

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 14th, 2014
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Carol Genutis, Vice Chairperson at 9:04 a.m.

PRESENT: Carol Genutis, Maria Heer, John Mirecki, Marva Allison and Dina Raya.

Members Absent: Lauren Pell

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Ronald Robinson (Prospective HRA Member)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. Introductions were done. The HRA members welcomed Dina Raya, the mental health provider to the regional board. It was determined that a quorum was present and that all business could be conducted.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Marva Allison to accept the June 12th, 2014 Meeting Minutes without any changes. Motion was seconded by John Mirecki and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

14-040-9017 (Residential Center) It was moved by John Mirecki to not accept the complaint stating that the facility failed to adequately explain a resident's injuries. The members took this action because the allegation already had been reported to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for possible follow up. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

15-040-9001(Cila) It was moved by John Mirecki to not accept the complaint stating that the facility failed to notify the guardian about a resident's injuries. The members took this action because the allegation already had been reported to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for possible follow up. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Vice Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:10 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Commission to discuss case assignments and

progress reports. It was moved by John Mirecki to go into closed session. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

New Case Assignments

There were no new cases assigned at the meeting. John Mirecki will replace Judith Rauls in the investigation involving Pillars Services.

Progress Reports

14-040-9005 (Chicago Ridge Nursing Home) (Lauren)
14-040-9006 (St. Coletta of Illinois) (Carol Genutis)
14-040-9007 (Riviera Care Center) (Lauren)
14-040-9008 (Riviera Care Center) (Lauren)
14-040-9009 (Timberline Knowles Residential Treatment Center)
14-040-9011 (Elisabeth Ludeman Developmental Center) (Carol)
14-040-9014 (Pillars) (Lauren & John)

Open session reconvened at 9:45 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included seven progress reports and no new case assignments.

Ronald Robinson joined the meeting. Mr. Robinson shared information about his work history and has submitted an application to be an HRA member. Some of the members talked about their experiences as a HRA volunteer member.

The Vice Chairperson reconvened closed session at 10:12 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Commission to discuss reports and responses. The motion was properly moved and carried.

Reports/Responses

13-040-9009 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) A response was reviewed. The hospital agreed to follow the recommendations in the report, although the provider does not agree with one of the findings in the report. The members agreed to accept the response upon returning to open session.

13-040-9010 (Midway Neurological Rehabilitation Center) A response was reviewed. The Coordinator will contact the facility Administrator for clarification of training documentation concerning the admission of residents with guardians to nursing facilities. The members agreed to close the case pending clarification of training documentation upon returning to open session.

13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) A response was reviewed. The provider does not agree with the findings in the report. The members agreed to keep the case opened upon returning to open session.

14-040-9001 (Lexington of Orland Park) A report was not reviewed as planned.

Open session reconvened at 10:45 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included three responses and one possible case closure.

V. Unfinished Business

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

13-040-9009 (Ingalls Memorial Hospital) It was moved by Marva Allison to accept the provider's response, close the case, and to make the report a part of the public record. The provider did not request that its response should be made public. Dina Raya seconded and carried.

13-040-9010 (Midway Neurological Rehab Center) It was moved by John Mirecki to accept the provider's response, close the case, and to make the report a part of the public record pending clarification of the response. The provider did not request that its response should be made public. The Coordinator will send a letter to the provider for clarification of the training documentation. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) It was moved by John Mirecki to keep the case opened because the provider does not agree with the report findings. The Coordinator will send a letter to the provider clarifying the violation. Maria Heer seconded and carried.

14-040-9001 (Lexington of Orland Park) A report was not reviewed.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was moved by Marva Allison to keep the November 2013 through May 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes closed. Motion was seconded by John Mirecki and carried.

Judith Rauls HRA volunteer membership ended on July 31st, 2014.

The members elected the following officers for fiscal year 2015- Carol Genutis/Chairperson, Marva Allison/Vice Chairperson, Maria Heer/Secretary and John Mirecki/Acting Secretary.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11th, 2014.

Refreshments for 2014 meetings: September/John; 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 Vice Chairperson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. It was moved by Dina Raya to adjourn the meeting. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

Maria Heer, Secretary


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