

## CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 15, 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 5:35 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Ashley Casati, Donna Claffy, David Ginter, Michael Shukis, Regina Pessagno, and Sheila Orr.

Members Absent: Eric Mathiasen, Nicole Erickson, and Kamil Jaruga.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

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

Approval of November 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes. It was properly seconded and passed.

Communications: None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### New Complaints:

#16-030-9011. The complaint alleges that a recipient was placed in restraints and administered forced medication for no adequate reason, and then prevented from filing a grievance. A release has been received. A motion was made to accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9012. The complaint alleges that a recipient's phone rights were restricted for no adequate reason, that he was administered forced medication, that he was administered medication to which he did not give informed consent, that he was attacked by other patients on the unit, and was prevented from filing a grievance. 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 5:41 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, provider responses, and case closures.

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, reports of findings, as well as case closures.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ratifications: None

### Reports of Findings:

#16-030-9001 Norwegian. The HRA reviewed the report for case #16-030-9001 Norwegian. A motion was made to accept the report with a wording revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9002- California Gardens. The HRA reviewed the report for case #16-030-9002 California Gardens. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

### Case Closures:

#15-030-9018- Loretto. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9019- Major Jenkins. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9004- 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.

### Case Status Reports

#15-030-9005- Jesse Brown VA. The new attorney assigned as a contact person for the HRA has suggested that the HRA discuss only policy and procedure for this case at the scheduled site visit since the release has expired and we are unable to secure a new one. This would enable us to move forward in the case and extend some advocacy to other similarly situated veterans.

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

#16-030-9006- Riveredge. The site visit has been set for 1/19/16.

#16-030-9008- Kindred North. The site visit is set for 1/13/16.

#16-030-9009 U of I. Record has been forwarded to Eric.

#16-030-9010- Loretto. We have received the record.

Announcements and Comments:

Travel vouchers were discussed and members were encouraged to submit their vouchers as soon as they receive them.

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

The HRA voted to maintain the confidentiality of closed meeting minutes for the next six months.

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. We hope to be using the new site by January 1, 2016.

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kamil Jaruga