HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 13th, 2012
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Kimberlee Brewerton, Chairperson at 9:07 a.m.

PRESENT: Georgia Jones, Michele Arthur, Lauren Pell, Maria Heer and Kimberlee Brewerton.

Members Absent: Judith Rauls

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Kirk Bergmark, Palos Community Hospital

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 guest.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Michele Arthur to accept the September 13th, October 11th and November 8th, 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 9:09 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Act to discuss the Palos Community Hospital case #12-040-9014 with the provider's representative. The members present approved the motion.

Open session reconvened at 9:22 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. One case was discussed with the provider's representatives during closed session.

IV. NEW COMPLAINTS

13-040-9005 (Emergency Department) Michele Arthur moved to accept complaint #1 stating that the resident's designated emergency contact person was not notified. Additionally, Michele Arthur moved to not accept complaints #2, 3 and 4 alleging that the recipient was not provided with adequate and humane care. Lauren Pell seconded and complaints #2, 3 and 4 carried.

Kimberlee Brewerton voted against accepting complaint #1 for investigation and Judith Rauls will be polled for a possible majority vote. Later, all of the members who were present at the meeting voted to refer all of the allegations to the Illinois Department of Public Health for possible investigation.

13-040-9007 (Nursing Home) The Chairperson moved to postpone accepting the complaint for investigation because the HRA is waiting for the complainant to provide a written list of the specific allegations and a signed release of information. Michele Arthur moved the motion. Lauren Pell seconded and carried.

Ratify Case Acceptance

12-040-9015 (Lydia Healthcare) Lauren Pell moved to ratify case acceptance. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

13-040-9003 (Embassy Care) Lauren Pell moved to ratify case acceptance. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

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13-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) Lauren Pell moved to ratify case acceptance. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

V. The Chairperson motioned to reconvene closed session at 9:41 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Act to discuss progress reports, one report of findings, two provider's responses and case closures.

Progress Reports:

12-040-9011 (United Cerebral Palsy) (Kim and Judy)
12-040-9012 (St. James Hospital) (Michele and Judy)
12-040-9015 (Lydia Healthcare) (Kim and Georgia)
12-040-9016 (Garden Center Services) (Georgia and Kimberlee)
12-040-9018 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) (Michele)
13-040-9001 (Individual Advocacy Group) (Kim & Georgia)
13-040-9002 (Woodside Extended Care) (Michele & Maria)
13-040-9003 (Embassy Care) (Kim & Lauren)
13-040-9004 (Embassy Care) (Kim & Lauren)
13-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) (Michele)

Reports/Responses:

11-040-9014 (Saint James Hospital and Medical Centers) A provider's response was reviewed.

12-040-9003 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) (Michele) A provider's response was not reviewed. The hospital's attorney reportedly will provide a response by January 31st, 2013.

12-040-9006 (Midway Neurological & Rehabilitation Center) A provider's response was reviewed.

12-040-9010 (Joliet Terrace) (Michele and Carol) A provider's response was not reviewed.

12-040-9014 (Palos Community Hospital) (Georgia) A report was reviewed

Open session reconvened at 10:31 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included ten progress reports, one report of findings, a subpoena and four possible case closures.

VI. Reports/Accept Responses/ Closures/ Make Report Available to the Public/Subpoena

11-040-9014 (Saint James Hospital and Medical Centers) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case open for another response to the report of findings that contain violations. Maria Heer moved the motion. Georgia Jones seconded and carried.

12-040-9003 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) (Michele) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case open for a response to the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission's Counsel's letter that was mailed to the hospital's attorney. Maria Heer moved the motion. Georgia Jones seconded and carried.

12-040-9006 (Midway Neurological & Rehabilitation Center) The Chairperson motioned to close the case and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider has requested that its response should not be made public. Georgia Jones moved the motion. Maria Heer seconded and carried.

12-040-9010 (Joliet Terrace) (Michele and Georgia) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case open for response to the report that contain violations. The provider is still within the 30-day timeframe allowed to respond to the report of findings that contain violations. Maria Heer moved the motion. Georgia Jones seconded and carried.

12-040-9014 (Palos Community Hospital) The Chairperson motioned to accept the report that contain violations pending Teresa Parks' approval. Michele Arthur moved the motion. Georgia Jones seconded and carried.

12-040-9018 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) The Chairperson motioned to subpoena the resident's record and program policies. Lauren Pell moved the motion. Georgia Jones seconded and carried.

Ratify Reports Acceptance

12-040-9006 ((Midway Neurological & Rehabilitation Center) Lauren Pell moved to ratify report acceptance. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

12-040-9010 (Joliet Terrace) Lauren Pell moved to ratify report acceptance. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

Ratify Case Closure

12-040-9001 (Carole Lane Terrace) Lauren Pell moved to ratify case closure. Motion was seconded by Maria Heer and carried.

It was moved by Lauren Pell to keep the June 14th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th and November 8th, 2012 Executive Meeting Minutes closed. Motion was seconded by Maria Heer and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Regional Christmas Luncheon will be held at Al's Steak House in Joliet following the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled in February 2013 at 9:00 a.m. A meeting calendar will be sent to the members.

Refreshments for 2013 meetings: February/Kimberlee; March/Maria; April/Lauren; May/Georgia; June/Michele; August/Judy; September/Georgia; October/Judy and November/Geraldine.

The need to schedule site visits was discussed.

The members completed mileage forms.

The South Suburban Human Rights Authority is looking for citizen members.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Michele Arthur moved the motion. Lauren Pell seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Arthur, Secretary
Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region