

## GUARDIANSHIP & ADVOCACY COMMISSION

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### CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015  
Madden Mental Health Center  
1200 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Hines, IL

HRA Coordinator Pat Betzen opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Ashley Casati, David Ginter, Beth Tucker, Michael Shukis, Donna Claffy, and Kamil Jaruga.

Members Absent: Eric Mathiasen and Nicole Ercikson.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Dr. Carlos Gomez, Director of Mental Health Services, Cermak Health Services, Cook County Jail

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

Approval of March 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Beth made a motion to approve the March 3, 2015 minutes. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#### Communications:

Beth has announced that she is resigning from the HRA to pursue her career in another state. Her wonderful contribution to the work of the HRA and her compassion and advocacy for persons with disabilities will be greatly missed. The HRA wishes her the best of luck and much success in her new internship.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### New Complaints:

#15-030-9010. A recipient alleges that she was improperly discharged from her nursing home and not given the reason for her discharge. The recipient has not submitted a release. A motion was made to not accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.



#15-030-9011. A complainant alleges that a mental health facility released information to her ward's school without his consent. The complainant has not submitted a release. A motion was made to not accept the case. The motion 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: None.

Case Closures:

#15-030-9002 Cermak. David 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, May 26, 2015 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kamil Jaruga