
Human Rights Authority, North Suburban Region Board Meeting
Tuesday February 4, 2025 5pm
IGAC 9511 Harrison Street Des Plaines, Illinois 6001 - LGI Room

Minutes

Confidentiality Statement

Members Present: David Rubin, Jayme Crooks, Terri Steinberg, Mark Johnson, Justin Houcek

Members Absent/Excused: Adell Crump

Staff Present: Mariah Balaban, North Suburban HRA Disability Rights Manager; Alejandra Meza HRA Disability Rights Manager

Guests: None

Call to order Open Session

HRA Chairperson Steinberg called the regular monthly meeting of the Human Rights Authority, North Suburban Region to order at 5:02pm. The confidentiality statement was read.

Approve Minutes

Member Johnson motioned to approve the December 2024 open session board minutes. Chairperson Steinberg seconded, and the motion carried. Chairperson Steinberg motioned to approve the October open session board minutes and maintain the confidentiality of closed session minutes. Member Rubin seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business: vote on the opening of investigations into new complaints:

Member Houcek motioned to open an investigation into the medication part of the complaint in case 25-100-9016. Member Crooks seconded and the motion carried. Chairperson Steinberg motioned to open an investigation into case 25-100-9017 (Chicago Behavioral Hospital). Member Rubin seconded and the motion carried. Member Crooks motioned to open an investigation into case 25-100-9018 (Loyola Gottlieb Memorial Hospital). Chairperson Steinberg seconded and the motion carried. Member Rubin motioned to open an investigation into case 25-100-9019 (St Francis Hospital). Chairperson Steinberg seconded and the motion carried. Chairperson Steinberg motioned to open an investigation into case 25-100-9020 (Private Psychiatric Hospital) Member Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Member Johnson motioned not to open an investigation into case 25-100-9021 because the service recipient is under guardianship and the HRA wouldn't have the authority to get involved in the issues at hand. Member Houcek seconded and the motion carried. Member Crooks motioned to table the vote on opening an investigation into case 25-100-9022 until we get more information about the complaint. Member Houcek seconded and the motion carried. Member Crooks motioned to open an investigation into case 25-100-9023 (Lake County Crisis Care Program) which was added to the agenda today. Member Johnson seconded and the motion carried. Member Crooks requested to be the member on this case.

Closed Session

Chairperson Steinberg made a motion to enter executive session at 6:10pm pursuant the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(4)) to discuss preliminary case activities. Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) allows for closed session discussion to protect the confidentiality of eligible persons and

Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110) further protects the confidentiality of persons receiving mental health and developmental disability services; the motion was seconded by Member Rubin and carried as follows: Member Crooks - yes; Member Houcek – yes; Member Johnson – yes. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss preliminary and confidential aspects of cases. The HRA returned to open session at 6:51pm having taken no action in closed session. Executive minutes were recorded. A summary of closed session includes: meeting with legal council for Advocate Good Samaritan about confidential information for case 22-100-9022; discussion of draft reports for cases 23-100-9002, 23-100-9011, and 23-100-9013; discussion of provider response for case 24-100-9020 to consider case closure. Chairperson Steinberg motioned to move into open session at 6:51pm, member Johnson seconded and the board returned to open session at having taken no action in closed session.

Open Session

Member Rubin motioned to accept the draft report for case 22-100-9022 (Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital), Member Crooks seconded, and the motion carried. Member Rubin motioned to accept the draft report for case 23-100-9002 (Northwest Community Healthcare), Member Crooks seconded, and the motion carried. Member Rubin motioned to accept the draft report for case 23-100-9011 (Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital), Member Crooks seconded, and the motion carried. Member Rubin motioned to accept the draft report for case 23-100-9013 (Chicago Behavioral Hospital), Member Crooks seconded, and the motion carried.

Member Johnson motioned to accept the provider response, close the case, and publish the report for 24-100-9020 (Aperion Care Chicago West). Member Crooks seconded and the motion carried. Member Crooks motioned to table the discussion of the provider response and case closure for 23-100-9005 (Kiley Developmental Center) and 23-100-9012 (Chicago Behavioral Hospital) until the March meeting. Chairperson Steinberg seconded and the motion carried.

Member Crooks motioned to close case 25-100-9011 against Aperion Care West Chicago because the complainant requested to withdraw the complaint. Member Houcek Seconded, and the motion carried.

Chairperson Steinberg motioned to ratify the approval of all previous action items from the December meeting:

1. Vote to address case 25-100-9011 against Aperion Care West Chicago informally.
2. Vote to open an investigation into case 25-100-9013 against Lake Behavioral Hospital.
3. Vote to open an investigation into case 25-100-9012 against Vista Medical Center East.
4. Vote to open an investigation into case 25-100-9014 against Elgin Mental Health Center.
5. Vote to accept draft report for case 23-100-9005 (Kiley Developmental Center)
6. Vote to accept draft report for case 23-100-9012 (Chicago Behavioral Hospital)
7. Vote to accept draft report for case 24-100-9020 (Aperion Care Chicago West)
8. Vote to accept provider response, close case, and publish report for case 23-100-9003 (Chicago Behavioral Hospital)
9. Vote to accept provider response, close case, and publish report for case 23-100-9006 (EMHC)
10. Vote to accept provider response, close case, and publish report for case 24-100-9013 (Good Samaritan)

Member Houcek Seconded, and the motion to ratify the approval of all previous action items from the December meeting carried.

Chairperson Steinberg motioned to end the meeting, Member Crooks seconded and the meeting ended at 6:54 pm

Business and Adjournment: Next Meeting Date: *March 4, 2025*, Location: *TBD*