HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 8th, 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 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Judith Rauls, Michele Arthur, Theresa Buell, Georgia Jones, Kimberlee Brewerton and Carol Genutis.

Member Absent: None

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS Michael Stoudt, Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation
Tiwanna Agbemyegah, Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation
Tracy Williams, Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation
Sara Shotsberger, Individual Advocacy Group
Kristy Haucke, Timberline Knolls
Marge Crotty, Timberline Knolls

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Theresa Buell to accept the November 10th, 2011 Meeting Minutes as amended on page two to reflect that Michele Arthur and Georgia Jones were assigned to investigate complaint #12-040-9008. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

12-040-9005 (Community Housing Program) Carol Genutis moved to not accept the complaint for investigation because additional information is needed. The complainant did not return the HRA's calls for additional information about the allegation. Motion was seconded by Kimberlee Brewerton and carried.

12-040-9009 (Housing) Theresa Buell moved to not accept the complaint for investigation because the complaint does not involve a provider of services. Motion was seconded by Georgia Jones and carried.

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:35 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Act to discuss the Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center case #12-040-9008 and the Timberline Knolls case #11-040-9010 with the providers' representatives. Also, progress reports, two reports of findings, provider's responses and case closures were discussed. Michele Arthur moved the motion. Kimberlee Brewerton seconded and carried.

Progress Reports:

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) (Theresa and Kimberlee)
12-040-9002 (Individual Advocacy Group) (Theresa and Carol)
12-040-9003 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) (Carol and Michele)
12-040-9004 (Southwest Community Services) (Theresa and Carol)
12-040-9006 (Midway Neurological & Rehabilitation Center) (Carol)
12-040-9008 (Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center) (Michele and Georgia)

Reports/Responses:

10-040-9020 (St. James Hospital) (Judy and Carol) A provider's response was not 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 reviewed.
11-040-9005 (Millennium Gardens) (Kimberlee and Georgia) A provider's response was not reviewed.
11-040-9006 (Millennium Gardens) (Kimberlee and Georgia) A provider's response was not reviewed.
11-040-9007 (Heart to Heart) (Theresa and Michele) A report was reviewed.
11-040-9008 (New Hope Center) (Theresa and Michele) A report was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 11:02 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included discussion on twelve progress reports, two reports of findings 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 of the provider's revised policy. A letter dated November 21st, 2011 was sent to the provider letting them know that they did not follow all of the HRA's recommendations. The provider's previous responses including restraint training were reviewed. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9003 (Trinity Services) Carol Genutis moved to close the case and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider did not respond to the report that lacked violations. Theresa Buell seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9004 (St. Coletta of Illinois) Carol Genutis moved to keep the case open for further progress. Although the provider disagrees with the HRA, the agency reportedly will obtain parents, guardians and other significant others' input by survey concerning consensual sexual relations. Theresa Buell seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9005 (Millennium Gardens) 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 contain violations. Theresa Buell seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9006 (Millennium Gardens) 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. Theresa Buell seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9007 (Heart to Heart) Carol Genutis moved to accept the report of findings that does not contain violations. Theresa Buell seconded and carried.

11-040-9008 (New Hope Center) Carol Genutis moved to accept the report of findings that does not contain violations. Theresa Buell seconded and carried.

It was moved by Theresa Buell to keep the June 9th, August 11th, September 8th, October 13th and November 10th, 2011 Executive Meeting Minutes closed. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Refreshments for 2012 meetings: February/Kimberlee; March/Theresa; April/Carol; May/Michele; June/Judy; August/Theresa; September/Georgia; October/Kimberlee and November/Michele.

The need to schedule site visits were discussed.

The members completed mileage forms and volunteer calendars.

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

The next meeting is scheduled at New Hope Center, Dolton on February 9th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Kimberlee Brewerton moved the motion. Carol Genutis seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Buell

Theresa Buell, Secretary
Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region