



CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 3, 2015
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

HRA Chair Nicole Erickson opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:29 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Ashley Casati, Beth Tucker, Erik Mathiasen, Michael Shukis, Nicole Erickson, Donna Claffy, and Kamil Jaruga.

Members Absent: David Ginter.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Nicole noted that a quorum was present. Nicole read the Confidentiality Statement.

Approval of January 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Kamil made a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 minutes. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Communications: None.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#15-030-9008. A recipient alleges that a staff member cut the recipient's hair against her will and that she did not receive her jewelry back after she was discharged. A release has been received. Donna made a motion to accept the case and it was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9009. A recipient alleges that he was improperly evicted from his apartment. A release has been obtained. Michael made a motion that the case not be accepted for investigation and it was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9010. A recipient alleges that she was improperly discharged from her nursing home and not given the reason for her discharge. A release has not been received. A motion was made



to postpone the vote to open an investigation pending the receipt of the release. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9011. A recipient alleges that a mental health facility released information to her ward's school without his consent. A release has not been received. A motion was made to postpone the vote to open an investigation pending the receipt of the release. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9012. A guardian alleges that the facility treating her ward did not include her in her ward's care and decision making. A release has been received. Donna made a motion to accept the case and it was properly seconded and passed.

Beth made a motion to enter into closed session at 5:50 p.m. pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955/21) and Section 120/2 (c) (4) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2); the motion was seconded by Kamil and carried. The purpose of the closed session was as follows: to discuss updates of open cases, case closures, and reports of findings.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:30 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases as well as reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None

Report of Findings:

#15-030-9002 Cermak. Donna made a motion to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#15-030-9001 St. Anthony Hospital. Eric made a motion to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamil Jaruga