

METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES

April 11, 2024

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 5:16p.m., Thursday, April 11th, 2024 by Catherine Goebel.

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

HRA Members Present: Catherine Goebel, Georgia Rands, and Emily Bruegge-Klein

HRA Members Absent: Karen Kelly, Andrea Frazier, Denise Bradley, Marie Krysinski and Diane Borawski

Guests: None

Staff Present: Jo Ann (Jodi) Russell-Baum

INTRODUCTIONS

Catherine Goebel recognized that a quorum was NOT 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 February 8, 2024 were reviewed for correction. No corrections were noted. A vote was not taken to approve minutes due to the lack of a quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS

SPED training is now on the IGAC website, and is open to the public. OneNet Trainings are now available online for board members.

NEW BUSINESS

RATIFICATIONS

None

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

24-070-9002 – ICF-DD – adequate and humane care (sedation dentistry)

Following progress of the facility hiring a dentist. No update is available at this time. No vote taken and will continue to table.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board did not enter closed session due to the lack of a quorum.

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)**
- 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)**
- 24-070-9005 -- Community Link – ROR/right to appeal (ready for report)**
- 24-070-9007 -- Community Link – ROR/right to appeal (ready for report)**
- 24-070-9009 -- Villas of Holly Brook – adequate and humane care (needs site visit)**

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT REPORT REVIEWS:

21-070-9004 – Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care
Several members, at the previous meeting, wanted the recommendation to be worded stronger.

23-070-9008 -- Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care (not ready, waiting on OIG reports)

No vote taken

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION OF CASE CLOSURES:

20-070-9003 – Alton Mental Health Center -- censorship/property/restriction of rights (waiting on policies/supportive documentation)

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

hygienist to be hired)

MOTIONS REGARDING REPORT APPROVALS:

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

Emily Brugge-Klein made a motion to table case closure. Georgia Rands seconded the motion that the motion carried.

23-070-9008 -- Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care (not ready, waiting on OIG reports)

Report is not ready for approval. No vote taken.

MOTIONS REGARDING CASE CLOSURE:

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

Georgia Rands made a motion to Table case closure until a hygienist begins working at the facility. Emily Brugge-Klein seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Upon a motion by Georgia Rands, seconded by Emily Brugge-Klein, members voted to Table case closure until supportive documentation has been received.

OTHER BUSINESS

The HRA is looking for 1 additional board member. Potential candidates were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:

The HRA is looking for additional community outreach opportunities. Members were made aware of the AADD Conference that is held in May. The HRA will have a breakout session about patient rights.

The next scheduled meeting is on June 13th, 2024 at 5:00pm at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission.

Members agreed to adjourn meeting at 6:00 p.m.