PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
May 16th, 2012

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 1:05pm on Wednesday, May 16th, 2012 by Secretary Ann Hicke in the absence of the Chairperson Meri Tucker.

The meeting was held at Galesburg City Hall, 55 West Tompkins Street, Galesburg, IL 61401

ROLL CALL

Present: Diane Pflederer, Janelle Crump, Goodwin, Dolores Sheen, Carolynsue Wolf, Anne Hicke, Dean Steiner

Absent: Flora Knutson, Meri Tucker

Staff: Gene Seaman

Guests: Steve Gross, Robert Young Center
Lois Hamilton, citizen

Ann Hicke stated that there was a quorum present.

Ann Hicke stated the personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings to protect the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Introductions were made.

The motion was made by Diane Pflederer to enter closed session at 1:07pm pursuant to Section 120/2 (c) (4) and (10) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 20), Section 3955/10 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) and Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110); the motion was seconded by Carolynsue Wolf and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss confidential information with guests and then to discuss confidential information on current cases in their various stages. The HRA returned to open session at 3:39pm having taken no action in closed session. Dean Steiner exited closed session at 1:33pm due to conflict of interest and reentered closed session at 2:20pm. Guest Diana Roe entered closed session at 1:07pm with the HRA Board and exited closed session at 1:33pm. Steve Gross entered closed session at 1:40pm and exited closed session at 1:58pm

MINUTES

Carolynsue Wolf motioned to accept the March 2012 meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Dean Steiner and the motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The HRA reviewed newspaper articles associated with disability rights.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications:

11-090-9039 - Graham Hospital - The HRA ratified that the case was closed and the draft report was made part of the public record in the March meeting. The ratification was due to the case being closed pending further changes being made by the facility in regard to the complaint.

New Cases:

12-090-9013 - Community Mental Health Center - Inadequate treatment, including physician treating patient harshly, making fun of patient, and accusing patient of not listening/cooperating with treatment plan. Physician also caused patient to have high blood pressure and then quit taking vitals. Treatment plan not being followed by facility, including staff cancelling appointments without informing patient and not following appointment schedules. Also psychiatrist threatening to discontinue services unless patient signed a release form allowing facility to view hospital records. Facility charging patient for treatment when treatment is to be covered by Medicaid. Patient not allowed copies of treatment plan without paying a fee until facility realized patient did not receive initial copies of plan. Dean Steiner motioned to close the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Carolynsue Wolf and passed.

Case Progress:

12-090-9014: Sharon Healthcare Facilities - Gene Seaman gave an update on status of the report.

12-090-9015: St. Mary's Square - Gene Seaman gave an update on the status of the report.

12-090-9016: KCCDD - Gene Seaman gave an update on the status of the report.

Draft Report:

12-090-9006: Robert Young Center - Dolores Sheen motioned to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and passed. Dean Steiner abstained.

12-090-9011: Kindred Hospital - No action was taken due to the report not being completed

Case Closures:

11-090-9040: Midland School District - Dean Steiner motioned to send a letter requesting further action by the facility. The motion was seconded by Carolynsue Wolf and passed.

11-090-9043: Methodist Medical Center - Debra Goodwin motioned to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded by Diane Pflederer and passed. Dean Steiner abstained from the vote.

12-090-9001: Bridgeway, Inc. - Dean Steiner voted to close the case making the report part of the public record and send the report to the Department of Human Services for informational purposes. Carolynsue Wolf seconded the motion and the motion passed.

12-090-9004: El Paso Healthcare and Rehabilitation - Dean Steiner motioned to send a letter requesting further action by the facility. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and passed.

12-090-9005: Midland School District - Dean Steiner motioned to close the case and make the report part of the public record pending further evidence of action taken on recommendations. The motion was seconded by Carolynsue Wolf and passed.

12-090-9007: Forest Hill Health and Rehab - Dean Steiner motioned to send a letter back to the facility requesting further action. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

12-090-9009: Midland School District - Dean Steiner motioned to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and passed.

Other Business

Dean Steiner motioned to elect Meri Tucker as board chairperson, Ann Hicke as vice chairperson and to proceed without a secretary. The motion was seconded by Carolynsue Wolf and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

4:25pm

Gene Seaman

Gene Seaman, Reporter