HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 10th, 2011
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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: Judith Rauls, Michele Arthur, Theresa Buell, Georgia Jones and Carol Genutis.

Member Absent: Kimberlee Brewerton

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS Hym Zona, Southwest Community Services
Barbara Zvonek, Southwest Community Services
Pat Wojtanowshi, Advocate Christ Medical Center
Sara Shotsberger, Individual Advocacy Group
Corin Hammond, Individual Advocacy Group
Abrahem Wehbi, Guest

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was present, and all business could be conducted. The meeting agenda was changed to accommodate our guests and introductions were made.

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:09 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss the Southwest Community Services case #12-040-9004, the Advocate Christ Medical Center case #11-040-9001 and the Individual Advocacy Group case #12-040-9002 with the providers' representatives.

Open session reconvened at 10:00 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included three cases discussed with the provider's representatives.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Theresa Buell to accept the October 13th, 2011 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

12-040-9005 (Community Housing Program) Carol Genutis moved to postpone accepting the complaint for investigation because further information is needed. Also, a release of information was not received. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

12-040-9006 (Midway Neurological & Rehabilitation Center) Theresa Buell moved to accept the complaint for investigation. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried. Carol Genutis was assigned to investigate the complaint.

12-040-9007 (Nursing Home) Michele Arthur moved to not accept because the complainant does not want to pursue the complaint at this time. Motion was seconded by Theresa Buell and carried.

12-040-9008 (Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center) Theresa Buell moved to accept the complaint for investigation. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried. Michele Arthur and Georgia Jones were assigned to investigate the complaint.

Abrahem Wehbi joined the open session and talked about his interest in becoming an HRA volunteer member.

The Chairperson moved the meeting back into closed session at 10:31 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss progress reports, a report of findings, provider's responses and case closures. Michele Arthur moved the motion. Theresa Buell seconded and carried.

Progress Reports:

11-040-9007 (Heart to Heart) (Theresa and Michele)
11-040-9008 (New Hope Center) (Theresa and Michele)
11-040-9010 (Timberline Knolls) (Michele Arthur and Carol Genutis)
11-040-9011 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) (Michele Arthur and Judy Rauls)
11-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC) (Michele Arthur and Carol Genutis)
11-040-9013 (Chicago Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation) (Michele Arthur and Judy Rauls)
11-040-9014 (Saint James Hospital and Medical Centers)
11-040-9015 (Tinley Park Mental Health Center)
12-040-9001 (Carole Lane Terrace)
12-040-9002 (Individual Advocacy Group)
12-040-9003 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital)
12-040-9004 (Southwest Community Services)

Reports/Responses:

10-040-9020 (St. James Hospital) (Judy and Carol) A provider's response was reviewed.
10-040-9026 (Lydia Healthcare) (Carol and Michele) A provider's response was reviewed.

11-040-9001 (Advocate Christ Medical Center) (Georgia and Michele) A provider's response was reviewed.
11-040-9003 (Trinity Services) (Theresa and Georgia) A provider's response was not reviewed.
11-040-9004 (St. Coletta of Illinois) (Michele, Theresa and Kimberlee) A provider's response was not reviewed.
11-040-9005 (Millennium Gardens) (Kimberlee and Georgia) A report was reviewed.
11-040-9006 (Millennium Gardens) (Kimberlee and Georgia) A report was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 11:40 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included discussion about twelve progress reports, a report of findings case #11-040-9005 and 11-040-9006 and five possible case closures.

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

10-040-9020 (Saint James Hospital) Carol Genutis moved to keep the case open for clarification concerning the provider's revised policy. The Coordinator will review the provider's previous response concerning restraint training. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

10-040-9026 (Lydia Healthcare) Carol Genutis moved to accept the provider's response, close the case and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider did not request that its response be made public. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9001 (Advocate Christ Medical Center) Carol Genutis moved to accept the provider's response, close the case and to make the report a part of the public record. The Coordinator will check with the provider regarding making its response part of the public record. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9003 (Trinity Services) Carol Genutis moved that the case be reviewed at the next meeting. The provider is still within the 30-day timeframe allowed to respond to the report of findings that does not contain violations. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9004 (St. Coletta of Illinois) Carol Genutis moved to keep the case open because the provider disagrees with the report that contains violations. The provider failed to provide a copy of the policy referenced in its previous response. The agency's Executive Director or Counsel did not attend the regional meeting as requested in the HRA's letter dated October 17th, 2011. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9005 (Millennium Gardens) Georgia Jones moved to accept the report of findings that contain violations. Carol Genutis seconded and carried. This report was combined with case #11-040-9006.

11-040-9006 (Millennium Gardens) Georgia Jones moved to accept the report of findings that contain violations. Carol Genutis seconded and carried. This report was combined with case #11-040-9005.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Abrahem Wehbi's application for HRA membership will be submitted to the program Director.

The need to schedule site visits were discussed.
The next meeting is scheduled at Cornerstone Services, Joliet on December 8th, 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 12:01 p.m. Theresa Buell moved the motion. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Buell

Theresa Buell, Secretary
Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region