HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 14th, 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 9:05 a.m.

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

Member Absent: Kimberlee Brewerton and Abrahem Wehbi.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS Tracy Williams, Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation
Kirk Bergmark, Palos Community Hospital
Jim Boyle, Palos Community Hospital
Maria Heer, Prospective HRA Member
He Xu Hua, Student Intern
Wang Huizhong, Student Intern
Wu Zhengxin Wu, Student Intern

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Theresa Buell to accept the April 12th, 2012 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried.

It was moved by Michele Arthur to accept the May 10th, 2012 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Georgia Jones and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

12-040-9016 (CILA) Michele Arthur moved to accept the complaint that a resident was being unfairly discharged for investigation. The complaint also alleged that the agency did not provide guardian notification for elopement and hospitalization. A signed release was received. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried. Georgia Jones and Kimberlee Brewerton were assigned to the case.

12-040-9017 (Community Living) Theresa Buell moved to accept the complaint for investigation if the home is licensed. The complaint will be referred to the Illinois Department of Public Health and/or the Attorney General's Office pending the licensure issue. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

12-040-9018 (CILA) Michele Arthur moved to accept the complaint that the agency did not provide guardian notification for hospitalization. A signed release was received. Motion was seconded by Georgia Jones and carried. Michele Arthur was assigned to the case.

IV. Ratify Complaints

12-040-9015 (Lydia Healthcare) Theresa Buell moved to ratify the complaint that was accepted for investigation at the May 10th, 2012 meeting. Motion was seconded by Carol Genutis and carried.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Act to discuss the Palos Community Hospital case #12-040-9014 and the Glenwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center case #12-040-9008 with the providers' representatives. Michele Arthur moved the motion and carried.

Open session reconvened at 9:55 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included two cases discussed with the provider's representatives.

Maria Heer discussed her interest in becoming an HRA member and some of the members shared their experiences with the HRA.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 10:20 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Act to discuss progress reports, three reports of findings, four provider's responses and case closures.

Progress Reports:

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)
12-040-9011 (United Cerebral Palsy) (Kim and Judy)
12-040-9012 (St. James Hospital) (Michele and Judy)
12-040-9014 (Palos Community Hospital) (Georgia and Carol)
12-040-9015 (Lydia Healthcare) (Kim and Georgia)

Reports/Responses/Enforcement:

11-040-9004 (St. Coletta of Illinois) (Michele, Theresa and Kimberlee) The case has been referred to the Department of Human Services for enforcement.

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.

11-040-9011 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) (Michele Arthur and Judy Rauls) A provider's response was reviewed.

11-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC) (Michele Arthur and Carol Genutis) A provider's response was reviewed.

11-040-9013 (Chicago Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation) (Michele Arthur and Judy Rauls) A provider's response was reviewed.

11-040-9014 (Saint James Hospital and Medical Centers) A provider's response was not reviewed.

11-040-9015 (Tinley Park MHC) A report was reviewed.

12-040-9001 (Carole Lane Terrace) (Theresa and Kimberlee) A report was reviewed.

12-040-9002 (Individual Advocacy Group) (Theresa and Carol) A report was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 11:00 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included nine progress reports, three reports of findings, one case referred for enforcement and six possible case closures.

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

11-040-9004 (St. Coletta of Illinois) Theresa Buell moved to keep the case open that has been referred for enforcement. Carol Genutis seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9005 (Millennium Gardens) Carol Genutis moved to accept the response, close the case and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider requested that its response should be part of the public record. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9006 (Millennium Gardens) Carol Genutis moved to accept the response, close the case and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider requested that its response should be part of the public record. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9011 (Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center) Carol Genutis moved to accept the response, close the case and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider did not request that its response should be part of the public record. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9012 (Tinley Park MHC) (Michele Arthur and Carol Genutis) Carol Genutis moved to accept the response, close the case and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider did not request that its response should be part of the public record. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9013 (Chicago Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation) Theresa Buell moved to keep the case open for training documentation. Carol Genutis seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9014 (Saint James Hospital and Medical Centers) Theresa Buell moved to keep the case open for a response to the report. The provider is still within the 30-day timeframe allowed to respond to the report that contains violations. Carol Genutis seconded and motion carried.

11-040-9015 (Tinley Park MHC) Michele Arthur moved to accept the report of findings that does not contain violations. Theresa Buell seconded and carried.

12-040-9001 (Carole Lane Terrace) (Theresa and Kimberlee) Michele Arthur moved to accept the report of findings that contain violations. Theresa Buell seconded and carried.

12-040-9002 (Individual Advocacy Group) Michele Arthur moved to accept the report of findings that contain violations. Theresa Buell seconded and carried.

VIII. Ratify Reports and Case Closures:

11-040-9010 (Timberline Knolls Treatment Center) Carol Genutis moved to ratify the case that was closed at the May 10th, 2012 meeting. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

11-040-9014 (Saint James Hospital and Medical Centers) Carol Genutis moved to ratify the report that was accepted at the May 10th, 2012 meeting. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was moved by Carol Genutis to keep the December 9th, 2011 and February 9th, March 8th, April 12th and May 10th, 2012 Executive Meeting Minutes closed. Motion was seconded by Theresa Buell and carried.

It was moved by Teresa Buell to remove Abraham Wehbi, Citizen Member from the regional board. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

Theresa Buell moved to elect Kimberlee Brewerton as Chairperson and Judith Rauls as Vice Chairperson for fiscal year 2013. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

Theresa Buell moved to elect Michele Arthur as Secretary for fiscal year 2013. Georgia Jones seconded and motion carried.

The South Suburban Coordinator thanked Teresa Buell and Carol Genutis for their HRA membership.

The need to schedule site visits was discussed.

The members completed Volunteer Calendars and mileage forms.

The next meeting is scheduled at LARC on August 9th, 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 11:32 a.m. The members present approved the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Buell

Theresa Buell, Secretary
Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region

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