



CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2015  
Madden Mental Health Center  
1200 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Hines, IL

HRA Chair Nicole Erickson 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, Nicole Erikson, Michael Shukis, Donna Claffy, and Eric Mathiasen.

Members Absent: Kamil Jaruga.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

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

Approval of April 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Nicole made a motion to approve the March 3, 2015 minutes. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Communications: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

New Complaints:

#15-030-9014. The complaint alleges that a recipient was restrained and administered forced emergency medication for no adequate reason. A release has been received. A motion was made to accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9016. The complaint alleges that the staff would not allow a guardian to transfer her ward out of the hospital and threatened to have her arrested when she suggested it. Additionally the guardian never spoke with a physician as staff told her that there were no physicians on the premises. Also, the assessment room was unsupervised and children were waiting in that area along with very ill adults. A release has been received. A motion was made to accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.



#15-030-9017. The complaint alleges that a recipient did not feel safe during his hospitalization due to several physical altercations which had transpired while he was on the Unit. When the recipient was visited by his fiancé, a staff person became very belligerent toward the recipient and his fiancé and was so disrespectful that the fiancé had to leave early. After the visit the recipient stated there was an odor of marijuana in his room, which he shares with two other recipients. He was strip searched but no marijuana was found. However as a result of this incident, all visitation with his fiancé has been suspended. A release has been received. A motion was made to accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9018. The complaint alleges the hospital did not inform the guardian of his ward's admission or obtain his consent for medications or treatment. A release has been received. A motion was made to accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9020. The complaint alleges the hospital sent the 82 year old recipient, who is on a special diet, to court without food for the day. A release has been received. A motion was made to accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Donna made a motion to enter into closed session at 6:05 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 Ashley and carried. The purpose of the closed session was as follows: to discuss updates of open cases, subpoenas of staff and records, and reports of findings.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:23 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**

#14-030-9023 Hines VA. A motion was made to issue subpoenas for the interview of staff pursuant to this case. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#15-030-9003 Hines VA. A motion was made to issue subpoenas for the interview of staff pursuant to this case. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#15-030-9005 Jesse Brown VA. A motion was made to issue subpoenas for the clinical record and policy pursuant to this case. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#15-030-9004 Envision. A motion was made to formulate a subpoena for the interview of staff pursuant to this case as the provider has delayed every action of the HRA. This subpoena will be issued if the facility does not follow through on an agreed upon site visit date. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ratifications: None

Report of Findings:

#15-030-9008 Madden. Donna made a motion to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures: None.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA voted for new officers: Ashley Casati, Chair, David Ginter, Vice-Chair, and Kamil Jaruga, Secretary.

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 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