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

Minutes

Members Present: Mark Johnson, Justin Houcek, Dave Rubin

Members Absent/Excused: Teri Steinberg, Jayme Crooks, Adell Crump

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

Guests: Teri Bates, potential member

Call to order Open Session

HRA Disability Rights Manager Mariah Balaban called the regular monthly meeting of the Human Rights Authority, North Suburban Region to order at 5:04 and read the confidentiality statement. Only certain business could be conducted because there was no quorum present.

New Business

Member Johnson motioned to open the case investigation into 25-100-9022 against Central DuPage Hospital, Member Houcek seconded and the motion passed. Member Johnson motioned not to open case 25-100-9024. DRM Balaban explained that she spoke to the provider representative about this complaint and he reviewed the complaint with staff at the hospital and retrained them on the spot. Member Johnson felt that this matter was resolved informally. Member Houcek seconded not to open an investigation, and the motion carried. Member Johnson suggested a surprise site visit to the provider to make the HRA presence known. Member Rubin motioned to open an investigation into case 25-100-9025 against Advocate Good Shephard. Member Johnson seconded and the motion passed. Member Johnson motioned to not open an investigation into case 25-100-9026. Member Rubin seconded and the motion carried. Member Johnson motioned to open the investigation into case 25-100-9027 against Streamwood Behavioral Health Hospital. Member Houcek seconded and the motion carried.

Comments from the Public

Teri Bates – introduced herself to the board and discussed her personal history with disability discrimination. The board members introduced themselves and discussed their history and background.

New Action Items:

Member Johnson Motioned to accept the provider responses, close the cases, and publish reports for cases 23-100-9005 (Kiley Developmental Center), 23-100-9012 (Chicago Behavioral Hospital), 23-100-9013 (Chicago Behavioral Hospital), and 22-100-9022 (Advocate Good Samaritan). Member Rubin seconded and the motion carried. Member Johnson motioned to close case 25-100-9005 against Eden Supportive Living Fox Valley because the ROI was never received. Member Rubin seconded and the motion carried. Member Johnson motioned to close case 23-100-9018 into the policies of Linden Oaks Hospital because their policies have already significantly changed in response to previous investigation findings. DRM Meza has some newer LOH cases that can be used to make sure the hospital keeps on track. Member Rubin Seconded the motion to close the case and the motion carried.

Member Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Member Houcek seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Next Meeting Date: *April 8, 2025*, Location: *TBD*