HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 14th, 2009
Sertoma Centre, Inc.
Conference Room
4100 W. 127th Street
Alsip, Illinois 60803
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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, Bruce Berry, Judith Rauls and Michele Arthur.

Members Absent: Lauren Pell and Kimberlee Brewerton.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Deanna Watson, Cornerstone Services, Inc.

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 February 5th, 2009 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

It was moved by Judith Rauls to accept the March 13th, 2009 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

It was moved by Judith Rauls to accept the April 9th, 2009 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

There were no new complaints discussed.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson moved the meeting into closed session at 9:06 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss the Cornerstone Services case #09-040-9009

with the provider's representative, the Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center Report case #09-040-9006, review status of cases, provider's responses and case closures.

Seven cases/ progress were discussed:

09-040-9003 (Embassy Care Center)
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 (Saint James Hospital)
09-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC)

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) There was no provider's response reviewed at the meeting.

09-040-9005 (Riviera Care Center) The provider's response was reviewed at the meeting.

09-040-9006 (Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center) The report was discussed at the meeting.

Open session reconvened at 10:30 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included one written report, six progress reports and one provider's response.

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

Ratify Acceptance of Reports

09-040-9004 (Midway Neurological Rehab Center) Bruce Berry moved to ratify acceptance of the report. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

09-040-9005 (Riviera Care Center Report) Bruce Berry moved to ratify acceptance of the report. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

Ratify Acceptance of New Complaints

09-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC) Judith Rauls moved to ratify acceptance of the report. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried. Judith Rauls was assigned to the investigation.

Case Closures/Reports

09-040-9001 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) Members present consented to keep the case opened for training documentation.

09-040-9004 (Midway Neurological Rehab Center) Judith Rauls moved that the case be closed and the report be made public. There were no violations found. The provider did not respond to the report. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

09-040-9005 (Riviera Care Center Report) Judith Rauls moved that that the provider's response be accepted, case be closed and the report be made public. There were no violations found. The provider requested that its response be part of the public record. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

09-040-9006 (Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center) Michele Arthur moved that the report of findings be accepted and sent to the provider pending the HRA's administration approval. Motion was seconded by Judith Rauls and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carol Genutis and Bruce Berry completed a mileage form.

Members present completed May 2009 volunteer time calendars.

The next meeting will be held at Sertoma Centre on June11th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

ADJOURNMENT

Michele Arthur moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion was seconded by Bruce Berry and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis, Secretary
Human Rights Authority
South Suburban Region