HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 9th, 2010
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Judith Rauls, Chairperson at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT: Kimberlee Brewerton, Judith Rauls, Bruce Berry, Carol Genutis and Michele Arthur.

Members Absent: Georgia Jones and Theresa Buell

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Kristen Hendricks, Lydia Healthcare
Marie Jose, Lydia Healthcare
Barbara Hayes, Millennium Gardens
Shanita Burden, Millennium Gardens
Brenda Campbell, Heart to Heart
Melissa Campbell, Heart to Heart

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 Bruce Berry to accept the November 18th, 2010 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

It was moved by Bruce Berry to keep the June 10th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th and November 18th 2010 Executive Meeting Minutes closed. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

The meeting agenda was changed to accommodate the guests.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

There was one new complaint for discussion.

11-040-9009 (Nursing Home) Bruce Berry moved to not accept the complaint about discharge because the guardian is satisfied with the current placement. The complaint about the resident being abused by the staff and peers was referred to the Illinois Department of Public Health for possible investigation. The Regional Ombudsman Office has been contacted concerning the complaint about elderly abuse when the resident lived with a family member. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

Ratify Acceptance of New Complaint

11-040-9008 (New Hope Center) The case was not ratified because Kimberlee Brewerton could not participate in the voting process.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:20 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss the Lydia Healthcare case # 10-040-9026 with the facility's representatives. The Millennium Gardens case #11-040-9005 and 11-040-90006 were discussed with the agency's representatives. The Heart to Heart case #11-040-9007 was discussed with the agency's representatives. The New Hope case #11-040-9008 was discussed with the agency's representative. Michele Arthur moved the motion. Carol Genutis seconded and carried.

New Case Assignments:

There were no new case assignments.

Progress Reports:

10-040-9013 (Advocate Christ Medical Center) (Lauren and Judy)
10-040-9015 (Riviera Care Center) (Judy and Carol)
10-040-9016 (Elizabeth Ludeman Developmental Center) (Theresa and Judy)
10-040-9020 (St. James Hospital) (Judy and Carol)
10-040-9023 (Individual Advocacy Group) (Judy)
10-040-9024 (Burnham Healthcare) (Judy and Michele)
10-040-9026 (Lydia Healthcare) (Carol and Michele)
11-040-9001 (Advocate Christ Medical Center) (Georgia and Michele)
11-040-9002 (Riviera Care Center) (Judy and Kimberlee)
11-040-9003 (Trinity Services) (Theresa and Georgia)
11-040-9004 (St. Coletta of Illinois) (Michele, Theresa and Kimberlee)
11-040-9005 (Millennium Gardens) (Kimberlee and Georgia)
11-040-9006 (Millennium Gardens) (Kimberlee and Georgia)
11-040-9007 (Heart to Heart) (Theresa and Michele)

11-040-9008 (New Hope Center) (Theresa and Michele)

Reports/Responses:

10-040-9001 (Imperial of Hazel Crest) (Carol) A provider's response was reviewed.
10-040-9005 (Heather Healthcare) (Judy) A provider's response was not reviewed.
10-040-9010 (Palos Hospital) (Michele and Carol) A provider's response was not reviewed.
10-040-9011 (Trinity Services) (Michele and Kimberlee) A provider's response was not reviewed.
10-040-9014 (Trinity Services) (Bruce and Theresa) A report that contains violations was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 11:20 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. Carol Genutis approved the motion. Michele Arthur seconded and motion carried. A summary of closed session included five cases discussed with the provider's representatives, case assignments, 15 progress reports, one report, one provider's response and four possible case closures.

VI. Accept Response/ Closures/ Make Report Available to the Public

10-040-9001 (Imperial Nursing Home) Kimberlee Brewerton moved to keep case opened for documentation such as the target date for reviewing residents' chart to ensure that they are seen by a physician as required by law. The HRA is also requesting documentation that physicians have been informed that residents must be seen as directed by statutes. Michele Arthur seconded and motion carried.

10-040-9005 (Heather Health Care) Bruce Berry moved to keep the case open for staff training documentation. And, written evidence that residents were informed that the facility's Visiting Policy does not restrict them from leaving the unit. Carol Genutis seconded and motion carried.

10-040-9010 (Palos Community Hospital) Michele Arthur moved to keep the case open for a response to the report that contains violations. The report cover letter is dated November 22nd, 2010. The provider is still within the 30-day timeframe allowed to respond to the report of findings. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting. Carol Genutis seconded and motion carried.

10-040-9011 (Trinity Services) Michele Arthur moved to keep the case open for a response to the report that contains violations. The report cover letter is dated November 22nd, 2010. The provider is still within the 30-day timeframe allowed to respond to the report of findings. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting. Kimberlee Brewerton seconded and motion carried.

10-040-9014 (Trinity Services) Bruce Berry moved to accept the report that contains violations. Kimberlee Brewerton seconded and motion carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bruce Berry, Citizen Member is resigning from the board effective December 30th, 2010.

Romesa Hardy's application for HRA Citizen Member has been submitted for approval.

The Regional Christmas Luncheon will be held at Al's Steak House in Joliet following the meeting.

Carol Genutis and Kimberlee Brewerton completed mileage forms.

Refreshments for 2011 meetings: February/Kim; March/Theresa; April/Judy; May/Geraldine; June/Michele.

The next meeting is scheduled at New Hope Center in Dolton on February 10th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Bruce Berry moved the motion. Michele Arthur seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Genutis

Carol Genutis, Secretary
Human Rights Authority
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