

PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
September 17, 2025

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:01 am Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at Chillicothe Public Library 430 Bradley St. Chillicothe, Illinois 61523.

ROLL CALL

Present: Connie Hardy, Sharon Tear, Meri Tucker, Tracy Knight, Heather Choi, Dianna Taylor Meneses and Tracy Wright

Absent: Jim Runyon and Joan Rice

Staff: Erin Nowlan

Guests: Chris Jump, Ann Lading-Ferguson, Jill Bachman, and Ron Tyler

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 Tracy Knight to enter closed session at 10:12am 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 Meri Tucker and carried as follows: Connie Hardy – yes, Sharon Tear– yes, Tracy Wright -yes, Dianna Taylor Meneses - yes, Tracy Knight – yes and Heather Choi - yes. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss preliminary case activities and confidential aspects of case. Chris Jump, Ann Lading-Ferguson, Jill Bachman and Ron Tyler entered closed session at 10:20am to discuss confidential aspects of Case #25-090-9005. At 10:30am, Chris Jump, Ann Lading-Ferguson, Jill Bachman, and Ron Tyler left closed session. Board returned to Open session at 11:30am having taken no action in closed session. Executive minutes were recorded. A summary of closed session includes: Case acceptance details for #26-090-9001. Case specific details to discuss a draft report for case #25-090-9005 and 25-090-9018 to discuss investigation information for Case #25-090-9004, 25-090-9011, 25-090-9016, and #25-090-9017 and 25-090-9019 to review and discuss provider responses to Case #24-090-9005, #24-090-9006, #24-090-9010, #24-090-9015, and #24-090-9024 to consider case closure.

MINUTES

Motion to approve open meeting minutes from July 16, 2025 made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Sharon Tear.

Ratifications:

None

New Cases:

26-090-9001 - Hospital – (1) Patient rights violation, allegation states a rights violation occurred when administering medications without consent or rights restriction being issued during behavioral health treatment. (2) Improper behavioral health admission, the complaint alleges a voluntary admission switched to an involuntary admission and recipient of behavioral health treatment was not provided with documentation for either admission type.

Draft Reports:

25-090-9005 – FamilyCore – motion to approve draft report and send to provider made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion carries.

25-090-9018 - EP!C – motion to approve draft report and send to provider made by Sharon Tear. Seconded by Tracy Wright. Motion carries.

Case Closures:

24-090-9005 – OSF Healthcare – Peoria – motion to table case closure made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Tracy Knight. Motion carries.

24-090-9006 - Illinois River Correctional Facility – motion to accept response, close case and make report public made by Dianna Taylor Meneses and seconded by Sharon Tear. Motion carries.

24-090-9010 – CityLink/CityLift Transdev Paratransit Service – motion to table case closure pending second response within thirty days made by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Seconded by Heather Choi. Motion carries.

24-090-9015 – OSF Healthcare – Peoria – motion to table case closure pending further second response made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Tracy Knight. Motion carries.

24-090-9024 - OSF St. Elizabeth – Peru – motion to table case closure pending review of further response made by Meri Tucker. Seconded by Dianna Taylor Meneses. Motion carries.

Other Business:

Reviewed HRA caseload data for Fiscal Year 2025
Reviewed consideration of HRA remote meeting options

ADJOURNMENT

Connie Hardy adjourned the meeting at 11:45am

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Choi, Secretary