

PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
March 19, 2025

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:02 am Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Macomb City Hall Community Room 232 E. Jackson Macomb, IL 61455.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sharon Tear, Meri Tucker, Heather Choi, Shannon Dault, Dianna Taylor Meneses, and Tracy Knight

Absent: Shannon Dault, Connie Hardy, and Rod Joos

Staff: Erin Nowlan

Guests: Angel Marinch

Meri Tucker read the confidentiality statement: Illinois law protects the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the Human Rights Authority conducts investigations. The Authority welcomes concerned citizens wishing to present information. We remind all citizens and guests that public reference to any name, description, or other information, which would identify an eligible person or the family without consent, is strictly prohibited.

Introductions were made.

Meri Tucker volunteered to chair the meeting due to Connie Hardy, Rod Joos, and Shannon Dault not being in attendance.

The motion was made by Tracy Knight to enter closed session at 10:10am pursuant to Section 120/2 (c) (4) and (10) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 20), Section 3955/10 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) and Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110); the motion was seconded by Heather Choi and carried as follows: Meri Tucker – yes, Jim Runyon -yes, Tracy Knight – yes, Heather Choi – yes, Dianna Taylor Meneses – yes, and Sharon Tear - yes. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss preliminary case activities and confidential aspects of case. Sharon Tear arrived during closed session at 10:19am. Board returned to Open session at 11:07am having taken no action in closed session. Executive minutes were recorded. A summary of closed session includes: Case acceptance details for 25-090-9008, 25-090-9010, 25-090-9011, 25-090-9012 and 25-090-9013 Case acceptance details for Case #; to meet with providers about confidential information for Case #24-090-9010; to discuss a draft report for case #24-090-9006, #24-090-9018, and #24-090-9024, to discuss investigation information for Case #24-090-9005, #24-090-9013, #24-090-9015, #25-090-9004, and #25-090-9005, to review and discuss provider

responses to Case #23-090-9012, #24-090-9009, #24-090-9012, to consider case closure for Case #23-090-9009, and #24-090-9016. Angel Marinch left closed session at 10:28am.

MINUTES

Motion to approve January 15, 2025 Open Board Meeting Minutes made by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Seconded by Tracy Knight. Motion passes.

Ratifications:

None

New Cases:

25-090-9008 – Outpatient Behavioral Health Provider – improper denial of services, the complaint alleges a provider will not allow an individual with a behavioral health diagnosis to participate in groups. Motion to close case made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Tracy Knight. Motion carries.

25-090-9010 – County Jail – Inadequate medical care of a detainee with a cardiac condition requiring medications, the complaint alleges a detainee with congestive heart failure is not receiving his medications as prescribed. Motion to close case made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries.

25-090-9011 – Mental Health Provider – Inadequate behavioral health care, the complaint alleges an individual with a history of fire setting was recently placed at a facility and had their Depakote stopped without titrating the medication resulting in an adverse reaction evidenced by tremors. Motion to open case made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries.

25-090-9012 – Hospital ED – Rights violation, occurred when a patient was denied his choice for a behavioral health admission. Was informed by the ED Physician and RN that he didn't have any rights about where to go for admission and would be going where they sent him. Motion to table case opening pending release made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Tracy Knight. Motion carries.

25-090-9013 – Behavioral Health Unit – Right to privacy violation, allegedly occurred when a patient was admitted for behavioral health care and had asked that the hospital not let people know he was admitted. The patient had received a call from a family member and did not understand how when he asked to not receive calls. Motion to table pending release made by Heather Choi. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion carries.

Draft Reports:

24-090-9006 - Illinois River Correctional Facility – motion to approve draft report and send to the provider made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion passes.

24-090-9018 - Carle Methodist Hospital – motion to approve draft report and send to the provider made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion passes.

24-090-9024 - OSF St. Elizabeth – Peru – motion to approve draft report and send to the provider made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Meri Tucker. Motion passes.

Case Closures:

23-090-9009 – UnityPoint Healthcare Methodist/Proctor – motion to close the case and make the report public made by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion passes.

23-090-9012 - Knox County Jail – motion to table case closure pending third response made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion carries.

24-090-9012 – Red Oak Memory Care – motion to table case closure pending second response made by Tracy Knight. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion carries.

24-090-9016 – OSF St. Elizabeth Hospital – Ottawa – motion to close case and make the report public made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Tracy Knight. Motion carries.

Other Business:

Rod Joos has resigned. The board would like to thank him for his time and dedication to the Peoria Human Rights Authority.

Joan Rice applied to complete the term of Rod Joos. Motion made to recommend Ms. Rice's application to rejoin the Peoria HRA Board made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Sharon Tear.

Shannon Dault's first three-year term ends in May of 2025 and she will not be pursuing a second three-year term.

2025 Board trainings.

ADJOURNMENT

Meri Tucker adjourned the meeting at 11:28am

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Dault, Secretary