

METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES

December 11, 2025

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 5:05p.m., Thursday, December 11th, 2025 by Catherine Goebel.

This meeting was held at Bella Milano.

HRA Members Present: Catherine Goebel, Andrea Frazier, Georgia Rands, Marie Krysnoski, Emily Bruegge-Klein and Felicia Voelkel.

HRA Members Absent: Karen Kelly, Denise Bradley and Diane Borawski.

Guests: None

Staff Present: Jodi Russell-Baum.

INTRODUCTIONS

Catherine Goebel recognized that a quorum was present.

Catherine 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.

Catherine Goebel asked for any changes in the agenda. It was noted that the Agenda stated the minutes being reviewed were from December 11, 2025, that will be changed to October 23rd, 2025. No other changes noted.

MINUTES

The Open Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of October 16, 2025 were reviewed for correction. Member DB was listed as in attendance and that should be changed to absent. Change noted.

Andrea Frazier made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Felicia Voelkel seconded the motion and the motion carried. Minutes approved.

The Closed Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of October 16, 2025 were reviewed for correction. DB will be listed as absent. Change noted.

Marie Krysnoski made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Felicia Voelkel seconded the motion and the motion carried. Minutes approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

OneNet Trainings are complete for 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

RATIFICATIONS

NONE

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

25-070-9001 Hospital – ROR

Georgia Rands made a motion to not accept the complaint. Member, Andrea Frazier seconded the motion and the motion passed. Case not accepted.

25-070-9003 ICF/DD – Personal Property

Georgia Rands made a motion to not accept the complaint. Member, Felicia Voelkel seconded the motion and the motion passed. Case not accepted. It was discussed that if this continues to happen, a policy review would be warranted.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Upon a motion by Andrea Frazier, seconded by Georgia Rands, members, Catherine Goebel, Andrea Frazier, Georgia Rands, Marie Krynoski, Emily Bruegge-Klein and Felicia Voelkel, unanimously voted to enter closed session at 5:24p.m. pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss case progress and reports of finding.

CLOSED SESSION CASE PROGRESS REPORTS REVIEWED:

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)

23-070-9008 -- Alton Mental Health Center– adequate and humane care (report in progress)

24-070-9009 -- Villas of Holly Brook – adequate and humane care (requested additional policies)

25-070-9001 – Vista Care – adequate and humane care/restriction of rights/guardian notification (ready for report, discussed possible in person site visit)

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 (requested records)
25-070-9010 -- Alton Mental Health Center – rule 50 (schedule site visit and combine report)
25-070-9011 – Patterson House – Personal Needs Allowance (needs site visit)
26-070-9002 – Abundant Possibilities & Services – ROR (needs site visit)

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT REPORT REVIEWS:

None

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION OF CASE CLOSURES:

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

Response was inadequate, extensions provided previously and an email was sent to the CEO from Gene, who had previous contact with the CEO. No action taken in closed session.

Open session reconvened at 5:28 p.m. with no action being taken in this session.

MOTIONS REGARDING REPORT APPROVALS:

None

MOTIONS REGARDING CASE CLOSURE:

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

Andrea Frazier made a motion to table case closure and continue to negotiate by sending 2 letters prior to the next meeting requesting a response or the board could potentially vote for an enforcement referral. Marie Krynoski seconded the motion and the motion carried. Closure Tabled

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:

The HRA is looking for additional community outreach opportunities.

The next scheduled meeting is February 12th, 2026 at 5:00pm at the Edwardsville Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Office. A private room has been reserved.

Members agreed to adjourn meeting at 5:31p.m.