

SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025

Trinity Services

(Conference Room)

301 Veterans Parkway

New Lenox, Illinois 60467

The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Jennifer Hodges, the Acting Chairperson at 10:05 a.m.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Jennifer Hodges, Allison Boyle, and Elizabeth Campbell

ATTENDED VIRTUALLY: Amy Upson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Bellamy and Abdurrahman Assaf

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman, HRA Regional Disability Rights Manager

GUESTS: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HRA Regional Acting Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was not present and that all business could be discussed.

II. COMMUNICATION

The December 11th, 2024 and February 26th, 2025 meeting minutes could not be approved because a quorum of members were not physically present at the meeting.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

25-040-9002 (Nursing Home) The complaint stated that a resident is not allowed communication with persons of choice because her Power of Attorney for Health Agent prohibits this. A family member saw bruises on the resident during a visit and the police were called because of an incident. The facility's administrator said that the family member is allowed visitation with supervision because of concerns involving the family member, per the POA. The administrator also reported that the Illinois Department of Public Health had investigated the incident. A copy of the Public Health Report was not provided, per the HRA's request. The Disability Rights Manager will contact the complainant to see if the visitation issue has been resolved. The complaint will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

25-040-9004 (Cila) The complaint stated that a resident is not provided with needed services such as therapy, and money management, meal preparation and other transitional life skills. Additionally, the complaint stated that the resident had missed twenty-two days of school even though he wanted to go to his school program. There is an opened court case involving the

family, per the GAL. The complaint will not be accepted for investigation pending a quorum at the next meeting.

25-040-9005 (Hospital) The complaint stated that the recipient was physically restrained with excessive force and emergency medication was administered at least two times. The complaint stated that medical care was not provided after the second restraint incident. Additionally, the complaint stated that the recipient was not evaluated by a psychiatrist in a timely manner. A signed release of information was received. The complaint will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

25-040-9006 (Cila) The complaint stated that the resident's housemate grabbed a knife and that the resident's safety, and others was comprised in the Cila home. A phone conference was held with the guardian during the meeting on today. This complaint has been reported to the Illinois Office of Inspector General (OIG), per the guardian. The resident is now living with the guardian. The resident's former Cila agency will not send the prospective Cila agency the medication records needed for placement approval. The guardian was informed that she should call the resident's physician for the medication records. The guardian also reported that the House Manager is difficult to work and the resident's documents (i.e., social security card) were not returned. This complaint will be amended to address the resident's belongings were not returned.

25-040-9007 (Hospital) The complaint stated that the recipient was physically restrained, and her pants were forcibly removed, and emergency medication was administered. The complaint stated that the police were called, and the recipient was transported by ambulance to a hospital for an evaluation. She refused to remove her clothing, and they were forcibly removed, and she was given an injection. A signed release of information was received. The complaint will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

25-040-9008 (Private Guardian) The complaint stated that a private guardian is using the ward's trust fund money for herself and family. This complaint is not appropriate for the HRA because it does not include a provider of services. The eligible person was informed to contact the court involved in the guardianship about the complaint issues. The complaint will not be accepted for investigation pending a quorum of members present at the next scheduled meeting.

25-040-9009 (Correctional Center) The complaint stated that the recipient with a hearing impairment needed devices (hearing-aid, vibrating watch, tactile watch, and headphone) have not been provided under the disability act. The same complaint involving the same eligible person was referred to the Illinois Department of Correctional (IDOC) on last year, and the HRA was informed that his needed devices were provided. The complaint will be referred to the IDOC for follow up pending a quorum of members present at the next scheduled meeting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A closed session was not convened due to the lack of a quorum of members physically present at the meeting.

There were no new case assignments.

Progress Reports

24-040-9003 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) A report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

24-040-9004 (South Holland Manor) This case needs a report.

24-040-9006 (Ludeman Developmental Center) This case needs a report

24-040-9012 (Timberline Residential Treatment Center) This case will be moved to closure without further investigation because the facility has ceased operating effective January 31st, 2025.

24-040-9013 (Bria Place Nursing Home) A meeting will be scheduled.

24-040-9015 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) The case record has been received. A meeting will be scheduled.

25-040-9001 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) The case record has been received. A meeting will be scheduled.

Reports\Responses

22-040-9015 (Burbank Rehabilitation Center) A response to the report that contained violations was received and will be included in the meeting packet for April.

23-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) A response and training documentation were reviewed.

23-040-9007 (UChicago Hospital of Ingalls) The report did not contain any violations. A response was not received.

23-040-9009 (Trinity Services) A response has been reviewed at previous meetings. Jennifer Hodges did not participate in any discussion about the case.

23-040-9010 (Lydia Healthcare) A response and training documentation were reviewed.

24-040-9001 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center)) The report did not contain any violations . A response was not received.

Reports\Cases Closures\Accept Responses\Make Available to the Public

22-040-9015 (Burbank Rehabilitation Center) The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

23-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) The case will be considered for closure pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

23-040-9007 (UChicago Hospital of Ingalls) The case will be considered for closure pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

23-040-9009 (Trinity Services) The case will be considered for closure pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

23-040-9010 (Lydia Healthcare) The case will be considered for closure pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

24-040-9001 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) The case will be considered for closure pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Regional Disability Rights Manager has submitted Carole Burns volunteer member application for approval.

The members will vote to accept Carol Genutis resignation from the regional HRA board pending a quorum of members physically present at the next meeting.

Mandatory trainings for members were discussed.

Open Meeting Act/requirements for remote attendance was discussed.

The need for HRA volunteer members was discussed.

The meeting packets were discussed.

The need to schedule site visits/virtual meetings were discussed.

The members will be electing new officers for the regional board in June of 2025.

The meeting calendar was discussed.

The HRA regional next scheduled public meeting will be at the CTF, 18230 Orland Parkway, Orland Park, Illinois on April 9th, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The members consented to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Boyle, Acting Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region