HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 12th, 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 9:10 a.m.

PRESENT: Theresa Buell, Carol Genutis, Judith Rauls, and Kimberlee Brewerton.

Members Absent: Lauren Pell, Bruce Berry and Michele Arthur

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Catherine Ashton, Riviera Care Center
Don Hespell, Cornerstone Services
Nerida Posey, Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center
Tom Dattalo, Timberline Knolls Treatment Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was not present and all business could be conducted except for approving the minutes.

II. COMMUNICATION

The February 5th, 2009 Meeting Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

Two new complaints were discussed.

09-040-9011 (Olympia Fields Hospital) Members consented to accept the complaint for investigation. A signed release was received. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority by telephone later. Judith Rauls and Kimberlee Brewerton were assigned to investigate the complaint.

09-040-9012 (Mental Health Center) Members consented to postpone accepting the complaint for investigation. A signed release was not received. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority by telephone later.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson moved the meeting into closed session at 9:20 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss the Riviera Care Center case # 09-040-9005, Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center # 09-040-9008 and Cornerstone Services # 09-040-9009 with the provider's representatives, review status of cases, provider's responses and case closures.

Seven cases/ progress were discussed:

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center)
09-040-9005 (Riviera Care Center)
09-040-9006 (Helping Hands)
09-040-9007 (Tinley Park MHC)
09-040-9008 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center)
09-040-9009 (Cornerstone Services)
09-040-9010 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center)

Draft Reports/Responses

09-040-9001 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center)
09-040-9004 (Midway Neurological Rehab Center) The report was not presented during the meeting but will be for reviewed at the next meeting.

Open session reconvened at 10:50 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included seven progress reports, two provider's responses and one report.

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

09-040-9001 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) Members present consented to accept the provider's response and keep case opened for training documentation. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority by telephone later.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carol Genutis and Theresa Buell completed mileage form.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

ADJOURNMENT

Members present consented to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis, Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region