HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 12th, 2013
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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 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT: Judith Rauls, Michele Arthur, Carol Genutis and Maria Heer

Members Absent: Lauren Pell and Georgia Jones

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Dr. David Brooks, Individual Advocacy Group
Dr. Brandi Boan, Individual Advocacy Group
Timothy Morgan, Individual Advocacy Group

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was not present and that all business could be conducted except for approving the meeting minutes and ratification of cases.

II. COMMUNICATION

Introductions were done. The May 9th, June 13th and August 8th, 2013 Meeting Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

The December 2012 through May 2013 Executive Meeting Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

The meeting agenda was changed to accommodate the guests.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:05 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Commission to discuss the Individual and Advocacy Group case #13-040-9001 with the provider's representatives. The member present consented to the motion.

Open session reconvened at 10:07 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included one case was discussed with the provider's representatives from Individual and Advocacy Group case #13-040-9001.

V. NEW COMPLAINTS

14-040-9001 (Nursing Home) The Chairperson motioned to accept the complaint involving the lack of coordination with community medical providers. The complainant withdrew the allegation about property because the issue reportedly has been resolved._ A signed release of information was received. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case will be ratified at the next meeting.

14-040-9002 (Police Department) The Chairperson motioned to not accept the complaint involving excessive force and injuries for a formal investigation. The complaint will be pursued on an informal basis. The Coordinator will send a letter to the Chief of the Police Department requesting further investigation into the incident, departmental policies, information about police training, and a meeting to discuss how individuals with disabilities are handled. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case will be ratified at the next meeting.

14-040-9003 (Detention Center) The Chairperson motioned to not accept the complaint involving medication, medical services and, possible abuse and neglect. The Coordinator will send a letter to the complainant and suggest that she should file a grievance with the detention center. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case will be ratified at the next meeting.

14-040-9004 (Correctional Center) The Chairperson motioned to not accept the complaint involving the lack of accommodations to meet the recipient's disabilities, medication and medical concerns. The Coordinator will send a letter to the complainant and suggest that he should file a grievance with the Illinois Department of Corrections as suggested by another advocacy center and follow up with the Associate Warden at the correctional center. A signed release of information was not received to contact the correctional center on the recipient's behalf. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case will be ratified at the next meeting.

Ratify Acceptance of New Complaints

13-040-9010- The case could not be ratified because a quorum was not present.
13-040-9011- The case could not be ratified because a quorum was not present.
13-040-9012- The case could not be ratified because a quorum was not present.

The Chairperson motioned to reconvene close session at 10:55 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Commission to discuss case assignments, progress reports, reports of findings, provider's responses and case closures. The member present consented to the motion.

New Case Assignments
14-040-9001 Carol Genutis was assigned to the case.

14-040-9002 Michele Arthur was assigned to the informal investigation.

Progress Reports

13-040-9003 (Embassy Care) (Kim & Lauren)
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13-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) (Michele)
13-040-9008 (Crestwood Terrace Nursing Home) (Lauren is assigned to the case)
13-040-9009 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) (Michele is assigned to the case)
13-040-9010 (Michele and Judy are assigned to the case)
13-040-9011 (Maria and Georgia are assigned to the case)
13-040-9012 (Michele is assigned to the case)

Reports/Responses

12-040-9018 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) (Michele) A response was not reviewed.

13-040-9001 (Individual Advocacy Group) The provider's representative expressed extreme dissatisfaction with the report of findings and presented their grievance in writing.

13-040-9002 (Woodside Extended Care) (Michele & Maria) A provider's response was reviewed.

13-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) (Michele) A report was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 11:20 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included two case assignments, seven progress reports, one provider response and one report.

IV. Unfinished Business

Reports for Acceptance

13-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) The Chairperson motioned to accept the report that contains violations as amended on page six. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case will be ratified at the next meeting.

Ratify Reports for Acceptance

12-040-9018 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) (Michele) The report could not be ratified due to the lack of a quorum.

13-040-9001 (Individual Advocacy Group) The report could not be ratified due to the lack of a quorum.

13-040-9002 (Woodside Extended Care) (Michele & Maria) The report could not be ratified due to the lack of a quorum.

Reports/Accept Responses/ Closures/ Make Report Available to the Public

12-040-9018 (Southwest Disabilities Services and Supports) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case opened for a response to the report that contains violations. The provider is still within the 30-day timeframe allowed by law to respond to the report. The members present approved the motion. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case will be ratified at the next meeting.

13-040-9001 (Individual Advocacy Group) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case opened for because the provider disagrees with the report's findings. The members present approved the motion. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case will be ratified at the next meeting.

13-040-9001 (Individual Advocacy Group) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case opened for a copy of the facility's revised policy. The members present approved the motion. Lauren Pell gave her vote for a majority after the meeting. The case will be ratified at the next meeting.

Ratify Case Closure

12-040-9016 (Garden Center Services) The case closure could not be ratified because a quorum was not present.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The members voted to serve as officers for fiscal year 2014 could not be ratified because a quorum was not present.

The next meeting is scheduled at New Hope Center in Dolton on October 10th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

The need to schedule site visits was discussed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. The members present approved the motion.

Michele Arthur, Secretary

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