

METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES

April 10, 2025

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 5:02p.m., Thursday, April 10th, 2024 by Catherine Goebel.

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

HRA Members Present: Catherine Goebel, Karen Kelly, Georgia Rands, Diane Borawski, Marie Krysnoski, Emily Bruegge-Klein, Felicia Voelkel

HRA Members Absent: Andrea Frazier and Denise Bradley.

Guests: None

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Catherien Goebel recognized that a quorum was 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.

Denise Bradley made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Karen Kelly seconded the motion and the motion carried. Minutes approved.

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

Denise Bradley made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Karen Kelly seconded the motion and the motion carried. Minutes approved.

The Open Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of February 13, 2025 were reviewed for correction. No changes noted.

Georgia Rands made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Emily Bruegge-Klein seconded the

motion and the motion carried. Minutes approved.

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

Karen Kelly made a motion to not accept the complaint. Felicia Voelkel seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case not accepted.

25-070-9010 Hospital – neglect/Rule 50

Marie Krysnoski made a motion to accept the complaint. Georgia Rands seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case accepted.

25-070-9011 Cila/ICF-DD – personal needs/financial

Karent Kelly made a motion to accept the complaint. Felicia Voelkel seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Upon a motion by Emily Bruegge-Klein, seconded by Marie Krysnoski, members, Catherine Goebel, Karen Kelly, Georgia Rands, Diane Borawski, Felicia Voelkel, unanimously voted to enter closed session at 5:27p.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:

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)

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 (needs site visit & ROI)

25-070-9001 – Vista Care – adequate and humane care/restriction of rights/guardian notification (ready for report)

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT REPORT REVIEWS:

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

Report discussed with no changes noted. No action taken in closed session.

25-070-9002 – Alton Mental Health Center – guardian notification/informed consent

Report discussed with no changes noted. No action taken in closed session.

25-070-9006 – Alton Mental Health Center – restriction of rights

25-070-9007 – Alton Mental Health Center – appeals/grievance process

25-070-9008– Alton Mental Health Center – rule 50

Combined report is not ready for review. No action taken in closed session.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION OF CASE CLOSURES:

None

Open session reconvened at 5:47 p.m. with no action being taken in this session.

MOTIONS REGARDING REPORT APPROVALS:

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

Karen Kelly made a motion to accept the report as written. Emily Bruegge-Klein seconded the motion and the motion carried. Report approved.

25-070-9002 – Alton Mental Health Center – guardian notification/informed consent

Georgia Rands made a motion to accept the report as written. Diane Borawski seconded the motion and the motion carried. Report approved.

25-070-9006 – Alton Mental Health Center – restriction of rights

25-070-9007 – Alton Mental Health Center – appeals/grievance process

25-070-9008– Alton Mental Health Center – rule 50

Combined report is not ready for review. 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 June 12th, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Edwardsville office.

Members agreed to adjourn meeting at 6:01p.m.