CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

Pat Betzen opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:20 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Edith Bukwa, LaVonne McClairen, David Ginter, and Donna Claffy.

Members Absent: Kamil Jaruga, Beth Tucker and Nicole Erickson.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Ashley Casati

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

Approval of August 14, 2012 and September 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes: Pat noted that a quorum was not present to approve the minutes.

Communications: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#13-030-9006- Swedish Covenant. The complaint alleges that a recipient was administered forced psychotropic medication in violation of the Mental Health Code, that staff used bodily force against the recipient for no adequate reason, and that staff refused a recipient her own food for her special dietary needs. A release of information has been obtained. David made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

David made a motion to go into closed session at 5:30 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

Reports of Findings:

#12-030-9008- St. Anthony. A motion was made to accept the report without revision and it was properly seconded and passed.

#13-030-9001- Alexian Brothers. A motion was made to accept the report without revision and it was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#12-030-9006- Presidential Pavilion. Donna made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

#12-030-9012- California Gardens. The facility has requested and been approved for an extension to prepare their response. The case closing has been postponed until the next meeting.

#12-030-9014- Westlake. David made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

#12-030-9005- Libby Elementary. A motion was made to refer the case to the Commissioners for enforcement. The motion was seconded and carried.

Case Status Reports:

#12-030-9001- Hines VA. The site visit is scheduled for November 20, 2012

#12-030-9013- Norwegian. The site visit is scheduled for November 15, 2012.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Madden Mental Health Center.

The meeting schedule has been distributed to members and will be posted online.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

There was no information to review regarding the status of open cases.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa

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