

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 5th, 2009
New Hope Services
Conference Room
1624 East 154th Street
Dolton, Illinois 60419
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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, Lauren Pell, Carol Genutis, Judith Rauls, Bruce Berry, Michele Arthur and Kimberlee Brewerton.

Members Absent: None

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Catherine Ashton, Rivera Care Center
Lori Ohern, Rivera Care Center
Sonia P. Thompson, Prospective HRA Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was present and all business could be conducted.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Judith Rauls to accept the October 9th, November 13th and December 11th, 2008 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

Four new complaints were discussed.

09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC) Carol Genutis moved that the case be accepted for investigation. A signed release of information was received. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried. Lauren Pell and Judith Rauls were assigned to investigate the complaint.

09-040-9008 (Timberline Knolls), Carol Genutis moved that the personal property, lack of supervision and improper discharge issues be accepted for investigation. The complainant sent a copy of the complaint letter to the Attorney General for possible

investigation of the other issues. The acceptance letter will also include the licensing body contact information. A signed release of information was received. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried. Carol Genutis and Bruce Berry were assigned to investigate the complaint.

09-040-9009 (Cornerstone Services) Kimberlee Brewerton moved that the case be accepted for investigation. A signed release of information was received. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried. Michele Arthur and Bruce Berry were assigned to investigate the complaint.

09-040-9010 (Tinley Park MHC) Bruce Berry moved that the case be accepted for investigation. A signed release of information was received. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried. Lauren Pell and Judith Rauls were assigned to investigate the complaint.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson moved the meeting into closed session at 9:07 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss the Rivera Care Center case # 09-040-9005 with the provider's representatives, review status of cases, provider's responses and case closures.

Four cases/ progress were discussed:

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center)
09-040-9004 (Midway Neurological Rehab Center)
09-040-9005 (Rivera Care Center)
09-040-9006 (Helping Hands)

Draft Reports/Responses

08-040-9002 (We Care Development)
08-040-9024 (Grand Prairie Services)
09-040-9001 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center)

Open session reconvened at 10:00 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included four progress reports, two provider's responses and one report.

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

08-040-9002 (We Care Development) Judith Rauls moved that the provider's response be accepted, case close, and that the report be made public. The provider did not request that its response be part of the public record. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

08-040-9024 (Grand Prairie Services) Kimberlee Brewerton moved that the provider's response be accepted, case close, and that the report be made public. The provider requested that its response not be part of the public record. Motion was seconded by Lauren Pell and carried.

09-040-9001 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) Bruce Berry moved that the report of findings be accepted and sent to the provider. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried.

Ratify Acceptance of Reports

08-040-9002 (We Care Development) Bruce Berry moved to ratify acceptance of report. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried.

08-040-9024 (Grand Prairie Services) Kimberlee Brewerton moved to ratify acceptance of report. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

Theresa Buell moved to keep the June 2008 through November 2008 Executive Meeting Minutes closed. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sonia P. Thompson is considering becoming an HRA citizen member. She talked about her professional background at the meeting.

Carol Genutis, Michele Arthur, Bruce Berry and Theresa Buell completed mileage form.

Refreshments for 2009 meetings: March/Geraldine; April/Theresa; May/Judy; August/Carol; September/Theresa; November/Michele and December/none.

The next meeting will be held at New Hope on March 12th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

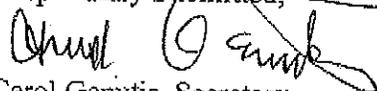
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

ADJOURNMENT

Judith Rauls moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol Genutis, Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region