

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 14th, 2015
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Carol Genutis, Chairperson at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Dina Raya, Lauren Pell, Carol Genutis, Maria Heer and Marva Allison.

Members Absent: John Mireck and Ronald Robinson.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman, HRA Regional Coordinator

GUESTS: Diane Barron, Counsel for Timberline Knolls
Mary Nielson, Counsel for Timberline Knolls

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. Introductions were done. It was determined that a quorum was present and that all business could be conducted. The meeting agenda was changed to accommodate our guests.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the March 12th, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the April 9th, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:05 a.m. pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955/21) and Section 120/2 (c) (4) of the Open Meeting Act (5 ILCS 120/2) to discuss the Timberline Knowles Residential Treatment Center case #14-040-9009 with the provider's attorneys.

The Chairperson reconvened open session at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Commission and Section 120/2 (c) (4) of the Open Meeting Act (5 ILCS 120/2) to discuss new complaints. The motion was properly moved and carried. Only, the

Timberline Knowles Residential Treatment Center case #14-040-9009 was discussed in closed session.

IV. NEW COMPLAINTS

15-040-9006 (Lamb's Fold Center for Women and Children) It was moved by Lauren to accept the complaint stating that a resident is being inappropriately discharged from housing and services. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried. A signed release for investigation was received.

15-040-9007 (Trinity Services) It was moved by Marva Allison to accept the complaint stating that a resident is not being provided with a sign interpreter during meetings and to communicate with others.. Motion was seconded by Dina Raya and carried. A signed release for investigation was received.

15-040-9008 (Progressive Housing) It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the complaint stating that a resident was left alone (without staff supervision) in the emergency department all night. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried. A signed release for investigation was received.

15-040-9009 (Progressive Housing Inc.) It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the complaint stating that the agency failed to notify a guardian about a resident's injuries. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried. A signed release for investigation was received.

15-040-9010 (Progressive Housing Inc.) It was moved by Dina Raya to postpone accepting the complaint stating that a resident was sent to the emergency department because he was sitting in feces. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried. The members took this action because additional information is needed. A signed release for investigation was received.

15-040-9011 (Progressive Housing Inc.) It was moved by Dina Raya to not accept the complaint stating that a guardian was not notify about her wards spending the night at a hotel because of a power outage in the home. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried. The members took this action because the complaint does not contain a possible rights violation.

V. The Chairperson motioned to reconvene closed session at 9:58 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Commission and Section 120/2 (c) (4) of the Open Meeting Act (5 ILCS 120/2) to discuss case assignments, progress report, reports and responses. The motion was properly moved and carried.

New case assignments were discussed.

Progress Reports

14-040-9009 (Timberline Knolls Residential Treatment Center)

15-040-9003 (MetroSouth Medical Center)

Reports/Responses

14-040-9006 (St. Coletta of Illinois) A response was reviewed.

14-040-9011 (Ludeman Developmental Center) A response was not reviewed.

14-040-9014 (Pillar Services) A response was reviewed.

15-040-9002 (Dorchester Senior vices) A report was reviewed.

The Chairperson motioned to reconvene open session at 10:20 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. The motion was properly moved and carried. A summary of closed session included two progress reports, one report, two provider responses, and two possible case closures.

VI. Unfinished Business

Accept Reports/Responses/Case Closures/Make Report Available to the Public

14-040-9006 (St. Coletta) It was moved by Lauren Pell to accept the provider's response, close the case, and to make the report public. Marva Allison seconded and carried. The provider has requested that its response should be part of the public record.

14-040-9011 (Elisabeth Ludeman Developmental Center) It was moved by Lauren Pell to keep the case opened for a response to the report. The HRA Coordinator will send a letter to the provider concerning the need for a response. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

14-040-9014 (Pillars Services) It was moved by Lauren Pell to keep the case opened for a copy of the agency's new policy mentioned in the provider's response. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

15-040-9002 (Dorchester Senor Services) It was moved by Marva Allison to accept the report that contains violations. Dian Raya seconded and carried. The report was approved by the Program.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th, 2015.

The need to schedule site visits was discussed.

The South Suburban Human Rights Authority is looking for citizen members.

Judith Rauls has submitted an application for HRA citizen member.