

PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
November 28th, 2012

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:04am on Wednesday, November 28th, 2012 by Chairperson Meri Tucker.

The meeting was held at Tazwood Mental Health Center, 3248 Vandever Avenue, Pekin, IL 61554.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Debra Goodwin

Staff: Gene Seaman
Melissa Zacarias - Intern

Guests: Kristina Gamez, East Bluff Housing Authority
Michael Henderson, OSF
Sherri Aufderheide, OSF
Lisa Roskamp, OSF
Hou Cooper, OSF
Steve Gross, Robert Young Center

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 Flora Knutson to enter closed session at 10:07am 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 from OSF Saint Francis entered closed session at 10:07am with the HRA Board and exited closed session at 10:40am. Diane Pflederer and Sandra Anton exited the closed session due to conflict of interest. At 10:40am, guest Kristina Gamez entered executive session and left at 10:55am. At 11:05am Steve Gross entered closed session and left closed session at 11:26am. The HRA returned to open session at 11:29am having taken no action in closed session. The HRA entered executive session a second time at 11:56am with a motion

from Meri Tucker that was seconded by Sandy Anton and was carried. The HRA returned to open session at 1:25pm having not taken action in closed session.

MINUTES

Lois Hamilton motioned to accept the September 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications:

13-090-9011 - Methodist Medical Center - Meri Tucker motioned to ratify the emergency case opening. The motion was seconded by Flora Knutson and passed. Meri Tucker also motioned to ratify the vote to add an additional complaint to the case. The motion was seconded by Flora Knutson and passed.

New Cases:

13-090-9006 - Hospital - Inadequate communication services for patients needing communication accommodations. This would be an HRA initiated case. Flora Knutson motioned to table this case until we receive further information. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and carried. Diane Pflederer and Sandy Anton abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

13-090-9008 - School - 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. Dolores Sheen motioned to not accept the case due to the complaint being retracted. Lois Hamilton seconded the motion and it was carried.

13-090-9009 - Nursing Home - 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. Janelle Crump motioned to not accept the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and passed.

13-090-9010 - Hospital - Medication being forced on patient when not needed. Inadequate treatment, including staff not allowing patient to participate in treatment and treatment not being explained to patient. Inappropriate use of seclusion while in the emergency department. Patient forced to disrobe and give blood and urine samples against her will. Inadequate explanation of patient's rights regarding involuntary commitment. Privacy violations, including staff discussing patient treatment in hallway in front of other patients. Diane Pflederer motioned to table the complaint due to lack of release. Ann Hicke seconded the motion and the motion passed.

13-090-9012 - Hospital - Inadequate treatment, physician told patient that they could have medication if they could not sleep but did not tell nurses that the patient could have the medication. Staff did not show patient that instrument used for test was sterile. Sandy Anton motioned to table the case pending release. The motion was seconded by Lois Hamilton and passed.

13-090-9013 - School District - This is would be an HRA initiated case involving concerns about testing accommodations and processes for attendant absences. Meri Tucker motioned to table pending further information. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

13-090-9014 - Housing Authority - Housing association building is not accessible for individuals using a wheelchair. Ann Hicke motioned to not accept the case because based on the available information, the HRA does not consider the organization to currently meet the specific definition of a disability service provider as per the HRA's mandated definition for service eligibility. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and passed.

13-090-9015 - Hospital - Inadequate discharge process. Inadequate treatment process. Facility refused to allow patient access to patient records. Janelle Crump motioned to table pending a release. The motion was seconded by Sandy Anton and passed.

13-090-9016 - Nursing Home - Violation of a recipient's right to vote in general election. Inadequate restriction of a recipient's right to use and retain private property. Recipient's diet needs not met by facility. Inadequate building maintenance. Violation of recipient's right to practice his/her religion. Flora Knutson motioned to table the case pending release. The motion was seconded by Lois Hamilton and passed.

13-090-9017 - Jail - This was a very vague complaint letter so a letter was sent requesting clarification. Meri Tucker motioned to table the complaint pending clarification. Janelle Crump seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Case Progress:

13-090-9001: Rock Island County Jail - No action was taken on the case.

13-090-9003: Sharon Healthcare Facilities - No action was taken on the case.

13-090-9004: El Paso Health and Rehab - No action was taken on the case.

13-090-9011: Methodist Medical Center - No action was taken on the case.

Draft Report:

13-090-9002: Methodist Medical Center - Sandy Anton motioned to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and passed.

Case Closures:

12-090-9006: Robert Young Center - Sandy Anton motioned that the case is closed, making the report and response part of the public record and also that an additional suggestion is added to the complaint. Meri Tucker seconded the motion and the motion passed.

12-090-9011: Kindred Hospital - Ann Hicke motioned to table the complaint for further requested information. The motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and passed.

12-090-9014: Sharon Healthcare Facilities - Janelle Crump motioned to table the complaint for further requested information. The motion was seconded by Lois Hamilton and passed.

12-090-9017: Methodist Medical Center - Meri Tucker motioned to table the complaint for further requested information. The motion was seconded by Janelle Crump and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

12:57pm


Gene Seaman, Reporter