

# **METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY**

## **MINUTES –December 10, 2015**

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 5:13 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2015 by, Chair, Michael Pintar.

This meeting was held at Developmental Disability Service of Metro East (DDSME), 2900 Frank Scott Parkway West Suite 928 Belleville, IL.

HRA Members Present: Lou Ruocco, Catherine Goebel, Michael Pintar, Beverly Sweatman. and Jane Nesbit.

HRA Members Absent: Andrea Frazier, Christine Anderson

Guests: None

Staff Present: Jo Ann Russell-Baum

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Michael Pintar recognized that a quorum was present.

Michael Pintar read the confidentiality statement that indicates that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Michael Pintar asked for any changes in the agenda and there were none

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the stated meetings of October 1, 2015 were reviewed and, upon a motion by Member Jane Nesbit, seconded by Catherine Goebel, members voted to accept the minutes as written.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The group discussed the FOIA training and the new member access website.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ratifications**

None

**New Complaints** The HRA considered the following cases for acceptance:

**16-070-9002 – Mental Health Facility** – right to privacy/property -- The complaint states that the facility staff took property out of the patient's room while he/she was in a medical procedure. The patient stated that he/she has active MRSA and staff was ordered to remove all clothing/linens for laundering. A release was sent but was not returned. Multiple contacts made with individual. Jane Nesbit made a motion to not accept the case due to the lack of a release, Beverly Sweatman seconded the motion, Michael Pintar opposed the motion, and the motion carried. Complaint not accepted.

**16-070-9005 – Police Department** – denied medication – The complaint stated that an individual was arrested on Saturday, October 3, 2015 and while being booked, the individual confirmed that he/she was taking medications which include psychiatric medication. The detainee began having withdrawal symptoms and was demanding medication, refused food and screamed all through the night. "I became so aggressive between 5 and 6am on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>, I was still asking and crying for my medication and an officer came over the speaker and said 'what do you want?' I told him my medication and I finally got what my son had brought me from home, only half of what I needed." Catherine Goebel made a motion to not accept the case due to lack of violation, Lou Ruocco seconded the motion and the motion carried. Complaint not accepted

### **Executive Minutes Review**

June 2015, August 2015 and October 2015 Executive Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Catherine Goebel to keep the minutes private due to contents risking identifying a recipient or complainant, seconded by Lou Ruocco and the motion carried. Executive Minutes for June, August and October 2015 will remain private.

### **Unfinished Business**

Pursuant to Section 721 of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act, upon a motion by Michael Pintar, seconded by Jane Nesbit, the Authority went into closed session at 5:46 pm to discuss case progress, report of findings, provider responses and case closures.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:27 p.m. having taken no case action in closed session. A summary of closed session discussion is as follows:

### **Case Progress Reports:**

**15-070-9016 – Caseyville Nursing Home** -- POA agent; physician services. 2<sup>nd</sup> site visit held. Report needs finalized.

**15-070-9020 – Molina Healthcare** -- benefits covered, medical condition, etc. Report needs

finalized.

**15-070-9024 – Madison County Juvenile Detention Center**– counseling services.

Report needs written.

**15-070-9025 – Alton Mental Health Center** – property. Report needs written.

**16-070-9001 – Alton Mental Health Center** – meal portions. Need site visit.

**16-070-9003 – Alton Mental Health Center** – privilege level, ROI completed. Need site visit.

**16-070-9004 – Alton Mental Health Center** -- privilege level. Need site visit. Combine report with 9003.

### **Draft Report Review**

**15-070-9010 – Madison County Jail** – medication/medical care. Members asked for medical aspects of the report to be reviewed and rewritten for clarification and attention to detail based on their editing suggestions.

**15-070-9023 – Touchette Regional Hospital** – safety precaution. Details of complaint discussed. Grammatical editing suggestion provided.

### **Reviews of Provider Responses**

Provider responses were reviewed for the following cases:

**15-070-9012 – Alton Mental Health Center** – fitness/discharge planning. No response, none required.

**15-070-9013 – Alton Mental Health Center** –diet. No response, none required.

**15-070-9015 – Department of Rehabilitation Services** – PA screening process. No response provided. Response was required. Extra time was given as well as multiple notifications via phone and mail.

**Upon returning to open session at 6:27, the HRA considered the following actions:**

### **Motions Regarding Report Approvals**

**15-070-9010 – Madison County Jail** – medication/medical care. Members asked for medical aspects of the report to be reviewed and rewritten for clarification and attention to detail based on their editing suggestions.

Motion made by Catherine Goebel to table the report to allow for medical aspects of the report to be reviewed and rewritten for clarification and attention to detail based on the boards editing suggestions, seconded by Lou Ruocco and the motion carried. The HRA tabled the draft report.

**15-070-9023 – Touchette Regional Hospital** – safety precaution. A draft report was reviewed. Motion made by Jane Nesbit to approve the report with the suggested grammatical edit. Catherine

Goebel seconded the motion and the motion carried. The HRA approved the draft report with suggestions.

### **Case Closures**

**15-070-9012 – Alton Mental Health Center** – fitness/discharge planning. Motion was made by Jane Nesbit to close the case making the findings a part of the public record; Catherine Goebel seconded the motion and the motion carried. No response received, none required. Case Closed.

**15-070-9013 – Alton Mental Health Center** – diet. Motion was made by Beverly Sweatman to close the case making the findings a part of the public record; Catherine Goebel seconded the motion and the motion carried. No response received, none required. Case Closed.

**15-070-9015 – Department of Rehabilitation Services** – PA screening process. No response was received from DRS and a response was required. Motion was made by Catherine Goebel to close the case and request an enforcement referral, Jane Nesbit seconded the motion and the motion carried. No response received, although a response was required, enforcement referral will be pursued. Case Closed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2015, 5:00pm at DDSME. The 2016 meeting times were discussed, it was decided that there will be no December meeting next year. The need for 2 additional board members was discussed and suggestions were made.

Lou Ruocco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Beverly Sweatman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jane Nesbit  
Secretary