

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 12th, 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 9:15 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Lauren Pell and Marva Allison

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. Introductions were done. It was determined that a quorum was present and that all business could be conducted.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by John Mirecki to accept the May 8th, 2014 Meeting Minutes without any changes. Motion was seconded by Michele Arthur and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

14-040-9017 (Residential Center) It was moved by Carol Genutis to postpone accepting the complaint stating that the facility failed to adequately explain a resident's injuries pending information from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). A signed release of information will be requested if OIG did not follow up with the complaint. Motion was seconded by John Mireck and carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:26 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 Carol Genutis to go into closed session. Michele Arthur seconded and carried.

New Case Assignments

There were no cases assigned at the meeting.

Progress Reports

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)
14-040-9011 (Elisabeth Ludeman Developmental Center)
14-040-9014 (Pillars)

Reports/Responses

13-040-9009 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) A response was not reviewed. The hospital reported that a response is being prepared.

13-040-9010 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) A response was not reviewed. On June 11th, 2014, the Coordinator emailed the nursing facility new Administrator a copy of the report, the facility's response and the HRA's letter for additional information concerning case closures. The facility Administrator said that he would provide a response in a couple weeks.

13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) A report was reviewed. The members agreed to accept the report as amended upon returning to open session.

Open session reconvened at 10:24 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included nine progress reports, a report, and two possible case closures.

V. Unfinished Business

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

13-040-9009 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) It was moved by Carol Genutis to keep the case open for a response to the report that contains violations. The hospital is still within the 30-day timeframe for responding to the report. The hospital reported that a response is being prepared. Maria Heer seconded and carried.

13-040-9010 (Midway Neurological Rehab Center) It was moved by Carol Genutis to keep the case open for additional training documentation. The facility Administrator said that he would provide a response in a couple weeks. Maria Heer seconded and carried.

13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) It was moved by Carol Genutis to accept the report as amended upon returning to open session. The amended report will be sent to the Program Director for approval. Maria Heer seconded and carried.

14-040-9002 It was moved by Michele Arthur to close the case without investigation because the recipient's brother has failed to return the Coordinator many calls concerning the incident. John Mirecki seconded and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No scheduled public meeting for July 2014

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14th, 2014.

Refreshments for 2014 meetings: 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 10:36 a.m. It was moved by John Mirecki to adjourn the meeting. Maria Heer seconded and carried.

Michele Arthur, Secretary

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