HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 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 and Maria Heer

Members Absent: Lauren Pell and Carol Genutis

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: 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.

II. COMMUNICATION

The November 14th, 2013 Meeting Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

14-040-9008 (Nursing Home) The Chairperson motioned to accept the complaint stating that a resident was not allowed to refuse medication in the absence of an emergency. A signed release of information was received. Maria Heer moved the motion and Michele Arthur seconded. Lauren Pell and Carol Genutis gave their votes subsequent to the meeting for a majority.

14-040-9009 (Residential Treatment Center) The Chairperson motioned to accept the complaint stating that a resident's well-being was compromised because she took an overdose of medication that was provided by a peer. It was reported that other recipient's well being was also compromised due to the incident. Additionally, the complaint alleged that the facility's assigned psychiatrist did not return the hospital's physician's call when the recipient was hospitalized following the incident. Maria Heer moved the motion and Michele Arthur seconded. Lauren Pell and Carol Genutis gave their votes subsequent to the meeting for a majority. The complaint was accepted pending a signed release of information.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:18 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 representative, case assignments, progress reports, reports of findings, provider's responses and case closures. The members present consented to the motion.

New Case Assignments

14-040-9008 (Riviera Care Center) Judy Rauls and Lauren Pell were assigned to the investigation.

14-040-9009 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center) Michele Arthur and Maria Heer were assigned to the investigation.

Progress Reports

13-040-9003 (Embassy Care) (Lauren)
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13-040-9009 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) (Michele is assigned to the case)
13-040-9011 (Progressive Careers and Housing (Maria)
13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) (Michele)
14-040-9001 (Lexington of Orland Park) (Carol)
14-040-9002 (Michele)
14-040-9005 (Chicago Ridge Nursing Home) (Michele and Lauren)
14-040-9006 (St. Coletta of Illinois) (Carol Genutis)
14-040-9007 (Riviera Care Center) (Judy and Lauren)

Reports/Responses

12-040-9018 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) (Michele) A response was not reviewed. The case has been referred for enforcement.

13-040-9001 (Individual Advocacy Group) A revised report was reviewed. The provider's representative was informed that a copy of the report would be sent to the agency's Executive Director if approved by the HRA members.

13-040-9002 (Woodside Extended Care) (Michele and Maria) An addendum to the policy was reviewed. The members agreed to keep the case open for a copy of the revised policy upon returning to open session.

13-040-9008 (Crestwood Terrace Nursing Home) (Lauren) A report with no violations was sent to the provider in November. The members agreed to keep the case open upon returning to open session because thirty days have not lapsed since the report was sent.

13-040-9010 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) A report was not reviewed as planned. The report will be presented at the next meeting.

13-040-9011 (Progressive Careers and Housing) (Maria) A report with no violations was sent to the provider in November. The members agreed to keep the case open upon returning to open session because thirty days have not lapsed since the report was sent

Open session reconvened at 10:37 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included case assignments, nine progress reports, a revised report and one provider's response.

V. Unfinished Business

Reports for Acceptance

13-040-9001 (Individual Advocacy Group) Maria Heer moved to accept the report and Michele Arthur seconded. Lauren Pell and Carol Genutis gave their votes subsequent to the meeting for a majority.

13-040-9010 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) A report was not reviewed as planned.

Accept Responses/ Closures/ Make Report Available to the Public

12-040-9018 (Southwest Disabilities Services and Supports) The Chairperson motioned to close the case because it has been referred for enforcement. Michele Arthur moved the motion and Maria Heer seconded. Lauren Pell and Carol Genutis gave their votes subsequent to the meeting for a majority. The case will be ratified when a quorum is present.

13-040-9002 (Woodside Extended Care) (Michele & Maria) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case open for a copy of the revised policy. Michele Arthur moved the motion and Maria Heer seconded. Lauren Pell and Carol Genutis gave their votes subsequent to the meeting for a majority.

13-040-9008 (Crestwood Terrace) (Lauren) The Chairperson motioned to keep the case open to allow the provider time to respond to the report. Michele Arthur moved the motion and Maria Heer seconded. Lauren Pell and Carol Genutis gave their votes subsequent to the meeting for a majority.

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OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The regional HRA Christmas luncheon was held at Al's Steakhouse in Joliet after the meeting.

No meeting is scheduled for January 2014.

Judith Rauls will bring the refreshments for the February meeting.

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 11:15 a.m. The members present approved the motion.

Michele Arthur, Secretary

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