HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 9th, 2009
LARC
Conference Room
19043 Wentworth Avenue
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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 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Theresa Buell, Carol Genutis and Kimberlee Brewerton.

Members Absent: Lauren Pell, Bruce Berry, Judith Rauls and Michele Arthur

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: None

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 and March 13th 2009 Meeting Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

One new complaint was discussed.

09-040-9012 (Tinley Park Mental Health Center) Members present consented to accept the complaint for investigation. A signed release was received. Lauren Pell and Bruce Berry gave their vote for a majority by telephone later. The case will be ratified at the next meeting when a quorum is present. Members will be assigned to investigate the complaint at the next meeting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson moved the meeting into closed session at 9:25 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss the Midway Neurological & Rehabilitation Report case #09-040-9004 and the Riviera Care Center Report case #09-040-9005, review status of cases, provider's responses and case closures.

Seven cases/ progress were discussed:

09-040-9003 (Embassy 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)
09-040-9011 (Olympia Fields Hospital is presently called Saint James Hospital)

Draft Reports/Responses

09-040-9001 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) There was no provider's response reviewed at the meeting.

09-040-9004 (Midway Neurological & Rehabilitation Center) The report was discussed at the meeting.

09-040-9005 (Riviera Care Center) The report was discussed at the meeting.

Open session reconvened at 10:00 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included two written reports and seven progress reports.

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

09-040-9001 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) Members present consented to keep the case opened for training documentation. Lauren Pell and Bruce Berry gave their vote for a majority by telephone later. The case will be ratified at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

09-040-9004 (Midway Neurological Rehab Center) Members present consented to approved the report pending Teresa Parks' approval. Lauren Pell and Bruce Berry gave their vote for a majority by telephone later. The case will be ratified at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

09-040-9005 (Riviera Care Center Report) Members present consented to approved the report pending Teresa Parks' approval. Lauren Pell and Bruce Berry gave their vote for a majority by telephone later. The case will be ratified at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carol Genutis completed a mileage form.

Theresa Buell and Kimberlee Brewerton completed March 2009 volunteer time calendars.

All members present completed April 2009 volunteer time calendars.

The next meeting will be held at Sertoma Centre on May 14th, 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 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis, Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region