PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
March 20, 2013

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:07am on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 by Chairperson Meri Tucker.

The meeting was held at Peoria County Jail, 301 North Maxwell Road, Peoria, IL 61604.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Flora Knutson

Staff: Gene Seaman

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 10:35am 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. The HRA returned to open session at 11:05am having taken no action in closed session. At 11:27am, Meri Tucker made the motion to enter closed session and the motion was seconded by Deb Goodwin and passed. At 11:56am Sandy Anton motioned to return to open session and that motion was seconded by Ann Hicke. The motion passed. No action was taken in closed session.

MINUTES

Diane Pflederer motioned to accept the January 2013 meeting minutes with changes. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications:

13-090-9022 - CHOICES - OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - The HRA performed an emergency case opening that needed ratified. Deb Goodwin motioned to ratify the complaint and that motion was seconded by Meri Tucker. The motion passed.

13-090-9019 - Methodist Medical Center - The HRA performed an emergency amendment to this case to include an additional complaint. Anne Hicke motioned to ratify the complaint and Janelle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13-090-9021 - Illini Bluffs School District - We performed an emergency case opening and then added an additional complaint. Meri Tucker motioned to ratify the complaint and Dolores Sheen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Cases:

13-090-9017 - Jail - We received complaint letters but never received clarification on exacts of the complaints or location. Meri Tucker motioned to close the case due to lack of information and no properly signed release. The motion was seconded by Anne Hicke and passed.

13-090--9018 - Youth Detention Center - Inadequate staffing levels and inadequate treatment. Diane Pflederer motioned to not accept the case but pursue possible resolution by informal means. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

13-090-9020 - Hospital - Inhumane treatment, including staff accusing patient of lying. Communication violations. Inadequate protection from aggressive patients. Sexual assault by staff and other patients. Meri Tucker motioned to not accept the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

13-090-9023 - School - Request for re-evaluation of special education services process was not followed by school. School did not communicate with IEP team member regarding special education service updates. Unprofessional conduct by staff. Anne Hicke motioned to table the complaint and send a reminder letter requesting that a release be returned. Janelle Crump seconded the motion and the motion passed.

13-090-9024 - Nursing Home - Inhumane treatment, resident was assaulted by staff and other patients while in facility. Resident not allowed to use property while in facility. Communication violation, resident not allowed to call family or 911 for seizures. Anne Hicke motioned to open the case. The motion was seconded by Janelle crump and passed.

13-090-9025 - Nursing Home - Improper dietary restrictions, residents not allowed milk during lunchtime, only at breakfast and dinner and without regard to dietary, health care or care planning needs. Meri Tucker motioned to open the case. The motion was seconded by Deb Goodwin and passed.

Case Progress:

13-090-9001: Rock Island County Jail - Meri Tucker motioned that we forgo an interview with staff and request documentation to proceed with the case and, if documentation is not provided in a two week time frame, we subpoena for the information.

13-090-9019: Methodist Medical Center - No action was taken

13-090-9021: Illini Bluffs School District - No action was taken

13-090-9022: CHOICES - OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - No action was taken

Draft Report:

13-090-9003: Sharon Healthcare Facilities - Anne Hicke motioned to accept the draft report. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and then passed.

13-090-9004: El Paso Health and Rehab - Dolores Sheen motioned to accept the draft report. The motion was seconded by Lois Hamilton and then passed.

13-090-9011: Methodist Medical Center - Janelle Crump motioned to accept the draft report. The motion was seconded by Diane Pflederer and then passed.

Case Closures:

12-090-9017: Methodist Medical Center - Meri Tucker motioned that we write a reminder letter for a response to the facility with a two week deadline. The motion was seconded by Anne Hicke and passed.

13-090-9002: Methodist Medical Center - Meri Tucker motioned that we write a reminder letter for a response to the facility with a two week deadline. The motion was seconded by Anne Hicke and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Gene Seaman, Reporter