
Human Rights Authority, North Suburban Region Board Meeting
Tuesday August 12, 2025 5pm
IGAC 9511 Harrison Street Des Plaines, Illinois 6001 - LGI Room

Minutes

Members Present: Adell Crump, Mark Johnson, Pamela Morris, Teri Bates, Justin Houcek

Members Absent: Jayme Crooks

Guests Present: Anam Ahmed, potential board member

Staff: Laurel Spahn (LAS), Alejandra Meza (HRA), Mariah Balaban (HRA)

Call to order Open Session:

Chairperson Johnson motioned to start the meeting, Member Morris seconded, and the meeting started at 5:07. DRM Balaban read the confidentiality statement.

Approve Minutes

Member Morris motioned to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2025 and June 3, 2025 open sessions. Chairperson Johnson seconded and the motion carried

Guest Comments

Potential board member, Anam Ahmed, joined the board via teleconferencing. Anam has applied for the mental health chair due to her employment at the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital-Behavioral Health Unit. Anam met the current board members and discussed her interest in serving the HRA. The board was unanimous in their opinion that she would be an excellent fit and an asset to the board.

Staff Comments

Laurel Spahn, LAS attorney, spoke to the board about involuntary commitment and treatment petition hearings, and the issue of not having LAS representation in DuPage and Lake Counties. The IGAC LAS has been appealing to the DuPage courts about not doing commitment and treatment petitions on the same day.

New Business

Chairperson Johnson motioned not to open an investigation into case 25-100-9031 (Hospital Psychiatric Unit) because the HRA doesn't have a release of information or any way to contact the patient because she discharged suddenly. Member Houcek seconded, and the motion passed. Member Houcek motioned to open an investigation into case 25-100-9033 (UChicago Medicine AdventHealth GlenOaks). Member Morris seconded and the motion carried. Chairperson Crump motioned to open an investigation into case 26-100-9001 (Endeavor Health Linden Oaks Hospital) Member Bates seconded and the motion carried. Member Houcek motioned to open an investigation into case 26-100-9002 (Northwest Community Healthcare) Member Morris seconded and the motion carried. Member Bates motioned not to open an investigation into case 25-100-9029 (Hospital Psychiatric Unit). Chairperson Crump seconded and the motion carried. Chairperson Crump motioned to open an investigation into case 26-100-9003 (Lake Behavioral Hospital). Chairperson Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

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Chairperson Johnson motioned to stay in open session because we no longer had time at the meeting to discuss or vote on draft reports. Member Bates seconded, and the HRA stayed in open session.

New Action Items

Member Bates motioned to ratify the following previous action items. Member Houcek seconded, and the motion carried:

1. 25-100-9031 – Voted to table the opening of the case
2. 25-100-9032 – Voted to address this case informally
3. 23-100-9007 (EMHC) – Voted to accept the draft report
4. 23-100-9002 (Northwest Community Healthcare) - voted to accept provider responses, close cases, and publish reports.
5. 24-100-9021 (Good Samaritan) - voted to accept provider responses, close cases, and publish reports.

Member Morris motioned to table the discussion and vote on the draft reports for cases 23-100-9016 and 24-100-9025 (Advocate Lutheran General Hospital) until the next meeting. Chairperson Johnson seconded and the motion carried. Chairperson Johnson motioned to close case 25-100-9032 (Lake Behavioral Hospital) since the case was resolved informally. Member Morris seconded, and motion carried. Member Morris motioned to accept the provider response to case 23-100-9007 (EMHC), close the case and publish the report. Chairperson Johnson seconded, and the motion passed. Chairperson Johnson motioned to accept the provider response to case 24-100-9021 (Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital) Member Morris seconded, and the motion passed.

Other Business and Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date: *October 7, 2025, 5pm* Location: *TBD*

Chairperson Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting and to find a date to meet in September Member Morris seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.