PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
September 19th, 2012

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:10am on Wednesday, September, 2012 by Chairperson Meri Tucker.

The meeting was held at Knox County Council for Developmental Disabilities (KCCDD), 2015 Windish Drive, Galesburg, IL 61401.

ROLL CALL

Present: Diane Pflederer, Janelle Crump, Debra Goodwin, Meri Tucker, Lois Hamilton, Flora Knutson, Anne Hicke, Dolores Sheen

Absent:

Staff: Gene Seaman
Melissa Zacarias - Intern

Guests: Sandra Anton, citizen

Meri Tucker stated that there was a quorum present.

Meri Tucker 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 Janelle Crump to enter closed session at 10:15am 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 Diane Pflederer and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss confidential information with guests. Guest Steve Gross entered closed session at 10:10am with the HRA Board and exited closed session at 11am. At 11:12am, after a break, guest Sandra Anton entered executive session. The HRA returned to open session at 11:18am having taken no action in closed session. The HRA entered executive session a second time at 12:12am with a motion from Diane Pflederer that was seconded by Dolores Sheen and was carried. The HRA returned to open session at 12:52 having not taken action in closed session.

MINUTES

Debra Goodwin motioned to accept the May 2012 meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and the motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The HRA reviewed newspaper articles associated with disability rights.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications:

13-090-9001 - Rock Island Jail - Debra Goodwin motioned to ratify the emergency case opening. The motion was seconded by Flora Knutson and passed.

New Cases:

12-090-9019 - Hospital Psych Unit - The complaints alleged that medication being forced on patient when not needed. The complaints also alleged inadequate treatment, including staff not allowing patient to participate in treatment. The complaints also alleged communication rights violations. Dolores Sheen motioned to close the case due to lack of release. That motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and passed.

13-090-9004 - Nursing Home - The complaints alleged the following: Inadequate treatment, including a staff ignoring patients, punishing patients, and acting in a rude manner towards patients. Also a patient was not examined by a physician until 30 days after the patient was admitted. Facility also ignored a patient's complaints regarding pain. Communication violating including a patient not being told about phone calls and a patient not being allowed stamps to send letters. Inadequate inventory process. Facility not following physician's order with medication by not providing patient prescribed medication. Inadequate safety of patients and inadequate staff supervision, including resident on resident violence not being prevented by staff. Inadequate communication between facility and patient. Inadequate treatment planning. Anne Hicke motioned to accept the case. That motion was seconded by Diane Pflederer and passed.

13-090-9005 - Hospital Psych Unit - The complaints alleged the following: Staff treated patient inappropriately by calling him a nickname that hurt the patient's feelings and sent him into a depression. Patient joked back with staff member but was upset by the situation. Staff called the patient "Toilet Paper" because the patient's initials were TP. Another staff member made a statement that when one patient leaves; they have to put another one in their place to keep the beds full. There were other issues mentioned that the complainant did not want to be a part of the complaint, namely patients are not allowed phones but they can have a laptop and visiting hours are bad. Debra Goodwin motioned to close the case because the complaints were resolved by informal means. Diane Pflederer seconded that motion and it passed.

13-090-9006 - Hospital - The complaints alleged the following: Inadequate communication services for patients needing communication accommodations. Janelle Crump motioned that a second letter be sent to the CEO of the hospital of which the complaint occurred. That motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

13-090-9007 - Nursing Home - The complaints alleged the following: Inadequate safety procedures for facility recipients. Inadequate supervision to assure recipient safety. The case would be HRA initiated based on a newspaper article. Flora Knutson motioned to not accept the case because the actions taken in the newspaper article seemed to resolve the situation. That motion was seconded by Diane Pflederer and passed.

13-090-9008 - School - The complaints alleged the following: The school is not following accommodations agreed upon in a student's 504 plan. The school is not complying with free and appropriate public education requirements by not allowing a student with disabilities to attend extra-curricular events. Flora Knutson motioned to table the complaint pending a release. That motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and passed.

13-090-9009 - Nursing Home - The complaints alleged the following: Inadequate treatment, including a patient was not rotated in bed resulting in sores, physicians ignoring and not meeting with patients, physicians not prescribing adequate medication due to government request to curb medication, and facility providing service without patients complete medical records. Communication violation when facility stated they would open all mail a patient received from the government. Meri Tucker motioned to table the complaint pending release. The motion was seconded by Debra Goodwin and passed.

Case Progress:

12-090-9018: Peoria School District 150 - The HRA motioned to close the case due to the complaint consent being withdrawn but the HRA also motioned to request evidence of changes at the facility. This motion was made by Meri Tucker and seconded by Flora Knutson. The motion passed.

13-090-9001: Rock Island County Jail - No action was taken regarding the complaint.

13-090-9002: Methodist Medical Center - No action was taken regarding the complaint.

13-090-9003: Sharon Healthcare Facilities- No action was taken regarding the complaint.

Draft Report:

12-090-9011: Kindred Hospital - Dolores Sheen motioned to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and the motion passed.

12-090-9017: Methodist Medical Center - Janelle Crump motioned to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Anne Hicke and the motion passed.

Case Closures:

12-090-9005: Midland School District - Meri Tucker motioned to close the case. The motion was seconded by Flora Knutson and the motion passed.

12-090-9006: Robert Young Center - Lois Hamilton motioned to table the case for further information from the provider. The motion was seconded by Ann Hicke and the motion passed.

12-090-9014: Sharon Healthcare Facilities - Meri Tucker motioned to table the case for further information from the provider. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and the motion passed.

12-090-9015: St. Mary's Square - Lois Hamilton motioned to close the case. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and the motion passed.

12-090-9016: KCCDD - Janelle Crump motioned to close the case. The motion was seconded and passed.

Other Business

Meri Tucker made a motion to refer Sandra Anton for Board appointment. Janelle Crump seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT
12:57pm

Gene Seaman

Gene Seaman, Reporter