

SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 14th, 2025

Trinity Services

(Conference Room)

301 Veterans Parkway

New Lenox, Illinois 60451

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

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Jennifer Hodges, Allison Boyle, Carole Burns, Elizabeth Campbell, and Abdurrahman Assaf

ATTENDED VIRTUALLY: Amy Upson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 present, and that all business could be discussed.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Elizabeth Campbell to accept the December 11th, 2024, and February 26th, March 12th, and April 9th, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Abdurrahman Assaf and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

25-040-9002 (Nursing Home) The resident involved in the complaint has passed away. Abdurrahman Assaf moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Campbell and carried.

25-040-9004 (Cila) There is an opened court case involving the recipient and his family, per the Guardian Ad Litem. Elizabeth Campbell moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was seconded by Abdurrahman Assaf and carried.

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. Jennifer Hodges moved to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was seconded by Abdurrahman Assaf and carried.

25-040-9006 (Cilal) The first complaint stated that the resident's housemate grabbed a knife and that the resident's safety, and others was comprised in the Cila home. This complaint has been reported to the Illinois Office of Inspector General (OIG), per the guardian. The second complaint stated that the resident's belongings (i.e., social security card) were not returned. The complainant withdrew the first and second complaint issues above. The third complaint stated that the resident's guardian was not notified that the resident was physically attacked by her housemate and that the resident's ear lobe was injured during the incident. A signed release of information to investigate the third complaint was not received. Abdurrahman Assaf moved to accept the third complaint for investigation pending a signed release. The motion was seconded by Carole Burns and carried.

25-040-9007 (Hospital) The complaint stated that the recipient was physically restrained, and her pants were forcibly removed, and emergency medication was administered. A signed release of information was received. Elizabeth Campbell moved to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was seconded by Abdurrahman Assaf and carried.

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 issue. Abdurrahman Assaf moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was seconded by Carole Burns and carried.

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. A letter was sent to the IDOC for follow up. Allison Boyle moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Campbell and carried as follows: Carole Burns (yes); Jennifer Hodges (yes); Amy Upson (yes); and Abdurrahman Assaf (no).

25-040-9010 (Hospital) The complaint stated that medication was administered without cause. A valid signed release was not received. Jennifer moved to postpone accepting the complaint for investigation for a signed release. The motion was seconded by Abdurrahman Assaf and carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Acting Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 10:39 a.m. pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955/21) and Section 120/2 (c) (4) of the Open Meeting Act (5 ILCS 120/2) to discuss case assignments, progress reports, reports of findings, responses, and case closures. Jennifer Hodges moved the motion. Allison Boyle seconded and carried as follows: Elizabeth Campbell (yes), Carole Burns (yes), Amy Upson (yes), and Abdurrahman Assaf (yes).

There were three new case assignments.

Progress Reports

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

24-040-9013 (Bria Place Nursing Home) A meeting will be scheduled after the record is received.

24-040-9015 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) The case record has been received. The provider has been contacted about a meeting to discuss the complaint.

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

Reports\Responses

22-040-9015 (Burbank Rehabilitation Center) A response to the report that contained three violations was received. This case will be considered for closure upon returning to open session.

23-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) A response to the report that contained two violations and training documentation were reviewed. This case will be considered for closure upon returning to open session.

23-040-9007 (UChicago Hospital of Ingalls) The report did not contain any violations. A response was not received. This case will be considered for closure upon returning to open session.

23-040-9009 (Trinity Services) A response to the report that contained one violation was reviewed. Jennifer Hodges did not participate in any discussion about the case. This case will be considered for closure pending a quorum of members (who can vote on the case) physically present at the meeting.

23-040-9010 (Lydia Healthcare) A response to the report that contained three violations and training documentation were reviewed. This case will be considered for closure upon returning to open session.

24-040-9001 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center)) The report did not contain any violations . A response was not received. This case will be considered for closure upon returning to open session.

24-040-9003 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) A report that contained three recommendations was reviewed at the meeting. The report will be voted on upon returning to open session.

24-040-9004 (South Holland Manor) A report that did not contained any recommendations was reviewed at the meeting. The report included three suggestions. The report will be voted on upon returning to open session.

Open session reconvened at 11:09 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included three new case assignments, four progress reports, two report of findings,

four provider's responses, and seven cases for possible closure motioned, and Abdurrahman Assaf seconded and carried.

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

22-040-9015 (Burbank Rehabilitation Center) It was moved by Jennifer Hodges to accept the response, to close the case, and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider did not request that its response should not be part of the public record. The motion was seconded by Abdurrahman Assaf and carried.

23-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) It was moved by Jennifer Hodges to accept the response, to close the case, and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider did not request that its response should not be part of the public record. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Campbell and carried.

23-040-9007 (UChicago Hospital of Ingalls) It was moved by Abdurrahman Assaf to close the case, and to make the report a part of the public record. The report did not contain any violations. A response to the report was not received. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Campbell and carried.

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

23-040-9010 (Lydia Healthcare) It was moved by Jennifer Hodges to accept the response, to close the case, and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider did not request that its response should not be part of the public record. The motion was seconded by Abdurrahman Assaf and carried.

24-040-9001 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) It was moved by Abdurrahman Assaf to close the case, and to make the report a part of the public record. The report did not contain any violations. A response to the report was not received. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Campbell and carried.

24-040-9003 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) It was moved by Allison Boyle to accept the report that was approved by the Program Director. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Campbell and carried.

24-040-9012 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center) It was moved by Abdurrahman Assaf to close the case without further investigation because the facility has ceased operating effective January 31st, 2025. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Campbell and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Acting Chairperson motioned to accept Carol Genutis and Lisa Bellamy's resignation from the regional HRA board. Elizabeth Campbell moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Abdurrahman Assaf and carried.

Election of officers for fiscal year 2026 – Abdurrahman Assaf moved to elect Jennifer Hodges, Chairperson. Carole Burns second and motion carried. Elizabeth Campbell moved to elect Abdurrahman Assaf, Vice Chairperson. Jennifer Hodges second and motion carried. Abdurrahman Assaf moved to elect Allison Boyle, Secretary. Carole Burns second and motion carried. Abdurrahman Assaf moved to elect Carole Burns, Acting Secretary. Carole Burns second and motion carried.

The HRA is considering changing the policy on providers' responses. Historically, providers have always had the choice of whether responses are public or not. All members in attendance agree that all responses should be public.

Mandatory trainings for members need to be completed.

The HRA administration is considering changing the rule to allow each regional board to have 7 to 9 members. This will impact how many members are needed for a quorum.

The need for HRA volunteer members was discussed. The regional board has openings for community members. The HRA administration is reviewing what constitutes a provider member.

The meeting packets were discussed.

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

The meeting calendar was discussed.

The HRA regional public meeting scheduled for June 11th, 2025 has been cancelled. The next scheduled public meeting will be July 9th, 2025 at the CTF, 18230 Orland Parkway, Orland Park, Illinois.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The members consented to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Boyle, Acting Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region