HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 14th, 2013
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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 9:05 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was present, and all business could be conducted.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Judith Rauls to accept the December 13th, 2012 Meeting Minutes without changes. Motion was seconded by Georgia Jones and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

13-040-9007 (Nursing Home) Judith Rauls moved to not accept the complaints regarding medical issues and possible abuse. The allegations will be referred to the Illinois Department of Public Health for possible investigation. Judith Rauls moved to postpone accepting the allegations concerning care plans not being followed and personal property being stolen because of the guardianship issue. Maria Heer seconded and carried.

13-040-9008 (Nursing Home) The Chairperson motioned to postpone accepting the complaint regarding medication for investigation because a signed release of information was not received. Judith Rauls moved the motion. Maria Heer seconded and carried.

V. 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 progress reports, one report of findings, three provider's responses and case closures.

Progress Reports:

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 not reviewed.

12-040-9003 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) (Michele) A provider's response was reviewed and the hospital still disagrees to follow all recommendations in the report.

12-040-9010 (Joliet Terrace) (Michele and Carol) A provider's response was reviewed.

12-040-9011 (United Cerebral Palsy) (Kim and Judy) A report was reviewed.

12-040-9014 (Palos Community Hospital) (Georgia) A provider's response report was reviewed

Open session reconvened at 10:15 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included nine progress reports, one report of findings, a subpoena and four possible case closures.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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. Judith Rauls moved the motion. Georgia Jones seconded and carried.

12-040-9003 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) (Michele) The Chairperson motioned to refer the case for enforcement. Lauren Pell moved the motion. Judith Rauls seconded and carried.

12-040-9010 (Joliet Terrace) (Michele and Georgia) The Chairperson motioned to close the case and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider did not request that its response should be made public. Michele Arthur moved the motion. Judith Rauls seconded and carried.

12-040-9011 (United Cerebral Palsy) (Kim and Judy) The Chairperson motioned to accept the report that contain violations without any changes. Judith Rauls moved the motion. Lauren Pell seconded and carried.

12-040-9014 (Palos Community Hospital) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case open for another response to the report of findings that contain violations. Michele Arthur moved the motion. Georgia Jones seconded and carried.

12-040-9018 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) The Chairperson motioned to request that the subpoena for the resident's record and program policies be enforced via court order. Michele Arthur moved the motion. Judith Rauls seconded and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled at LARC in Lansing on March 14th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

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 10:35 a.m. Michele Arthur moved the motion. Judith Rauls seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Arthur

Michele Arthur, Secretary
Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region