

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 8th, 2014
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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 9:03 a.m.

PRESENT: Judith Rauls, Carol Genutis, Lauren Pell, Marva Allison, John Mirecki and Michele Arthur

Members Absent: Maria Heer

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Dina Raya, Prospective HRA Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. Introductions were done. The HRA members welcomed John Mirecki to the regional board, and they talked about their experiences as volunteer members. Dina Raya also shared information about her work history and has submitted an application to be an HRA member. It was determined that a quorum was present and that all business could be conducted.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Michele Arthur to accept the March 13th, 2014 Meeting Minutes without any changes. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

It was moved by Michele Arthur to accept the April 10th, 2014 Meeting Minutes as amended on page one. Complaint #14-040-9012 should read as being not accepted for investigation. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

14-040-9013 It was moved by Marva Allison to not accept the complaints involving possible verbal abuse and elopement because the allegations have been reported to the Office of the Inspector General for follow up. It was also moved by Marva Allison to not accept the complaint involving medication because the complainant withdrew the allegation. Motions were seconded by Carol Genutis and carried.

14-040-9014 (Pillars Services) It was moved by Lauren Pell to accept the complaint stating that a recipient was inappropriately discharged from a day program pending a signed release of information. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

14-040-9015 It was moved by Michele Arthur to not accept the complaints for investigation but refer the allegations to the Illinois Department of Public for possible follow up. Motion was seconded by John Mirecki and carried.

14-040-9016 It was moved by Lauren Pell to not accept the complaint about the clothing issue because this matter is beyond our scope of authority. The complainant will be referred to the Prescreening Agency and the Illinois Department of Human Services, Developmental Disabilities Regional Facilitator for possible help. Motion was seconded by John Mirecki and carried.

Ratify New Complaints Not Accepted

14-040-9012 It was moved by Lauren Pell to ratify the complaint that was not accepted for an investigation because the complainant withdrew the allegation. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

1V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 10:20 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Commission to discuss case assignments, progress reports, a report of findings, and providers' responses. It was moved by Marva Allison to go into closed session. Michele Arthur seconded and carried.

New Case Assignments

14-040-9014 (Pillars) Lauren Pell and Judith Rauls were assigned to the investigation.

Progress Reports

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)

14-040-9008 (Riviera Care Center) (Judy and Lauren)

14-040-9009 (Timberline Knowles Residential Treatment Center)

14-040-9010 (Presence St. Joe Medical Center)

14-040-9011 (Elisabeth Ludeman Developmental Center)

Reports/Responses

13-040-9009 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) A report was reviewed.

13-040-9010 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) A response to the report was reviewed

13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) A report was not reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 11:16 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included ten progress reports, a report, and one possible case closure.

V. Unfinished Business

Accept Responses/ Ratify Case /Closures/ Make Report Available to the Public

13-040-9003 (Embassy Care) At the May 8th, 2014 meeting, the members reviewed the information received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, (CMS) under the Freedom of Information Act concerning the Illinois Department of Public Health investigation of the complaint. It was moved by Carol Genutis to close the case because the Illinois Department of Public Health has already investigated the allegation. Lauren Pell seconded and carried.

13-040-9004 (Embassy Care) At the May 8th, 2014 meeting, the members reviewed the information received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, (CMS) under the Freedom of Information Act concerning the Illinois Department of Public Health investigation of the complaint. It was moved by Carol Genutis to close the case because the Illinois Department of Public Health has already investigated the allegation. Lauren Pell seconded and carried.

13-040-9009 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) It was moved by Michele Arthur to accept the report without any changes. Lauren Pell seconded and carried.

13-040-9010 (Midway Neurological Rehab Center) It was moved by Lauren Pell to keep the case open for additional training documentation. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

14-040-9010 (Presence St. Joe Medical Center) It was moved by Carol Genutis to close the case without investigation because a signed release of information was not received. Lauren Pell seconded and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12th, 2014.

Refreshments for 2014 meetings: June/Lauren; August/Maria; September/Judith; October/Marva and November/Carol.

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 11:26 a.m. It was moved by Carol Genutis to adjourn the meeting. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

Michele Arthur, Secretary

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