CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

Nicole Erickson 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: Nicole Erickson and Beth Tucker.

Members Absent: LaVonne McClairen, David Ginter, Pat Mencinskas, Kamil Jaruga, Donna Claffy, and Edith Bukwa.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Nicole noted that a quorum was not present- votes will be secured through email and ratified at the next meeting of the HRA. Nicole read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of August 14, 2012 Minutes: Nicole noted that a quorum was not present to approve the minutes.

Communications: The HRA received the resignation of Pat Mencinskas, and we want to thank her for her services to the persons with disabilities in the Chicago region and wish her the best going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#13-030-9004- Anixter Center. The complaint indicates that a recipient was administered psychotropic medication without the consent of his physician or guardian, that the facility would not send the ward's monthly budget to the guardian after his request, that the ward has not been eating healthy food and his roommate has been eating his food, that the ward's money has not been used to purchase appropriate clothing for the ward, and that the facility has not addressed any of the guardian's concerns about the care of the ward. A release of information has been

obtained. Beth made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Beth made a motion to go into closed session at 5:40 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 5:48 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

Reports of Findings:

#12-030-9006- Presidential Pavilion. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9012- California Gardens. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9014- Westlake. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#11-030-9010 Jesse Brown. Beth made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

#12-030-9003 Loretto. Beth made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

#12-030-9005 Libby Elementary. Beth made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record.

#12-030-9011- Madden. Beth made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record.

Case Status Reports:

#12-030-9001 Hines VA. The provider has still not responded to our request for a site visit. The HRA will pursue a subpoena if we have not secured a date by the next meeting of the HRA on November 13, 2012.

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

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 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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