

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY  
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Sertoma Centre  
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Marva Allison, Vice Chairperson at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT: Marva Allison, Dina Raya, Lauren Pell and Ronald Robinson.

Members Absent: John Mireck, Carol Genutis and Maria Heer.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Jacob Goldstein, Attorney for Timberline Knolls

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. Introductions were done. 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 October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not present. The minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### III. NEW COMPLAINTS

15-040-9004 The HRA members present consented to postpone accept the complaint for an investigation because a signed release was not received. The case will be reviewed at the next meeting.

15-040-9005 The HRA members present consented to not accept the complaint for investigation because the allegation has been referred to the Illinois Department of Public Health for follow up. The case will be ratified at the next meeting.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Vice Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:19 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Commission to discuss the Timberline Knolls Treatment Center case #14-040-9009 with the provider's attorney and review the facility's

response to the subpoena. Also, case assignments, progress reports, reports of findings and responses were discussed. The HRA members present consented to the motion.

#### New Case Assignments

There were no new case assignments.

#### Progress Reports

14-040-9007 (Riviera Care Center) (Lauren)  
14-040-9008 (Riviera Care Center) (Lauren)  
14-040-9009 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center)  
14-040-9011 (Elisabeth Ludeman Developmental Center) (Carol)  
14-040-9014 (Pillars Services) (Lauren & John)  
15-040-9002 (Dorchester Senior Services)  
15-040-9003 (MetroSouth Medical Center)

#### Reports/Responses

13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) A response was not reviewed. The members were informed that the agency's Executive Director did not respond to the Coordinator's November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 message concerning this issue. The Coordinator will follow up with the agency concerning its corrective action plan. The HRA members present agreed to keep the case opened upon returning to open session.

14-040-9001 (Lexington of Orland Park) A response was not reviewed. The report of findings did not contain any violations. The HRA members present consent agreed to keep the case opened upon returning to open session. The case will be closed at the next meeting pending a quorum.

14-040-9005 (Chicago Ridge Nursing Home) (Lauren) A response was not reviewed. The report of findings contained a rights violation and the provider is still within the 30-day time frame to provide a response to the report. The HRA members agreed to keep the case opened upon returning to open session.

14-040-9006 (St. Coletta of Illinois) A report was reviewed. The HRA members agreed to review the report again at the next meeting.

Open session reconvened at 10:40 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included seven progress reports, one response, one report, and three possible case closures. The members present consented to the motion.

#### V. Unfinished Business

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

13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) The members present agreed to keep the case opened for the provider's corrective action plan.

14-040-9001 (Lexington of Orland Park) The members present agreed to close the case at the next meeting pending a quorum.

14-040-9005 (Chicago Ridge Nursing Home) The members present agreed to keep the case opened for a response to the report. The provider is still within the 30-day time frame to provide a response to the report that contains a violation.

14-040-9009 (Timberline Knowles Residential Treatment) The members reviewed the facility's response to the subpoena stating that the follow up documentation concerning the provider's investigation into the incident is not part of discovery pursuant to the medical studies act. The provider's attorney said that the facility stands on its responses. Whether or not the regional HRA will continue to pursue the subpoena information will be discussed with our counsel.

#### OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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 10:45 a.m. The members present agreed to the motion.

Dina Raya, Acting Secretary

  
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