

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SPRINGFIELD REGION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
830 S. Spring St., Springfield, Illinois

PRESENT: James Bakunas, Abdush Shakoor, Karen Osgood and Madison Udy.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Diana Braun and Jimmie Miller

STAFF: Jon Burnet

Guests:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Springfield Region was called to order at 5:42 p.m. by the Springfield Region Chair James Bakunas.

It was determined that a quorum was not present but that appropriate business could be conducted. Jon read the confidentiality statement.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 28, February 25, March 25, and May 27, 2025 meetings will be approved at the next meeting with a quorum.

Communications:

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications for case acceptance:

Ratifications for report approval/issuance:

Ratifications for case closures:

New complaints:

25-050-9012 A patient states that patient phones on his unit are almost always turned off during calling hours; they are off at staff discretion. Karen moved to accept the complaint for investigation. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried with follow up votes. To be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The HRA was unable to move into close session without a quorum.

Reports for acceptance:

25-050-9004 (Illinois Mentor/Sevita) The HRA reviewed the report briefly and had no changes or concerns with the draft. Maddie moved to accept and issue the report. Karen seconded and the motion carried with follow up votes. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

Accept responses, close and publish:

24-050-9002 (Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois) Findings, but a response was not required as corrections were already made. Karen moved to close and publish the case. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried with follow up votes. The motion will be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

Other unfinished business, announcements and comments:

The next meeting is on July 29, 2025.

Annual training reminder, go at your leisure this summer and try to complete by October.

Adjournment:

Maddie moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Karen seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Osgood, Secretary