

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 10th, 2013
New Hope Center
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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 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Judith Rauls, Michele Arthur and Maria Heer

Members Absent: Lauren Pell, Carol Genutis and Georgia Jones

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: 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

The May 9th, June 13th, August 8th and September 12th, 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 9:02 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 10:20 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

14-040-9005 (Nursing Home) The Chairperson motioned to accept the complaint involving the lack of transportation to medical appointments with community medical providers. The complaint also alleged that the resident is not provided with snacks that contain sugar because of alleged diabetes. A signed release of information was received. Lauren Pell gave her vote after the meeting. The case will be presented for a majority vote at the next meeting.

14-040-9006 (CILA) The Chairperson motioned to accept the complaint involving verbal and physical threatening behaviors from a staff person. The complaint also alleged that the resident is not allowed visits or phone calls with her boyfriend. Lauren Pell gave her vote after the meeting. The case will be presented for a majority vote 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.

14-040-9001- The case could not be ratified because a quorum was not present.

Ratify New Complaints Accepted for Informal Investigation

14-040-9002- The case could not be ratified because a quorum was not present.

Ratify New Complaints Not Accepted for Formal Investigation

14-040-9003- The case could not be ratified because a quorum was not present.

14-040-9004- The case could not be ratified because a quorum was not present.

The Chairperson motioned to reconvene close session at 10:57 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

14-040-9005

14-040-9006

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 (Midway Neuro Rehab Center) (Michele and Judy)
13-040-9011 (Progressive Careers and Housing (Maria and Georgia)
13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) (Michele)
14-040-9001 (Lexington of Orland Park) (Carol)

Reports/Responses

12-040-9018 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) (Michele) A response was not reviewed. The Coordinator will follow up with the agency because the provider has not responded to the HRA's letter concerning a response to the report. .

13-040-9001 (Individual Advocacy Group) The Coordinator informed the provider that the comment section will be removed from the report. A statement will be added to clarify that the resident is still a client of the agency. The provider's representatives continue to disagree with the report of findings. The agency provided a few documented instances of guardian notification at the meeting. The HRA requested more documentation concerning this issue.

13-040-9002 (Woodside Extended Care) (Michele & Maria) A provider's response was not reviewed. The Coordinator reported that the Administrator said that she is waiting for a typed copy of the revised policy.

13-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) (Michele) A provider's response was reviewed.

13-040-9008 (Crestwood Terrace Nursing Home) The report was not presented at the meeting as planned.

Open session reconvened at 12:00 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included case assignments, seven progress reports and one provider response.

IV. Unfinished Business

There were no reports reviewed for acceptance.

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.

13-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) 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 members present approved the motion. Lauren Pell gave her vote after the meeting. The case will be presented for a majority vote at the next meeting.

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

13-040-9002 (Woodside Extended Care) (Michele & Maria) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case opened for a copy of the facility's revised protocol on guardian notification. The members present approved the motion. Lauren Pell gave her vote after the meeting. The case will be presented for a majority vote at the next meeting.

13-040-9006 (Lydia Healthcare) (Michele) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case opened to discuss the facility's response with the HRA's Supervisor. A suggestion will be made to involve the resident in treatment planning (medication) whenever the case is closed. The members present approved the motion. Lauren Pell gave her vote after the meeting. The case will be presented for a majority 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 Sertoma Centre in Alsip on November 14th, 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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