

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 11th, 2014
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Carol Genutis, Chairperson at 9:25 a.m.

PRESENT: Carol Genutis, John Mireck, Dina Raya, Maria Heer and Ronald Robinson.

Members Absent: Marva Allison and Lauren Pell.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Jacob Goldstein, Attorney for Timberline Knolls

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. The meeting agenda was changed to accommodate our guest.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the October 9th, 2014 Meeting Minutes without any changes. Motion was seconded by John Mirecki and carried.

It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the November 13th, 2014 Meeting Minutes without any changes. Motion was seconded by John Mirecki and carried.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:27 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Commission to discuss the Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center case #14-040-9009 with the provider's attorney.

Open session reconvene at 9:57 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. It was moved by Maria Heer to resume open session. John Mirecki seconded and motion carried. The Timberline case was discussed in closed session.

IV. NEW COMPLAINTS

15-040-9004 (Hospital) It was moved by John Mirecki to postpone accepting the complaint for investigation because the Coordinator was unable to find an interpreter for the meeting to accommodate the complainant's needs. Also, we have not received a proper release for investigation. Motion was seconded by Ronald Robinson and carried.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson reconvened close session at 10:15 a.m. to discuss case assignments, progress reports, reports of findings, and responses. The motion was properly moved.

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 reviewed documentation that the agency's Executive Director did not respond to the Coordinator's requests for another response to the report of findings. The members agreed to seek enforcement 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 members agreed to close the case upon returning to open session.

14-040-9005 (Chicago Ridge Nursing Home) (Lauren) A response was reviewed. The members agreed to accept the response and close the case upon returning to open session.

14-040-9006 (St. Coletta of Illinois) The report will be reviewed again at the next meeting because some of the pages were missing.

14-040-9007 (Riviera Care Center) (Lauren) A report was reviewed. The members agreed to accept the report upon returning to open session.

14-040-9008 (Riviera Care Center) (Lauren) A report was reviewed. The members agreed to accept the report upon returning to open session.

Open session reconvened at 10:44 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) It was moved by John Mirecki to refer the case for enforcement. Dina Raya seconded and carried

14-040-9001 (Lexington of Orland Park) It was moved by John Mirecki to close the case and make the report a part of the public record. No violations were found and the provider did not respond to the report. Dina Raya seconded and carried.

14-040-9005 (Chicago Ridge Nursing Home) 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. The provider did not request that its response should be made public. Dina Raya seconded and carried.

14-040-9006 (St. Coletta of Illinois) It was moved by Maria Heer to review the report again because some of the pages were missing. Dina Raya seconded and carried.

14-040-9007 (Riviera Care Center) (Lauren) It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the report pending the Program Director's approval. Ronald Robinson seconded and carried.

14-040-9008 (Riviera Care Center) (Lauren) It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the report pending the Program Director's approval. Ronald Robinson seconded and carried.

14-040-9009 (Timberline Knowles Residential Treatment) The provider's attorney said that the facility stands on its position that the internal investigation follow up information is not part of discovery pursuant to the medical studies act. The case will be discussed with the HRA counsel to determine whether or not to continue to pursue the subpoena information.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 2015.

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 10:55 a.m. The members present agreed to the motion.

Maria Heer, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Heer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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