

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SPRINGFIELD REGION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 8, 2024
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
830 S. Spring St., Springfield, Illinois

PRESENT: James Bakunas, Abdush Shakoor, Javed Irshad, Lisa Beam, and Jimmie Miller.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Diana Braun, Karen Osgood

STAFF: Jon Burnet

Guests:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Springfield Region was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by the Springfield Region Chair James Bakunas.

It was determined that a quorum was present and that business could be conducted. Jon read the confidentiality statement.

Minutes: Jay moved to approve the June 25, 2024 open and closed session minutes. Jimmie seconded and the motion carried.

Communications:

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications for case acceptance:

Ratifications for report approval/issuance:

Ratifications for case closures:

New complaints:

24-050-9009 A patient is prohibited from doing legal work in the gym. Gym doors are now being locked on both sides; patients will have to ring a bell and wait for staff to exit. A staff person reached Jon to complain it is a hazard. HRA would like Jon to gather more information, he reported speaking with administration. They insist locking is to prevent visitors from wandering patient areas; other unit have locked visiting rooms. Shakoor moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. Jimmie seconded and the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At 5:54 pm, Lisa moved to enter Executive/Closed Session pursuant to the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955/21) and the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2). Jay seconded and the motion carried. The purpose of the closed session was for discussion on any case assignments, case progress, draft reports, responses and case closures (24-050-9005, 9006 and 9011). The HRA returned to the open session at 6:13 pm having taken no votes in the closed session.

Case progress:

24-050-9011 Packard MHC. Jon prepared packets for the team and asked that they look at their schedules for interviews.

Reports for acceptance:

24-050-9005 Packard MHC. The HRA reviewed and were satisfied with the report as drafted. Jay moved to accept and issue the report. Jimmie seconded and the motion carried.

Accept responses, close and publish:

22-050-9011 Jacksonville Memorial. A response was neither required nor received. Jimmie moved to close and publish the case. Lisa seconded and the motion carried.

24-050-9006 Adams County Jail. The HRA reviewed the response and were satisfied with the resolution. Jimmie moved to accept the response, close and publish the case. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried.

Other unfinished business, announcements and comments:

The next meeting is on September 24, 2024.

Adjournment:

Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Jay seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Burnet, Recorder