

PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
January 15, 2025

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:02 am Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at the Guardianship & Advocacy Commission (Becker Building) 401 Main St. Suite 620 6th floor conference room Peoria, IL 61602.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sharon Tear, Meri Tucker, Heather Choi, Shannon Dault, Dianna Taylor Meneses, Tracy Knight, and Connie Hardy

Absent: Jim Runyon and Rod Joos

Staff: Erin Nowlan
Gene Seaman

Guests: None

Connie Hardy 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 Dianna Taylor Meneses to enter closed session at 10:08am 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 Shannon Dault and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss confidential aspects of case. Sharon Tear arrived during closed session at 10:19am. Board returned to Open session at 11:07am.

MINUTES

Motion to approve September 18, 2024 Open Board Meeting Minutes made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion passes.

Motion to approve and keep confidential November 20, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Meri Tucker. Motion passes.

Motion to correct page 3, line 2, of September 18, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion passes.

Motion to approve and keep confidential September 18, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Meri Tucker. Motion passes.

Ratifications:

None

New Cases:

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 close case due to no release of information made by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion carries. Case closed.

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 close case due to no release of information made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries. Case closed.

25-90-9005 - 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 open case as a policy review made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion carries.

25-090-9006 - 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 close case due to no release made by Shannon Dault. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion carries. Case closed.

25-090-9007 - Public transportation – ADA Violation, the complaint alleges a public transportation company was no longer providing service to a bus stop that was frequently used by an individual with a disability. Motion to close case, informal resolution made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Tracy Knight. Motion carries. Case closed.

25-090-9008 – Outpatient Behavioral Health Provider – improper denial of services, the complaint alleges a provider will not allow an individual with a behavioral health diagnosis to participate in groups. Motion to table case made by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Seconded by Tracy Knight. Motion carries.

25-090-9009 – Landlord – Rights violation, the complaint alleges a minor child is diagnosed with autism and makes loud noises at times. Concern that landlord could evict the family and was recently given a warning about noise. Motion to close case due to not being a disability service provider made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries. Case closed.

25-090-9010 – County Jail – Inadequate medical care of a detainee with a cardiac condition requiring medications, the complaint alleges a detainee with congestive heart failure is not receiving his medications as prescribed. Motion to table case opening pending release made by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion carries.

25-090-9011 – Mental Health Provider – Inadequate behavioral health care, the complaint alleges an individual with a history of fire setting was recently placed at a facility and had their Depakote stopped without titrating the medication resulting in an adverse reaction evidenced by tremors. Motion to table pending further information made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion carries.

Draft Reports:

24-090-9009 – Gateway at River City – Motion to approve draft report and send to provider made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Tracy Knight. Motion passes.

24-090-9016 – OSF St. Elizabeth Hospital – Ottawa – Motion to approve draft report and send to provider made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion passes.

24-090-9024 – OSF St. Elizabeth Hospital – Peru – Motion to table approval of draft report made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion passes.

Case Closures:

23-090-9009 – UnityPoint Healthcare Methodist/Proctor – motion to table case closure and enforcement referral action pending response made by Heather Choi. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion carries.

23-090-9012 - Knox County Jail – motion to table case closure pending third response made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion carries.

24-090-9012 – Red Oak Memory Care – motion to table case closure pending second response made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries.

24-090-9001 – Villa of Hollybrook – Pekin – motion to close case and make the report public made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Shannon Dault. Motion carries. Case closed.

Other Business:

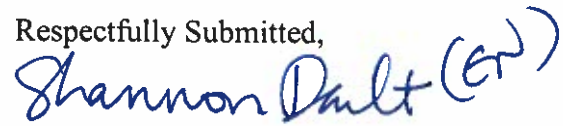
2025 Board trainings will be rolling out soon.

Accessing training portal through the Attorney General's website for Open Meetings Act training continues to be a barrier for some.

ADJOURNMENT

Connie Hardy adjourned the meeting at 11:28am

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Dault, Secretary