

PEORIA REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
November 18, 2015

The regular stated meeting of the Peoria Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 10:00am on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at Fondulac District Library, 400 Richland Street, East Peoria, IL 61611.

ROLL CALL

Present: Diane Pflederer, Lois Hamilton, Carolynsue Wolf, Meri Tucker, Dolores Sheen, Wendy Navarro.

Absent: Ann Hicke, Janelle Crump, Debra Goodwin

Staff: Gene Seaman

Guests: Ben Strong, Achievement Unlimited Inc.

Diane Pflederer stated that there was a quorum present.

Diane Pflederer stated the personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings to protect the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Introductions were made.

The motion was made by Meri Tucker to enter closed session at 10:06am pursuant to Section 120/2 (c) (4) and (10) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 20), Section 3955/10 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) and Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110); the motion was seconded by Lois Hamilton and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to meet with guests and discuss confidential aspects of cases. The HRA returned to open session at 11:05am having taken no action in closed session. Dolores Sheen entered closed session at 10:15am.

MINUTES

Carolynsue Wolf motioned to accept the September 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and the motion passed.

Ratifications & New Cases:

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None

New Cases:

16-090-9003 – Bus Company – Inappropriate charges for travel to individuals with disabilities. Meri Tucker motioned to not accept the case because the charges did not occur. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheet and passed.

16-090-9004 – School District - Inappropriate placement due to lack of accessibility. Inappropriate discipline due to behavior associated with student’s disability. Inappropriate dismissal of a student. Meri Tucker motioned to not accept the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Wendy Navarro and passed.

16-090-9005 – Special Education Co-Op - Inappropriate removal of therapy services. Wendy Navarro motioned to not accept the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Lois Hamilton and passed.

16-090-9006 – Day Training Facility - Inappropriate denial of services. Wendy Navarro motioned to not accept the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed.

16-090-9007 – Nursing Home – Inappropriate medical care, resident was not receiving medication on time (often two hours late) due to low staffing, breathing treatments only happening if asked, and medication being documented as given even if this does not occur. Facility retaliation against grievances. Meri Tucker motioned to not accept the case due to lack of release. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed. Carolynsue Wolf abstained from the vote.

16-090-9008 – Childcare Facility - Inappropriate discharge and denial of services. Will not allow parent access to child’s records. Meri Tucker voted to table the complaint. Lois Hamilton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Draft Report:

15-090-9015: Carle Hospital – Meri Tucker motioned to accept the report as is. Dolores Sheen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

15-090-9018: Cornerstone Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center – Lois Hamilton motioned to accept the report with changes. Dolores Sheen seconded the motion and the motion passed as it.

Case Closures:

15-090-9011: UnityPoint Health – Methodist – Lois Hamilton motioned to close the case, making it part of the public record. Wendy Navarro seconded the motion and it passed.

15-090-9012: Illinois Department of Rehab Services – Meri Tucker motioned to close the case, making the report part of the public record. Dolores Sheen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

15-090-9014: EPIC – Carolynsue Wolf motioned to close the case, making the report part of the public record. The motion was seconded by Meri Tucker and passed.

15-090-9020: Moline Housing Authority – Lois Hamilton motioned to table the complaint. The motion was seconded by Carolynsue Wolf and passed.

15-090-9021: OSF St. Francis Medical Center – Meri Tucker motioned to close the case, making the complaint part of the public record. The motion was seconded by Dolores Sheen and passed. Wendy Navarro and Diane Pflederer abstained from the vote.

Other

None

ADJOURNMENT

Diane Pflederer adjourned the meeting at 12:01pm


Gene Seaman, Reporter