail – motion to approve ratification of motion to close case and make report public made by Jim Runyon and seconded by Meri Tucker.

23-090-9018 – The Children’s Home – motion to approve ratification of motion to close case and make the report public made by Tracy Knight and seconded by Shannon Dault.

24-090-9001 – Gateway at River City – motion to approve ratification of motion to table case closure made by Meri Tucker and Tracy Knight.

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 close case due to no release made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Connie Hardy

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 close case due to not release made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Tracy Knight.

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 open made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Tracy Knight.

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 Jim Runyon. Seconded by Tracy Knight.

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 Jim Runyon. 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 table case opening pending release made by Meri Tucker and seconded by Shannon Dault.

25-090-9005 - 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 Tracy Knight. Seconded by Meri Tucker.

25-90-9006 - 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 Meri Tucker. Seconded by Shannon Dault.

Draft Report:

23-090-9002 – Peoria County Jail – motion to approve draft report and send to provider made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Shannon Dault.

24-090-9002 – Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center – motion to approve draft report with correction made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Meri Tucker.

24-090-9003 – Carle Methodist Hospital – motion to approve draft report and send to provider made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Meri Tucker.

Case Closures:

23-090-9009 - UnityPoint Healthcare Methodist/Proctor – motion to table case closure pending response made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Shannon Dault.

23-090-9012 - Knox County Jail – motion to table case closure pending response, letter sent notifying of possible enforcement action made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Heather Choi.

24-090-9001 - Gateway at RiverCity – motion to close case and make the report public made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Tracy Knight.

Other Business:

Motion was made by Jim Runyon to appoint Connie Hardy as chairperson, Rod Joos to continue as Vice-Chairperson, and Shannon Dault to continue as Secretary. Seconded by Meri Tucker.

Reviewed HRA Data for 2024 Fiscal year.

2024 training review

Welcome to new board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Connie Hardy adjourned the meeting at 11:51am

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Dault, Secretary