

## CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 14, 2012  
Madden Mental Health Center  
1200 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Hines, IL

Jill Quinto opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:08 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Jill Quinto, LaVonne McClairen, Pat Mencinkas, David Ginter, Kamil Jaruga, Donna Claffy, Edith Bukwa, Nicole Erickson, and Beth Tucker.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Jill noted that a quorum was present. Pat read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of July 3, 2012 Minutes: Jill made a motion to approve the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 minutes with no revisions; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Communications: The HRA recognized the service and dedication of Jill Quinto who has been with the HRA for six years and has been a wonderful and vital member of our Chicago HRA team.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### New Complaints:

#13-030-9002- Northwestern Hospital. The complaint indicates that a recipient was administered psychotropic medication without her consent. A release of information has been obtained. Donna made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#13-030-9003- Weiss Hospital. The complaint indicates that a recipient was held for six days in the hallway of an emergency department awaiting transfer to a state mental health facility. He

was not given a bed but instead spent the entire time in a geri chair. Beth made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Jill made a motion to go into closed session at 5:24 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and responses and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:00 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases, discussion of reports as well as responses, and case closures.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ratifications: None

Report of Findings:

#12-030-9011 Madden Mental Health Center. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#11-030-9010 Jesse Brown. The HRA did not receive a response to the report of findings after notifying the facility several times. The HRA discussed our options and voted to proceed with a subpoena to obtain the response if it is not received before the next meeting.

#11-030-9023 Stroger Hospital. Nicole made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9002 Presidential Pavilion. LaVonne made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9003 Loretto. The HRA did not receive a response to the report of findings after notifying the hospital several times. The case closure is postponed until the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#12-030-9004 Presidential Pavilion. Kamil made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9005 Libby Elementary. The provider has not yet submitted the information requested at the last meeting, however the HRA has been contacted by the Chicago Public Schools official who states the response is forthcoming. The case closure is postponed pending the receipt of this information.

#12-030-9007 Sheridan Shores. Donna made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Status Reports:

#12-030-9001 Hines VA. The HRA has contacted the provider twice to establish a site visit date and obtain additional information for the case, however the attorney assigned to the case is the same attorney from Jesse Brown VA and is not cooperating with the investigation.

#12-030-9006 Presidential Pavilion. Site visit scheduled for 9/13/12.

#12-030-9008 St. Anthony. Site visit scheduled for 9/27/12.

#12-030-9012 California Gardens. Site visit scheduled for 8/23/12.

# 12-030-9014 Westlake. Site visit scheduled for 9/04/12.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA held an election of officers at this meeting. The new Chairperson is Nicole Erickson, the new Vice-Chairperson is Beth Tucker, and the Secretary is Edith Bukwa.

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Edith Bukwa*

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