

PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES

July 16, 2025

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:07 am Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at Chillicothe Public Library 430 Bradley St. Chillicothe, Illinois 61523.

ROLL CALL

Present: Connie Hardy, Sharon Tear, Joan Rice, Jim Runyon, Heather Choi, Dianna Taylor Meneses and Tracy Wright

Absent: Meri Tucker and Tracy Knight

Staff: Erin Nowlan

Guests: None

Connie Hardy 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.

The motion was made by Joan Rice to enter closed session at 10:22am 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 Jim Runyon and carried as follows: Connie Hardy - yes, Sharon Tear- yes, Jim Runyon -yes, Dianna Taylor Meneses - yes, Joan Rice - yes and Heather Choi - yes. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss preliminary case activities and confidential aspects of case. Tracy Wright arrived during closed session at 10:35am. Board returned to Open session at 11:24am having taken no action in closed session. Executive minutes were recorded. A summary of closed session includes: Case acceptance details for #25-090-9014, #25-090-9016, #25-090-9017 and #25-090-9019. Case specific details to discuss a draft report for case #24-090-9005, to discuss investigation information for Case #25-090-9004, 25-090-9005, 25-090-9011, and #25-090-9018 to review and discuss provider responses to Case #24-090-9006, #24-090-9009, #24-090-9010, #24-090-9013, #24-090-9015, #24-090-9018 and #24-090-9024 to consider case closure.

MINUTES

Motion to approve open meeting minutes from May 21, 2025 made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Sharon Tear.

Motion to approve and keep confidential Executive Meeting minutes from May 21, 2025 made by Joan Rice and seconded by Sharon Tear.

Motion to approve and keep confidential Executive Meeting minutes from March 19, 2025 meeting with corrections made by Sharon Tear and seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses.

Motion to approve and keep confidential Executive Meeting minutes from January 15, 2025 made by Jim Runyon and Dianna Taylor Meneses.

Ratifications:

None

New Cases:

25-090-9014 – Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit, Inhumane care, allegedly occurred when a patient was yelled at by the attending physician in front of others violating the patient's confidentiality and being placed on a shower restriction which required the patient to shower in front of staff in the showering space violating privacy. Motion to close case due to no release made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Joan Rice. Motion carries. Case closed.

25-090-9016 - Patient rights violation, allegedly occurred when a community-based crisis team did not attempt least restrictive interventions to prevent an involuntary behavioral health admission. The complaint alleges a recipient of services was not informed of the plan for involuntary admission. Motion to open case made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries. Case open.

25-090-9017 - Patient rights violation, allegedly occurred during an involuntary admission process and care was not provided in the least restrictive environment and the recipient received unknown emergency medications during ED treatment. Motion to open case made by Heather Choi. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries. Case open.

25-090-9019 – Hospital – (1) Improper treatment planning and restrictive communication with the legal guardian of an adult with disabilities, the hospital's treatment team has restricted a legal guardian's access to visit with an adult with disabilities receiving medical care by having them trespass from the hospital and unable to visit. Security was involved and demanded the legal guardian leave the property. Hospital provided Ativan medication over the guardian's wishes. Treatment team is not communicating with legal guardian about consents for medical treatment, medical plan of care and a plan for discharge. Motion to open case made by Jim Runyon. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion carries. Case open.

Draft Reports:

24-090-9005 – OSF Healthcare – Peoria – motion to approve draft report and send to provider made by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries.

Case Closures:

24-090-9006 - Illinois River Correctional Facility – motion to table case closure pending further second response made by Joan Rice. Seconded by Jim Runyon. Motion carries.

24-090-9009 - Gateway at RiverCity – motion to close case and send for an enforcement referral made by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Seconded by Joan Rice. Motion carries.

24-090-9010 – CityLink/CityLift Transdev Paratransit Service – motion to table case closure pending second response made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Jim Runyon. Motion carries.

24-090-9013 Carle Methodist/Proctor Hospital – motion to close case and make the report public made by Joan Rice. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Case closed.

24-090-9015 – OSF Healthcare – Peoria – motion to table case closure pending second response made by Heather Choi. Seconded by Jim Runyon. Motion carries.

24-090-9018 - Carle Methodist Hospital – motion to close case and make the report public made by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Seconded by Joan Rice. Motion carries. Case closed.

24-090-9024 - OSF St. Elizabeth – Peru – motion to table case closure pending further response made by Joan Rice. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries.

Other Business:

Motion was made by Jim Runyon to reappoint Connie Hardy as board Chairperson. Seconded by Sharon Tear. Connie Hardy remains chair for Peoria HRA board.

Motion was made by Connie Hardy to nominate Sharon Tear as Vice-Chairperson. Seconded by Joan Rice.

Motion was made to nominate Heather Choi as board Secretary by Joan Rice. Seconded by Jim Runyon.

ADJOURNMENT

Connie Hardy adjourned the meeting at 11:38am

Respectfully Submitted,


Heather Choi, Secretary