
Tuesday, June 10, 2025
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
4302 N. Main St., Conference Room
Rockford, IL 61103

PRESENT: Colleen Magee, Colleen Parks (**Co-Chair**) and Dr. Erin Wade (**Chair**)
ABSENT: Kacie Jensen and Zoe Wedel
STAFF: Nicole S. Weathersby (**DRM**)
GUESTS: **CGH Staff & IAG Staff**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Northwest(NW) Region was called to order at 4:12pm by HRA Chairperson Dr. Wade. Introductions and greetings were completed by members and staff. It was determined that a quorum was not present, but appropriate business could be conducted, and all parties were reminded that all the proceedings are confidential. Dr. Wade, NW HRA Chair, read the confidentiality statement. All motions will be carried out by proxy vote via follow-up telephone calls to absent members (Jensen & Wedel) who will provide the necessary number to suffice a majority of HRA members in agreement for the motions presented. DRM was able to complete follow-up calls with the absent members, which sufficed in meeting the voting majority.

Minutes

Executive and regular meeting minutes from November 19, 2024, January 7, 2025, March 25, 2025, and April 15, 2025, were tabled until the next meeting in the presence of a quorum via motion entered by Member Parks and seconded by Member Magee, carried via telephone proxy vote.

New Business

Ratifications

All ratifications were tabled until the next meeting in the presence of a quorum via motion entered by Member Parks, seconded by Member Magee, carried via telephone proxy vote.

Agenda Updates/Changes:

Reports # 24-9004 and #24-9013, still under review

New Complaint:

#25-080-9022: According to the complainant, while in the hospital, rights were violated by restricting complainant from seeing their baby in the Labor & Delivery Department. Security was called and restrained complainant during the process of denning interaction with child. **Potential Rights Violations:** *Right to receive adequate and humane care, appropriate usage of restraints and visiting rights.* Member Parks not to accept and deny (no consent or further follow-up) seconded by Member Magee which was carried via telephone proxy vote. The complaint will be ratified at the next HRA meeting.

#25-080-9023: According to the complainant, while inccaerated, the correctional offices tased for no known reason (stated the complainant was too loud) and signed consent received. **Potential Rights Violations:** *Right*

to receive adequate and humane care and the unwarranted use of force. Member Magee moved to not accept, close and refer to the appropriate Illinois agencies for follow-up, seconded by Member Parks which was carried via telephone proxy vote. The complaint will be ratified at the next HRA meeting.

#25-080-9024: According to the complainant, while incarcerated, was given PRN injections (not sure if was at the current facility). Unfortunately, unable to address the issues presented, because the written letter is unclear of incidents, time frame is uncertain and many issues unrelated to an HRA complaint. **Potential Rights Violations:** *Right to receive adequate and humane care was ignored.* Member Parks moved to not accept, due to the time frame of incidents presented, and issues not germane to the HRA, seconded by Member Magee which was carried via telephone proxy vote. The complaint will be ratified at the next HRA meeting.

Comments from the Public:

Introduction of visitor – CGH Staff & Amy Davis(IAG Staff) .

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Closed Session

No quorum was present to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 120/2(a) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2). The meeting remained in open session and there was discussion around draft reports, case progress, case closures and other matters while maintaining and protecting the confidentiality of recipients and complainants.

Case Progress

Case #24-080-9029 – Site visit recap from 05/21/25 with HRA members who attended

Case #24-080-9029 – Site visit confirmed for July 17, 2025, from 9am-12pm

Case #25-080-9002 - Site visit confirmed for July 17, 2025, from 9am-12pm

Case #25-080-9003 - Site visit confirmed for July 17, 2025, from 9am-12pm

Case #25-080-9012 – Site visit recap from 05/21/25 with HRA members who attended

Draft Reports for Acceptance:

#24-080-9020 - Substantiated draft report was accepted to send to the facility for a response.

#24-080-9021 – Substantiated draft report was reviewed with IAG Staff, discussed facility and case changes and will be sent to the facility for a response.

Accept Responses, Close and Publish Report:

#24-080-9006 – There was discussion with the facility personnel and the facility agreed to update the policy the suggested terminology to include patient consent and will resubmit updated response and does not want the response to be public.

Other Unfinished Business, Announcements and Comments

DRM restated the need for recruitment of community members (3 members), stated there are a few members who will be sitting out a year beginning in September 2025. Discussed possible agencies to recruit members from.

Reminder was given regarding the mandatory training certifications, which are due by October 31, 2025.

Adjournment

Member Parks moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 pm, seconded by Member Magee and motion carried via unanimous roll call of “ayes” by committee members present in the room, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole S. Weathersby

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at the Office of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, 4302 N. Main Street, Conference Room - Rockford, IL at 4:00pm.