

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 13th, 2009
Cornerstone Services, Inc.
Conference Room
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Theresa Buell, Chairperson at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT: Theresa Buell, Carol Genutis, Judith Rauls, Michele Arthur, Lauren Pell and Bruce Berry.

Members Absent: Kimberlee Brewerton

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Tom Dattalo, Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was present and all business could be conducted. The Chairperson moved the meeting into closed session at 9:10 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss the Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center case #09-040-9008 with the provider's representative. Open session reconvened at 10:10 a.m. A motion was made by Judith Rauls. Motion was seconded by Michele and carried.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Judith Rauls to accept the June 11th, 2009 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

There were six new complaints for discussion.

09-040-9014 (Lydia Health Care) Michele Arthur moved that the complaint be accepted for investigation. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried. A signed release of information was received. Michele Arthur is assigned to the investigation.

10-040-9001 (Imperial of Hazel Crest) Carol Genutis moved that the complaint be accepted for investigation. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried. A signed release of information was received. Carol Genutis is assigned to the investigation.

10-040-9002 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) Bruce Berry moved that complaint be accepted for investigation. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried. A signed release of information was received. Lauren Pell is assigned to the investigation.

10-040-9003 (Behavioral Health Program) Judith Rauls moved that complaint not be accepted for investigation because the complainant acknowledged that the agency is terminating housing services because of illegal drug usage. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

10-040-9004 (Woodside Extended Care) Carol Genutis moved that complaint be accepted for investigation. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried. A signed release of information was received. Judith Rauls is assigned to the investigation.

10-040-9005 (Nursing Home) Bruce Berry moved that complaints #1, 2 and 3 be referred to the Illinois Department of Public Health for investigation. Bruce Berry moved that complaints #4, 5 and 6 be postponed for acceptance because a signed release of information was not received. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson moved the meeting into closed session at 10:42 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss status of cases, provider's responses and case closures were reviewed. Six cases/ progress were discussed:

- 09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC)
- 09-040-9008 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center)
- 09-040-9010 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center)
- 09-040-9011 (Saint James Hospital)
- 09-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC)
- 09-040-9013 (Tinley Park MHC)

Draft Reports/Responses

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center) The provider's response was reviewed.

09-040-9006 (Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center) The provider's response was reviewed.

09-040-9009 (Cornerstone Services) The report of findings was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 11:15 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included one written report, six progress reports and two provider's responses.

V. Reports/Accept Response/ Closures/ Make Report Available to the Public

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center) Bruce Berry moved that a letter be sent to the provider for clarification regarding the response to the recommendations. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

09-040-9006 (Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center) Judith Rauls moved that the provider's response be accepted, case be closed and the report be made public. The provider requested that its response be part of the public record. Motion was seconded by Lauren Pell and carried.

09-040-9009 (Cornerstone Services) Judith Rauls moved that the report be accepted pending Teresa Parks' approval. Motion was seconded by Lauren Pell and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Michele Arthur moved to elect Judith Rauls, Chairperson and Theresa Buell, Vice Chairperson for fiscal year 2010. Bruce Berry seconded and motion carried.

Bruce Berry moved to elect Carol Genutis, Secretary and Michele Arthur, Acting Secretary for fiscal year 2010. Judith Rauls seconded and motion carried.

Carol Genutis and Lauren Pell completed mileage forms.

Members present completed August 2009 volunteer time calendars.

The next meeting will be held at LARC on September 10th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Berry moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis, Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region

