

## SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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(Conference Room)

18230 Orland Parkway

Orland Park, 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 10:04 a.m.

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

ATTENDED VIRTUALLY: Amy Upson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Genutis, Lisa Bellamy, and Abdurrahman Assaf.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman, HRA Regional Disability Rights Manager

GUESTS: Carole Burns

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The HRA Regional Acting Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was present, and all business could be discussed.

### II. COMMUNICATION

The December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 was visiting the resident, and the police were called because of an incident. The complaint stated that the family member saw bruises on the resident's feet. 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 incident. The complaint will be reviewed at the next scheduled 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. The complainant said that she had reported the knife incident to the Illinois Office of Inspector General (OIG) but she had not received any information about the Department's follow up. The complainant said that she is more concerned about the House Manager who is difficult to work with. She said that the resident was sent to the hospital for evaluation, and she was hospitalized on last year. The House Manager told the resident that she would send her back to the hospital. The guardian and Suburban Access are trying to move the resident to another home.

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 Disability Rights Manager told the eligible person to contact the court involved in the guardianship about the complaint issues. The complaint will be not accepted 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 again 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) A meeting will be scheduled.

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

24 040-9015 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) A meeting will be scheduled

25 040 9001 (Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital) A meeting will be scheduled.

#### Reports\Responses

22-040-9015 (Burbank Rehabilitation Center) A response to the report that contained violations was not received.

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 and a response was not received.

23-040-9009 (Trinity Services) A response was reviewed. 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 and 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.

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#### OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carole Burns has completed an application to volunteer with the regional board. Ms. Burns introduced herself to the board members and her experience includes working in educational and medical settings with children with special needs. The members also share information about their background and experience with the HRA.

The members will vote to accept Carol Genutis resignation from the regional HRA board on the next scheduled 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 members consented to keep the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting although it is so close to February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting.

The HRA regional next scheduled public meeting will be at the Trinity Services, 301 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, Illinois on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

The members consent to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Boyle, Acting Secretary  
Human Rights Authority  
South Suburban Region