

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 5, 2014
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

HRA Chair Nicole Erickson opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:06 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Edie Bukwa, David Ginter, Donna Claffy, Eric Mathiasen, Beth Tucker, and Kamil Jaruga.

Members Absent: Ashley Casati..

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Gia Orr, Community HRA Coordinator, and Awisi Quartey, HRA Director of Policy and Training

Kamil noted that a quorum was present. Nicole read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of June 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Donna made a motion to approve the June 24, 2014 minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Communications: The Chicago HRA bids a fond farewell to Edie Bukwa who attended the meeting for her farewell party. Edie has been a wonderful advocate for persons with disabilities as well as a friend to members of our HRA and she will be missed. We send Edie all of our best wishes and many thanks for her time and commitment to advocacy issues.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

15-030-9001- St. Anthony Hospital. The complaint alleges that the recipient was forced to sign a voluntary application for admission and forced to accept medication for no adequate reason. Allegedly, hospital staff would not consult with the recipient's outpatient treatment team to get the background information needed to treat the recipient. Additionally, the complaint alleges that another patient's record was included in the recipient's record and allegedly the hospital staff made treatment decisions based on this other patient's information. Also, the recipient was allegedly not given all of her clothing when she was discharged. A release has been received. Donna made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation and it was properly seconded and passed.

15-030-9002- Cermak Health Services of Cook County. The complaint alleges that a recipient was physically abused by staff and denied phone calls and contact with his attorney. A release has been received. Nicole made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation and it was properly seconded and passed.

David made a motion to go into closed session at 5:12 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and responses and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 5:40 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases, discussion of reports as well as responses, and case closures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None.

Reports of Findings:

#14-030-9017- Hartgrove A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was seconded and passed.

#14-030-9022- Madden. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#14-030-9011 St. Bernard Hospital. David made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9009- Magnolia. The attorney for Magnolia has requested additional time in addition to the already granted postponement in which to complete the response for the Magnolia report of findings. The HRA has postponed the closure on case #14-030-9009 until the next meeting of the HRA.

#14-030-9014- MacNeal. Kamil a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9015- Cedar Point. Eric made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9018- C4. Beth made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Status Reports:

14-030-9021 MacNeal. The HRA has investigated numerous complaints regarding MacNeal. The HRA discussed the plan to review all the complaints within the past three years and

determine if there are recurrent issues which require additional attention. Pat will present this information at the next HRA meeting.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA voted unanimously to maintain our current officers for another year.

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamil Jaruga