

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
CHICAGO REGION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
Madden MHC, Room 1088: 1200 S. First Ave., Hines, Illinois

PRESENT: Kamil Brady, Joe Lupa, Tiffany Johnson and Michael Romain.

ABSENT: Judi Bradley, Linda Cervenka, Gary Doherty, and Nicole Erickson.

STAFF: Jeremy Polk (Disability Rights Manager - DRM), and Alejandra Meza (DRM).

GUEST: Elizabeth Edelen (Potential HRA Member).

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Chicago Region was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by the Chicago Region Member Kamil Brady.

It was determined that a quorum was not present. The confidentiality statement was read by Jeremy Polk.

Minutes: Meeting minutes were not approved for the Chicago HRA's last two meetings as a quorum of members were not present.

Communications: DRM informed members about the annual trainings and updated them on potential remote meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications:

All ratifications were tabled as there was no quorum to vote on ratifying previous actions.

New Cases:

25-030-9047 – New Case – A family member reports that a recipient was in a facility past necessity. The release was still not provided, so the case was not accepted for investigation. The motion to not accept was entered by Joe. The motion was seconded by Mike. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

25-030-9050 – New Case – A recipient states that they are involuntary and would like to speak with an attorney. DRM forwarded information to LAS. The motion to open this case was entered by Kamil. The motion was seconded by Joe. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

25-030-9054 – New Case – DRM received an email from LAS about a recipient with complete ROI. Per email recipient was provided forced medication without received a notice on restriction of rights. The case was accepted for investigation. The motion was entered by Kamil. The motion was seconded by Mike. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

26-030-9001 – New Case – DRM received a call from a concerned guardian. The guardian reported that a recipient of services was eligible for the Colbert community program. The guardian reported that the service agency discontinued services after the recipient was hospitalized. The DRM did speak with the service provider, and it was determined that the recipient's services would be reinstated. Motion to open and close this case as handled informally was entered by Joe. The motion was seconded by Mike. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

26-030-9002 – New Case – Referral from DRM met with patient at hospital on 7/17. The patient states that he was sent to the hospital from his nearby nursing home due to some behavioral issues. The recipient confirms he wants to move back to be closer to his mother. Reports that hospital administered medication that he was allergic to, and it resulted in a wound on his leg. He also states that he has been administered shots while lying in bed and not doing anything. The case was accepted for investigation. The motion was entered by Kamil. The motion was seconded by Mike. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

26-030-9003 – New Case – A complainant reports being misdiagnosed, given forced medication and being prevented from transferring to a facility of choice. The case was accepted for investigation on whether the recipient received forced medications. Motion to accept the case was entered by Joe. The motion was seconded by Kamil. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

26-030-9004 – New Case – A guardian reports that a facility provided inhumane care. The facility gave a recipient forced medications, did not allow the recipient to utilize the phone and restricted visitors. The motion to accept was entered by Joe. The motion was seconded by Kamil. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

26-030-9005 – New Case – A State guardian attempted to visit a patient in August 2025 at their rehab facility, only to find out that patient had been discharged back to their assisted living facility without notification. The guardian was not involved in any treatment planning or discharge planning. The patient had been in the facility since 08/2024 and was discharged on 07/07/25. The guardian did give consent for the resident's prior facility to come in and evaluate the patient to see if they were fit to return to assisted living but did not consent to the discharge and was waiting to hear back from the rehab facility. The motion to accept was entered by Joe. The motion was seconded by Kamil. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

26-030-9006 – New Case – A complainant reports that a service provider is not including them in the treatment planning. The DRM spoke with the recipient and the recipient does not want his guardian included in the treatment plan process. The HRA discussed the whether the facility should adhere to the recipient's request or the request of the complainant. Motion to not accept entered by Kamil. The motion was seconded by Joe. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

26-030-9007 – New Case – A complainant reports that a hospital did not inform them of hospitalization. This is a secondary compliant from the previous one. However, this involves a different service provider. Motion to not accept entered by Kamil. The motion was seconded by Joe. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no motion to enter executive session as there was no quorum.

Case Assignments:

N/A

Draft reports for acceptance:

24-030-9034 – UIHealth – There were no violations present in this case, and it was approved without issue. Motion to issue the report was entered by Joe. The motion was seconded by Kamil. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

25-030-9002 – St. Mary's – The report for this case was accepted without issue. The HRA agreed with the recommendations in the report. Motion to issue the report was entered by Kamil. The motion was seconded by Joe. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

Accept responses, close, and publish:

23-030-9039 – Hartgrove – The report for this case was accepted without issue at the previous meeting. The facility did not provide a response so the HRA tabled the closure of this case. Motion to table the acceptance was entered by Tiffany. The motion was seconded by Mike. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

24-030-9029 – South Shore Hospital – This case was closed as the HRA accepted the facility's response. Motion to close and publish was entered by Tiffany. The motion was seconded by Mike. This motion will be ratified at the next meeting.

25-030-9008 – UChicago – There were no violations present in this case. Motion to close and publish was entered by Tiffany. The motion was seconded by Mike. This motion will be ratified at the next meeting.

Other unfinished business, announcements, and comments:

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn entered by Tiffany. The motion was seconded by Mike and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Lupa for Linda Cervenka – Secretary