

**Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2104**

**Members Present:**

James Bakunas, Vice Chairperson  
Annie Brooks, Member  
Tara Dunning, Secretary  
Javed Irshad, Member  
Donna Lynn, Chairperson  
Linda O'Rourke, Member

**Staff Present:**

Michael Pintar, Coordinator

**Guest:**

Richard Dixon

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Donna Lynn recognized that a quorum was met and called the regular meeting of the Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority to order at 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. The meeting was held at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center in Springfield, Illinois. Welcome and introductions were made.

**Confidentiality Statement:**

The Coordinator read the confidentiality statement which indicates that personally identifiable information will not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

**Changes to the Agenda:**

Chairperson Lynn reviewed the agenda and asked for any changes or corrections. Pintar added the ratification of all motions from the December 3rd meeting to the agenda and requested that 14-050-9002 be moved to Report of Findings on the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The notes of the December 3, 2013 unofficial meeting were reviewed and the motions were ratified and voted on one at a time.

**A motion was made by Lynn to accept the minutes of October 29, 2013 as written. The motion was seconded by Dunning. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Dunning to open case 14-050-9011 for investigation. Bakunas seconded this motion. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Bakunas to open case 14-050-9012 for investigation. Dunning seconded this motion. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Bakunas to open case 14-050-9013 for investigation. Irshad seconded this motion. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Irshad to table case closures for cases 13-050-9015, 13-050-9022, 14-050-9002. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Dunning to table approval of report of findings for cases 13-050-9013 and 14-050-9009. Motion passed.**

**Communications:**

Pintar announced that he will be retiring from his position with the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission effective April 30, 2014. He reported that Teresa Parks will be at the next meeting to assist with a smooth transition.

**New Complaints:**

14-050-9014 – a youth was recently transferred to a residential facility and after his first night, his aunt received a phone call from staff that the child had fallen and hit his head. Two days later she received a phone call from DCFS insisting that she come and take the child to the ER. There was a large soft tissue wound on his arm, deep scratches and multiple bruises all over his body. She was not given any explanation by staff at the facility or by DCFS on how these wounds occurred. At the ER she learned the arm was broken.

**A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Brooks to open 14-050-9014 for investigation. Motion carried.**

14-050-9015 – a consumer cannot obtain permission to read her record. When she asked the social worker she was told to ask the treatment team. There does not appear to be a venue to review one's personal records. Also, she has had a notice of restriction order for two week and another NOR for a physical altercation with another patient. During one altercation the staff refused to offer voluntary medication and instead administered an injection against her wished.

**A motion was made by O'Rourke to open case 14-050-9015 for investigation. The motion was seconded by Bakunas. Motion carried.**

14-050-9016 – during a recent visit, a family complains that staff was mean and chastised the family for bring food and stated the consumer could not have a fountain drink. The staff denied the family the use of the visitation room stating it was being used for a meeting. The family met in an uncomfortable area and the entire visit the visitation room was unoccupied.

**A motion was made by Brooks and seconded by Bakunas to not accept 14-050-9016 for investigation. Motion passed.**

**Closed Session: A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Brooks to enter into closed session at 6:42 p.m. pursuant to Section 721 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss confidential and**

potentially identifiable information. Motion passed and the committee went into closed session.

**Draft Reports of Findings:**

Written reports for these four cases were reviewed for approval.

14-050-9002

14-050-9003

14-050-9011

13-050-9015

**Case Closures:**

13-050-9022 – still waiting on technical assistance from DHS

14-050-9009 – substantiated – response received

14-050-9006 – absolved – an agreement has been met

13-050-9018 – absolved – an agreement has been met

**Open Session:** A motion was made by Bakunas and seconded by Irshad to come out of closed session at 7:14pm.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Bakunas to accept the report of findings for case 14-050-9002, 14-050-9003, 14-050-9011.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by O'Rourke to accept the revised report for case 14-050-9015.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Lynn to table closure of case 13-050-9022.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Brooks to close case 14-050-9009.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Brooks to close case 14-050-9006(A) without a report of findings.

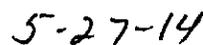
A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Brooks to close case 13-050-9018 without a report of findings.

**Adjournment:** Upon a motion made by O'Rourke and seconded by Lynn, the meeting of the HRA was adjourned. The next meeting date will be Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tara Dunning, Secretary



Date Approved