HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 8th, 2012
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Judith Rauls, Chairperson at 9:10 a.m.

PRESENT: Judith Rauls, Theresa Buell, Georgia Jones, Kimberlee Brewerton, Michele Arthur and Carol Genutis.

Member Absent: Abrahem Wehbi

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS Tracy Williams, Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation
Shanita Burton, Millennium Gardens

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was present, and all business could be conducted. Introductions were made. The meeting agenda was changed to accommodate our guests.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Kimberlee Brewerton to accept the February 9th, 2012 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Georgia Jones and carried.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:15 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Act to discuss the Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center case #12-040-9008 and, the Millennium Gardens case #11-040-9005 and 11-040-9006 with the providers' representatives. Theresa Buell moved the motion. Carol Genutis seconded and carried.

Open session reconvened at 9:30 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included three cases discussed with the provider's representatives.

IV. NEW COMPLAINTS

12-040-9011 (Cila) Theresa Buell moved to accept the allegations regarding possible abuse and neglect pending the Office of the Inspector General's involvement in the complaint. The allegation about the lack of notification concerning the resident's hospitalization was also accepted for investigation. A signed Release of Information was received. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried. Kimberlee Brewerton and Judy Rauls were assigned to the case.

V. Ratify Reports Accepted

11-040-9007 (Heart to Heart) Theresa Buell moved to ratify acceptance of the report approved on February 9th, 2012. Carol Genutis seconded and motion carried. Kimberlee Brewerton abstained from the voting process.

11-040-9008 (New Hope Center) Theresa Buell moved to ratify acceptance of the report approved on February 9th, 2012. Carol Genutis seconded and motion carried. Kimberlee Brewerton abstained from the voting process.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 10:23 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Act to discuss progress reports, one report of findings, a provider's response and case closures were discussed. Kimberlee Brewerton moved the motion. Carol Genutis seconded and carried.

Progress Reports:

11-040-9013 (Chicago Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation) (Michele Arthur and Judy Rauls)
11-040-9014 (Saint James Hospital and Medical Centers)
12-040-9001 (Carole Lane Terrace) (Theresa and Kimberlee)
12-040-9002 (Individual Advocacy Group) (Theresa and Carol)
12-040-9003 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) (Carol and Michele)
12-040-9004 (Southwest Community Services) (Theresa and Carol)
12-040-9006 (Midway Neurological & Rehabilitation Center) (Carol)
12-040-9008 (Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center) (Michele and Georgia)
12-040-9010 (Joliet Terrace) (Michele and Carol)

Reports/Responses:

11-040-9004 (St. Coletta of Illinois) (Michele, Theresa and Kimberlee) A provider's response was not reviewed.
11-040-9005 (Millennium Gardens) (Kimberlee and Georgia) A provider's response was reviewed.
11-040-9006 (Millennium Gardens) (Kimberlee and Georgia) A provider's response was reviewed.

11-040-9010 (Timberline Knolls) (Michele Arthur and Carol Genutis) A provider's response was not reviewed.
11-040-9011 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) (Michele Arthur and Judy Rauls) A provider's response was not reviewed.
11-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC) (Michele Arthur and Carol Genutis) A report was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 10:50 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included nine progress reports, one report of findings and six possible case closures.

VII. Reports/Accept Response/ Closures/ Make Report Available to the Public

11-040-9004 (St. Coletta of Illinois) Carol Genutis moved to keep the case open for further progress. Although the provider disagrees with the HRA, the agency reportedly will obtain parents, guardians and other significant others' input concerning consensual sexual relations. A letter dated on February 16th, 2012 was sent to the agency's Counsel for a progress report, but the HRA did not receive a response. Michele Arthur seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9005 (Millennium Gardens) Carol Genutis moved to keep the case open for a copy of the revised policy and training documentation. Michele Arthur seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9006 (Millennium Gardens) Carol Genutis moved to keep the case open for a copy of the revised policy and training documentation. Michele Arthur seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9010 (Timberline Knolls) A provider's response was not reviewed. The provider is still within the 30-day timeframe allowed to respond to the report of findings that contain violations. Carol Genutis moved to keep the case open. Michele Arthur seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9011 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) On March 8th, 2012, the provider reported by phone that a response will be sent by next week. The provider is still within the 30-day timeframe allowed to respond to the report of findings that contain violations. Carol Genutis moved to keep the case open for a response. Michele Arthur seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9015 (Tinley Park Mental Health Center) The members' consensus was that the investigation should be continued although the facility is slated for closure on June 30th, 2012.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The need to schedule site visits were discussed.

The members completed mileage forms

The next meeting is scheduled at the Civic Center on April 12th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Authority is looking for citizen HRA members.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Carol Genutis moved the motion. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Buell

Theresa Buell, Secretary
Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region