PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
July 13th, 2011

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 1:06am on Wednesday, July 13th, 2011 by Chairperson Meri Tucker.

The meeting was held at the Galesburg City Hall, 55 West Tompkins Street, Galesburg, IL 61401

ROLL CALL

Present: Debra Goodwin, Dolores Sheen, Meri Tucker, Anne Hicke, Janelle Crump, Carolynsue Wolf

Absent: Dean Steiner, Flora Knutson

Staff: Gene Seaman

Guests: Brenda Reynolds, City of Galesburg

The Chairperson stated that a quorum was present.

The Chairperson stated the personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings to protect the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Introductions were made.

The motion was made by Dolores Sheen to enter closed session at 1:46pm pursuant to Section 120/2 (c) (4) and (10) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 20), Section 3955/10 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) and Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110); the motion was seconded by Carolynsue Wolf and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss confidential information regarding new cases, current cases.

The HRA returned to open session at 2:41pm having taken no action in closed session. The motion to return to open session was entered by Dolores Sheen and seconded by Debra Goodwin. The motion carried.

MINUTES

Carolynsue Wolf made the motion to approve the June 15th, 2011 meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Debra Goodwin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The HRA reviewed newspaper articles associated with disability rights and correspondence dealing with prior cases

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications:

11-090-9022 - Methodist Medical Center - The HRA motioned to amend this ratification that they are no longer pursuing subpoena action. The motion was made by Dolores Sheen and seconded by Carolynsue Wolf. The motion carried.

11-090-9025 - Methodist Medical Center - The HRA motioned to amend this ratification that they are no longer pursuing subpoena action. The motion was made by Dolores Sheen and seconded by Carolynsue Wolf. The motion carried.

11-090-9026 - Methodist Medical Center - The HRA motioned to amend this ratification that they are no longer pursuing subpoena action. The motion was made by Dolores Sheen and seconded by Carolynsue Wolf. The motion carried.

10-090-9007 - Methodist Medical Center - The HRA motioned to ratify the motion to modify the wording in report. They also motioned to ratify the motion that they had asked for evidence. Debra Goodwin made the motion to ratify and the motion was seconded by Janelle Crump. The motion carried.

11-090-9027 - Hospital - Carolynsue Wolf motioned to ratify the motion that the close was not accepted by the HRA. Janelle Crump seconded the motion and it carried.

New Cases:

11-090-9034 - Hospital - Personal items that were taken upon being admitted to the hospital were not returned to the patient. Inadequate grievance process in regard to patient's complaint about the lost items. Debra Goodwin motioned that the HRA not accept the case due to the fact that the release has not been received. Dolores Sheen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

11-090-9036 - Hospital - Individual called crisis line and was not given a chance to talk to the individual answering the phone line. Inadequate treatment, individual spoke to a nurse who said that the individual had a disease that she was not diagnosed with. Inadequate grievance process, when the complainant called in the grievance, no one got back about the call. Dolores Sheen motioned to not accept the case due to the fact that no release was received. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and passed.

11-090-9041 - Nursing Home - Inadequate care including, staff not caring for patient's hygiene, inadequate food portions, and inadequate amounts of water provided to patients. Janelle Crump motioned to not accept the case due to the fact that no release was received. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

11-90-9042 - Community Mental Health Provider - Abuse and inhumane care in the form of physical and verbal abuse against a client. Inadequate discharge from services. Retaliation against client for voicing a grievance against facility. Inadequate grievance process. Debra Goodwin motioned to accept the case. Carolynsue Wolf seconded the motion and the motion carried.

11-090-9043 - Hospital - Communication rights violations. Inadequate discharge process regarding 5 day discharge procedure. Forced medication without cause and without a rights restriction. Right to personal funds violation, patient was not allowed to have money in wallet. Patient was told he could review a copy of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code to review rights and requirements and facility never provided a copy although they agreed to. As part of treatment and treatment planning, facility agreed to provide an interpreter for patient's wife during sessions but did not provide the interpreter. Confidentiality violation. Anne Hicke motioned to accept the case. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

12-090-9001 - CILA - Inappropriate amount of staff available to ensure safety of residents. Inappropriate admission of an individual that the facility was unable to accommodate. Inadequate discharge procedures, facility allowed individual to stay at facility although there were incidents that put other individuals in jeopardy. Debra Goodwin motiond to accept the case. The motion was seconded by Carolynsue Wolf and passed.

12-090-9002 - School District - District not following student's IEP, including placing student in a program that does not follow the student's IEP goals. District made changes to the student's IEP without an IEP team meeting. Debra Goodwin motioned to accept the case. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

No unfinished business.

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS

11-090-9008: Trinity Services - Gene Seaman gave the update that the case report needed written.

11-090-9022: Methodist Medical Center - Gene Seaman gave the update that the case report needed written.

11-090-9025: Methodist Medical Center - Gene Seaman gave the update that the case report needed written.

11-090-9028: St. Mary's Hospital - Meri Tucker gave a summary of the site visit that she and Dean Steiner attended at St. Mary's.

11-090-9029: Human Service Center - Gene Seaman gave the update that the case report was being written.

11-090-9031: Wesley Village - Gene Seaman gave the update that the case report needed written.

11-090-9035: North Central Behavioral Health Systems - Gene Seaman stated that a site visit is scheduled with Dolores Sheen.

11-090-9039: Graham Hospital - Carolynsue Wolf gave an overview on the site visit that she attended with Janelle Crump and Dolores Sheen.

11-090-9040: Midland School District - Gene Seaman stated that there was a site visit scheduled with Meri Tucker. Also, Anne Hicke motioned to amend the case to add a new complaint. The motion was seconded by Carolynsue Wolf and passed.

DRAFT REPORTS

10-090-9026: Methodist Medical Center - Janelle Crump motioned to accept the draft report. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and carried.

11-090-9009: Bridgeway, Inc - Anne Hicke motioned to accept the draft report. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and carried.

11-090-9019: Bridgeway, Inc - Janelle Crump motioned to accept the draft report. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and carried.

CASE CLOSURES

10-090-9007: Methodist Medical Center - Debra Goodwin motioned to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded by Anne Hicke and passed.

11-090-9003: Midland School District - Debra Goodwin motioned to table the case for a response. The motion was seconded by Carolynsue Wolf and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

3:12pm

Ann Hicke, Reporter