
Human Rights Authority, North Suburban Region
IGAC 9511 Harrison Street Des Plaines, Illinois 6001 - LGI Room

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday December 3, 2024

Members Present: Justin Houcek, David Rubin, Mark Johnson,

Members Absent/Excused: Jayme Crooks, Adell Crump, Terri Steinberg

Staff Present: Mariah Balaban, North Suburban HRA Disability Rights Manager; Alejandra Meza HRA Disability Rights Manager; Jon Burnett, Administrator HRA Northern Regions,

Call to order Open Session: Member Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. There was no quorum so only certain HRA business could be conducted and the minutes from the October 2024 HRA meeting could not be approved. The confidentiality statement was read.

New Business: vote on the opening of investigations into new complaints:

Member Johnson motioned not to open an investigation and to close case 25-100-9009 against a Hospital Psychiatric Unit. Member Houcek seconded, and the motion passed. Member Rubin motioned not to open an investigation and to close case 25-100-9010 against a Hospital Psychiatric Unit. Member Johnson seconded and the motion passed. Member Johnson motioned to open case 25-100-9011 against Aperion Care West Chicago and to address the complaint informally instead of through an investigation. Member Rubin seconded and the motion passed. Member Rubin motioned to open an investigation into case 25-100-9012 against Vista Medical Center East. Member Houcek seconded, and the motion passed. Member Johnson motioned to open an investigation into case 25-100-9013 against Lake Behavioral Hospital. Member Rubin seconded and the motion passed. Member Houcek motioned to open an investigation into case 25-100-9014 against Elgin Mental Health Center. Member Johnson seconded and the motion passed. Member Johnson motioned not to open an investigation and to close case 25-100-9015 against a Hospital Psychiatric Unit. Member Rubin seconded and the motion passed.

Open Session

The HRA DRMs briefly presented the draft reports for cases 23-100-9012, 23-100-9005, and 24-100-9020 and briefly presented the provider responses for cases 23-100-9003 and 23-100-9006.

New Action Items

Member Johnson voted to accept the draft report for case 23-100-9005 against Kiley Developmental Center. Member Rubin seconded and the motion passed. Member Johnson voted to accept the draft report for case 23-100-9012 against Chicago Behavioral Hospital. Member Rubin seconded and the motion passed. Member Rubin voted to accept the draft report for case 24-100-9020 against Aperion Care Chicago West. Member Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

Member Johnson voted to accept the provider response close the cases and publish the report for 23-100-9003 against Chicago Behavioral Hospital. Member Houcek seconded, and the motion passed. Member Rubin voted to accept the provider response close the cases and publish the report for case 23-100-9006 against EMHC. Member Johnson seconded and the motion passed. Member Johnson voted to accept the provider response close the cases and publish the report for 24-100-9013 against Good Samaritan. Member Rubin seconded and the motion passed.

Other Business and Adjournment:

The HRA voted unanimously to approve the 2025 meeting calendar. At 6:29pm Member Houcek motioned to end the meeting, Member Johnson seconded, and the motion carried.