

METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES

October 23, 2025

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 5:07p.m., Thursday, October 23rd, 2024 by Karen Kelly.

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

HRA Members Present: Catherine Goebel, Karen Kelly, Diane Borawski, Andrea Frazier, Marie Krysnoski, Emily Bruegge-Klein and Felicia Voelkel.

HRA Members Absent: Georgia Rands and Denise Bradley.

Guests: None

Staff Present: Gene Seaman.

INTRODUCTIONS

Karen Kelly recognized that a quorum was present.

Karen Kelly 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.

Karen Kelly asked for any changes in the agenda and there were none.

MINUTES

The Open Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of August 14, 2025 were reviewed for correction. No changes noted.

Emily Bruegge-Klein 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 August 14, 2025 were reviewed for correction. No changes noted.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

NEW BUSINESS

RATIFICATIONS

NONE

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

NONE

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Upon a motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by Andrea Frazier, members, Catherine Goebel, Karen Kelly, Diane Borawski, Marie Krysnoski and Andrea Frazier, unanimously voted to enter closed session at 5:20p.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)

25-070-9012 – Abundant Possibilities & Services – ROR (needs site visit)

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT REPORT REVIEWS:

None

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION OF CASE CLOSURES:

17-070-9015 – Alton Mental Health Center – privilege level

Case was informally resolved, can close with no report due to age of complaint

18-070-9007 --Alton Mental Health Center – inadequate treatment/discharge planning

Case was informally resolved, can close with no report due to age of complaint

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

Response was inadequate, extension provided previously. No action taken in closed session.

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

Supportive documentation received and reviewed with response. No action taken in closed session.

Open session reconvened at 5:52 p.m. with no action being taken in this session.

MOTIONS REGARDING REPORT APPROVALS:

None

MOTIONS REGARDING CASE CLOSURE:

17-070-9015 – Alton Mental Health Center – privilege level

Case was informally resolved, can close with no report due to age of complaint.

Karen Kelly made a motion to close the case. Andrea Frazier seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case Closed with no report.

18-070-9007 --Alton Mental Health Center – inadequate treatment/discharge planning

Case was informally resolved, can close with no report due to age of complaint.

Karen Kelly made a motion to close the case. Andrea Frazier seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case Closed with no report.

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

Marie Krysnoski made a motion to table case closure and continue to negotiate. Diane Borwarski seconded the motion and the motion carried. Closure Tabled

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

Karen Kelly made a motion to close the case. Emily Bruegge-Klein seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case Closed.

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:

The HRA is looking for additional community outreach opportunities.

The next scheduled meeting is December 11, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Edwardsville Bella Milano. A private room has been reserved.

Members agreed to adjourn meeting at 6:00p.m.