PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
May 15, 2013

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:20am on Wednesday, May 15, 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, Debra Goodwin, Lois Hamilton, Anne Hicke, Flora Knutson

Absent: Janelle Crump, Sandra Anton

Staff: Gene Seaman

Guest: Wendy Navarro, prospective member

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 Dolores Sheen to enter closed session at 10:23am 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 Flora Knutson and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss confidential information and meet with Wendy Navarro. The HRA returned to open session at 11:06am having taken no action in closed session. At 12:01pm, Flora Knutson made the motion to enter closed session and the motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and passed. At 12:46am Ann Hicke motioned to return to open session and that motion was seconded by Meri Tucker. The motion passed. No action was taken in closed session.

MINUTES

Lois Hamilton motioned to accept the March 2013 meeting minutes with changes. The motion was seconded by Debra Goodwin and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications:

None

New Cases:

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. Meri Tucker motioned to close the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Debra Goodwin and passed.

13-090-9026 - Hospital - Inadequate admission process. Communication rights violation. Patient not allowed to review their own medical records. Ann Hicke motioned to accept the case and Dolores seconded the motion which passed.

13-090-9027 - Human Service Agency - Inadequate communication concerning programs and appeal mechanisms with recipient. Meri Tucker motioned to send a reminder letter on June 2, 2013 and Flora Knutson seconded the motion which passed. Dolores Sheen obtained from voting due to a conflict.

13-090-9028 - CILA - Inadequate account management. Anne Hicke motioned to defer the case to the Springfield office because the county is in their jurisdiction. Meri Tucker seconded the motion and it passed.

13-090-9029 - Hospital - Inadequate discharge process, patient was coerced into signing a discharge request and not allowed to rescind the discharge request. Patient not being allowed access to chart and records, including petition and certificate. Confidentiality violation. Personal items were taken and added to patient's record. Anne Hicke motioned to accept the case and Dolores Sheen seconded the motion, which passed.

Case Progress:

13-090-9001: Rock Island County Jail - Debra Goodwin motioned to close the case due to the complaints being part of a Federal court case. The motion was seconded by Flora Knutson and passed.

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

13-090-9021: Illini Bluffs School District - Diane Pflederer motioned to close the case due to the complaint being withdrawn. Lois Hamilton seconded the motion and the motion passed. Ann Hicke abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

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

13-090-9024: Sharon Healthcare Facilities - No action taken.

13-090-9025: Sharon Healthcare Facilities - No action taken.

Draft Report:

None

Case Closures:

12-090-9017: Methodist Medical Center - Lois Hamilton motioned for the case to be closed, making the report part of the public record, and the case be sent to the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission for enforcement referral. The motion was seconded by Flora Knutson and passed.

13-090-9002: Methodist Medical Center - Meri Tucker motioned for the case to be closed, making the report part of the public record, and the case be sent to the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission for enforcement referral. The motion was seconded by Ann Hicke and passed.

13-090-9003: Sharon Healthcare Facilities - Dolores Sheen motioned to send another letter requesting the facility to follow the recommendations in the report. Anne Hicke seconded the motion and the motion passed.

13-090-9004: El Paso Health and Rehab - Flora Knutson motioned to send another letter requesting the facility to follow the recommendations in the report. Lois Hamilton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

13-090-9011: Methodist Medical Center - Dolores Sheen motioned to close the case making the report part of the public record. That motion was seconded by Anne Hicke and passed.

Other Business

Meri Tucker motioned to appoint Debra Goodwin as chairperson and Diane Pflederer as vice chairperson. Flora Knutson seconded the motion which passed.

Flora Knutson motioned that Carolynsue Wolf and Wendy Navarro be appointed as members of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meri Tucker adjourned the meeting at 12:53pm

Gene Seaman, Reporter