

METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES

February 13, 2025

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 5:19p.m., Thursday, February 13th, 2024 by Catherine Goebel.

This meeting was held at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Metro East location.

HRA Members Present: Catherine Goebel, Emily Bruegge-Klein, Felicia Voelkel

HRA Members Absent: Karen Kelly, Andrea Frazier, Georgia Rands, Diane Borawski, Denise Bradley and Marie Krynoski.

Guests: None

Staff Present: Jo Ann (Jodi) Russell-Baum.

INTRODUCTIONS

Catherien Goebel recognized that a quorum was NOT present.

Catherien Goebel read the confidentiality statement that indicates that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Catherien Goebel asked for any changes in the agenda and there were none.

MINUTES

The Open Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of December 12, 2025 were reviewed for correction. No changes noted.

The Closed Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of December 12, 2025, were reviewed for correction. No changes noted.

COMMUNICATIONS

OneNet Trainings are due by the end of the year. 2025 trainings will be available in paper form and online.

NEW BUSINESS

RATIFICATIONS

NONE

NEW COMPLAINTS: The HRA considered the following cases for acceptance:

25-070-9009 – ICF DD– guardian notification

Complaint was tabled at the February meeting. No action taken due to the lack of a quorum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of Case Progress in Open Session:

17-070-9015 – Alton Mental Health Center – privilege level (report in progress)

18-070-9007 --Alton Mental Health Center – inadequate treatment/discharge planning (report in progress)

21-070-9013 – DD Homes Network – adequate treatment/guardian notification (ready for report)

23-070-9003 -- Bryan Manor – adequate care/treatment planning (waiting on additional records, ready for report)

23-070-9006 – Gateway Regional Medical Center – ROR/Advocacy (needs policy review)

24-070-9009 -- Villas of Holly Brook – adequate and humane care (needs site visit & ROI)

25-070-9001 – Vista Care – adequate and humane care/restriction of rights/guardian notification (site visit needed)

25-070-9002 – Alton Mental Health Center – guardian notification/informed consent (records received, report in progress)

25-070-9006 – Alton Mental Health Center – restriction of rights (ready for report)

25-070-9007 – Alton Mental Health Center – appeals/grievance process (ready for report)

25-070-9008– Alton Mental Health Center – rule 50 (ready for report)

MOTIONS REGARDING REPORT APPROVALS:

23-070-9007 – Murray Center – adequate and humane care

Report reviewed. No vote taken due to the lack of a quorum.

23-070-9008 -- Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care

Report is not ready for approval. No vote taken.

MOTIONS REGARDING CASE CLOSURE:

None

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:

The HRA is looking for additional community outreach opportunities.

The next scheduled meeting is on April 10th, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Edwardsville office.

Members agreed to adjourn meeting at 5:42p.m.