



CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 18, 2015  
Madden Mental Health Center  
1200 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Hines, IL

HRA Chair Ashley Casati opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:33 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Ashley Casati, Eric Mathiasen, David Ginter, Donna Claffy, Nicole Erickson, Michael Shukis, and Regina Pessagno.

Members Absent: Kamil Jaruga.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Elliot Hicks, prospective new member, was present at the meeting to observe the HRA.

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

Approval of May 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes. It was properly seconded and passed.

Approval of July 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes. It was properly seconded and passed.

Communications: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

New Complaints:

#15-030-9013. The complaint alleged that a recipient was involuntarily discharged from his apartment for no adequate reason. This complaint had been presented to the HRA in February, 2015 and was postponed pending the receipt of a release of information. The HRA has not received a release after numerous attempts. A motion was made to not accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.



#15-030-9015. The complaint alleged that a recipient was detained for several weeks on the behavioral health unit after being treated in an emergency department. This complaint had been presented to the HRA in April of 2015. The recipient then contacted the HRA and indicated that she wanted to withdraw her complaint. A release was not received. A motion was made to not accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9019. The complaint alleges that the recipient's personal assistant was banned from his supportive living apartment for no adequate reason. The case opening was postponed pending the receipt of a signed release. A release has been received. A motion was made to accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9004. The complaint alleges that a recipient was administered forced emergency Haldol, even though he explicitly stated that he was allergic to it. Also, at Intake he was allowed to keep a strong cord in the waistline of his pants which could have put him in danger of suicide after he was admitted. A release has been received. A motion was made to accept the complaint. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9005. The complaint alleged that a guardian was told that her son had to await the return of his physician from vacation in order for him to be seen by a physician. The complaint was withdrawn by the guardian. A motion was made to not accept the complaint. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Donna made a motion to enter into closed session at 5:49 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 David and carried. The purpose of the closed session was as follows: to discuss updates of open cases, reports of findings, and case closure.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:25 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases, reports of findings, as well as case closures.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ratifications: None

Reports of Findings:

#14-030-9023- Hines VA. The HRA reviewed the report for #14-030-9023- Hines VA. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9003- Hines VA. The HRA reviewed the report for #14-030-9003 Hines VA. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9004- Envision. The HRA reviewed the report for #15-030-9004. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9014- St. Bernard. The HRA reviewed the report for #15-030-9014. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#15-030-9012- Riveredge. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA discussed the change of venue for the scheduled meetings. It was decided that the HRA meetings will remain at Madden Mental Health Center.

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The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kamil Jaruga