

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

HRA Chair Ashley Casati opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:38 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Ashley Casati, Michael Shukis, Regina Pessagno, Kamil Jaruga, and Sheila Orr.

Members Absent: David Ginter, Eric Mathiasen, Donna Claffy, and Nicole Erickson

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

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

Approval of September 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes. It was properly seconded and passed.

Communications: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints: None.

Michael made a motion to enter into closed session at 5:40 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 Sheila and carried. The purpose of the closed session was as follows: to discuss updates of open cases, reports of findings, provider responses, and case closures.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:11 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:

#15-030-9019- Major Jenkins. The HRA reviewed the report for #15-030-9019 Major Jenkins. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9004- Madden. The HRA reviewed the report for #16-030-9004 Madden. Revisions were suggested and made to the report. A motion was made to accept the report with the revisions. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#14-030-9023- Hines VA. The VA did not provide a response to the HRA's recommendations, however the HRA voted to close the case and make the report part of the public record.

#15-030-9003- Hines VA. The VA did not provide a response to the HRA's recommendations, however the HRA voted to close the case and make the report part of the public record.

#15-030-9016- Hartgrove. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9017- Madden. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9018- Loretto. The facility did not submit a corrective action plan. The HRA voted to send a written request for the required response.

Case Status Reports

#15-030-9005- Jesse Brown VA. A new attorney has been assigned and the site visit is now postponed.

#15-030-9020-Hines VA. No record has been received as yet.

#16-030-9001- Norwegian. Site visit scheduled 11/19/15.

#16-030-9002- California Gardens. We are trying to set up a site visit- facility is not responsive.

#16-030-9006- Riveredge. Record was given to Michael at this meeting.

#16-030-9008- Kindred North. Opening letter was returned to us- facility did not forward to the CEO. Corporate office called and the opening letter was sent to current CEO. We have still not received the record.

#16-030-9009 U of I. Record has been received and copied and will be sent by email to Eric when he returns from vacation.

#16-030-9010- Loretto. We have received the record and a copy has been emailed to Ashley.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA Coordinator discussed with members the new Password Protected HRA Member Site. In an effort to comply with the Governor's office and the call for improved mechanisms for assuring agency security, compliance with Freedom of Information Act requirements, and Open Meetings Act mandates, the HRA members will now communicate through a protected email site. The details of the new plan will be emailed to members for questions and comments. We hope to be using the new site by January 1, 2016.

The calendar for the 2016 HRA meetings was distributed and is available online.

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamil Jaruga