

SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024
Sertoma Star Services
(Conference Room)
4331 Lincoln Highway
Matteson, Illinois 60443

The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Carol Genutis, the Acting Chairperson at 10:05 a.m.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Carol Genutis

ATTENDED VIRTUALLY: Amy Upson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Gawthorp, Lisa Bellamy, Pamela Cabrera, and Patrice Henderson.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman, HRA Regional Disability Rights Manager

GUESTS: Miracle Leach, Trinity Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HRA Regional Acting Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was not present and that all business could be discussed.

II. COMMUNICATION

The June 14th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, December 13th, 2023, and February 14th, 2024 meeting minutes could not be approved because a quorum of members was not physically present at the meeting.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

24-040-9005 (Special Educational Program) The complaint was postponed for acceptance because additional information was requested at regional public meeting in October. The Disability Rights Manager had previously reported that the student's behavioral problem was resolved, per the HRA Special Education Rights Manager. However, the HRA members had requested clarification about how the behavioral problem is related to the transportation issue and if the parent was allowed to review a recording of the student that is a part of student's educational record. The HRA Special Education Rights Manager further reported that the student is being safely transported to and from school with supervision and that the school district has offered compensatory for time missed. A letter was sent to the parent/guardian for clarification about whether the parent was allowed to review a recording of the student that is part of his record. However, a response to the HRA's letter was not received. The complaint will be reviewed at the next meeting.

24-040-9007 (Developmental Disability Facility) The complaint was initiated by the HRA and was discussed at the public meeting on today. The HRA would be looking at policies and procedures and interviewing staff but not any specific resident if this complain is accepted for investigation.

24-040-9008 (Cila) This complaint involves a parental guardian and a CILA. The guardian said her son was sent to his day program right after being sent home from the emergency department for shoulder pain. She thinks he should have been allowed to stay home. She went to the day program at this point and said that her son was sleeping in his wheelchair. She said he did not want to go to the day program, although staff said that he did want to go to day program but did not want to tell his parental guardian this. She talked to the house manager at the day program and said the house manager was very rude to her. A signed release was received. The HRA members suggested that the guardian may want to file a formal complaint with the provider.

24-040-9009 (Correctional Center) The complaint stated that the inmate was physically abuse by correctional officers and other inmates. This complaint has been referred to the Illinois Department of Corrections as well as the John Howard Association for possible investigation. This complaint will not be accepted for investigation pending a quorum at the next scheduled meeting.

24-040-9010 (Correctional Center) The complaint stated that the inmate was not provided with needed devices (vibrating watch and headphones) for his hearing disability. This complaint was referred to the Illinois Department of Corrections Manager for possible investigation and the Disability Rights Manager was informed that the inmate has received his needed devices for his disability. This complaint will not be accepted for investigation pending a quorum at the next scheduled meeting.

24-040-9011 (Nursing Home) The complaint stated that the nursing facility would not accept the recipient for rehabilitation because of statement that her sister had made about the facility several years ago. The complainant was informed to report the complaint to the Illinois Department of Public Health because the licensing agency would be more appropriate for possible follow up. This complaint will not be accepted for investigation pending a quorum at the next scheduled meeting.

24-040-9012 (Residential Treatment Center) The complaint stated that residents were not allowed to call the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission when a search was conducted on the lodge because the staff unplugged the phones. This complaint will be reviewed for possible follow up pending a quorum at the next scheduled meeting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A closed session was not convened due to the lack of a quorum of members physically present at the meeting.

There were no new case assignments.

Progress Reports

23-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) A report was not presented as planned at the meeting on today.

23-040-9007 (UChicago Hospital of Ingalls) The medical record and policies requested have been received. A meeting is scheduled with the provider on April 11th, 2024.

23-040-9010 (Lydia Healthcare) A meeting will be scheduled with the provider.

24-040-9001 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) The medical record and policies requested have not been received.

24-040-9002 (Countryside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center) A properly signed release was received and the medical records and policies will be requested.

24-040-9003 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) The medical record and policies requested have been received. A meeting will be scheduled with the provider soon.

24-040-9004 (South Holland Manor) The medical record and policies requested have been received. A meeting will be scheduled with the provider soon.

24-040-9006 (Ludeman Developmental Center) The medical record and policies requested have been received. A meeting will be scheduled with the provider soon.

Reports\Responses

22-040-9009 (Amita Health St. Joe Medical Center) A response was received and will be voted on pending a quorum of members present at the next scheduled meeting.

22-040-9015 (Burbank Rehabilitation Center) The report will be voted on pending a quorum of members present at the next scheduled meeting.

23-040-9002 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) A response was received and will be voted on pending a quorum of members present at the next scheduled meeting.

23-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) The report was not reviewed as planned at the meeting on today.

23-040-9009 (Trinity Services) The report has been reviewed.

Reports\Cases Closures\Accept Responses\Make Available to the Public

22-040-9009 (Amita Health St. Joe Medical Center) The case will be considered for closure at the next scheduled meeting.

22-040-9015 (Burbank Rehabilitation Center) The report will be voted on pending a quorum of members present at the next scheduled meeting.

23-040-9002 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) The case will be considered for closure at the next scheduled meeting.

23-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) The report will be voted on pending a quorum of members present at the next scheduled meeting.

23-040-9009 (Trinity Services) The report will be voted on pending a quorum of members present at the next scheduled meeting.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Complaints accepted (case # 24-040-9001; 24-040-9002; 24-040-9003; 24-040-9004; 24-040-9006) for investigation could not be ratified because a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting. The newly accepted cases will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

Complaint not accepted (case # 23-040-9008) for investigation could not be ratified because a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting. The case will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

Complaint postponed for acceptance (case # 24-040-9005) could not be ratified because a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting. The case will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

Reports approved (case # 22-040-9009 and 23-040-9002) could not be ratified because a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting. The case will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

Closure for (case # 23-040-9001) could not be ratified because a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting. The case will be ratified pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

Hendiz Flynn has submitted his resignation on the regional board. The members will vote on accepting Mr. Flynn's resignation pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

Mandatory trainings for members were discussed.

Open Meeting Act/requirements for remote attendance

No Executive Closed Minutes for June of 2023 thru November of 2023 for review. The regional authority did not convene a closed session for August, September and October because a quorum

of members was not physically present at the meetings. The regional authority did not meet in July and November.

The need for HRA volunteer members was discussed. The Regional Disability Rights Manager has received two completed applications from individuals interested in volunteering with the regional board.

The meeting packets were discussed.

The need to schedule site visits/virtual meetings was discussed.

The regional HRA public meetings will be held in person on the second Wednesday of the scheduled month at various locations at 10:00 a.m.

The HRA regional next scheduled public meeting will be held at the Sertoma Star Services (Conference Room), 4331 Lincoln Highway, Matteson, Illinois 60443 on May 8th, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

The regional HRA consented to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geraldine Boatman, Acting Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region

