

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 8th, 2015
New Hope Center
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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Judith Rauls, Chairperson at 9:09 a.m.

PRESENT: Judith Rauls, Dina Raya, Carol Genutis, Maria Heer, John Mirecki and Marva Allison.

Members Absent: Jan Cholke and Ronald Robinson

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman, HRA Regional Coordinator

GUESTS: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. It was determined that a quorum was present and that all business could be conducted.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by John Mirecki to accept the September 10th, 2015 Meeting. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

15-040-9010 (Progressive Housing & Careers, Inc.) It was moved by Maria Heer to accept the complaint for investigation. Marva Allison seconded and carried. A signed release for investigation was received. John Mirecki did not vote because of a conflict of interest.

16-040-9002 (Nursing Home) It was moved by John Mirecki to not accept the complaint because the allegation was referred to the Illinois Department Of Public Health for follow up. Dina Raya seconded and carried.

16-040-9003 (Trinity Services) It was moved by Carol Genutis to accept the complaint for investigation. John Mirecki seconded and carried. A signed release for investigation was received.

16-040-9004 (Nursing Home) It was moved by Dina Raya to postpone accepting the complaint because additional information is needed. Carol Genutis seconded and carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:30 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 case assignments, progress reports, and responses. The motion was properly moved and carried.

New case assignments

15-040-9010 (Progressive Housing & Careers, Inc.) Maria Heer was assigned to the case.

16-040-9003 (Trinity Services) Judith Rauls was assigned to the case.

Progress Reports

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

15-040-9006 (Lamb's Fold Center for Women and Children)

15-040-9008 (Progressive Careers and Housing)

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16-040-9001 (Heart to Heart)

Reports/Responses

15-040-9007 (Trinity Services)

There were no cases for possible closures.

The Chairperson reconvened open session at 10:16 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. The motion was properly moved and carried. A summary of closed session included two case assignments, five progress reports and one report.

VI. Unfinished Business

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

15-040-9007 (Trinity Services) It was moved by John Mirecki to amend the report. It will be reviewed at the next meeting. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jan Cholke, Citizen Member was appointed to the regional board effective September 2015.

Ronald Robinson, Citizen Member resignation effective October 5th, 2015 was accepted.

The HRA members were informed that meeting informational packets will be emailed to them in a protected folder.

The next meeting is scheduled at Sertoma Centre on November 12th, 2015. Dina Raya will provide refreshments for the meeting.

The need to schedule site visits was discussed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. The motion was moved by John Mirecki. Carol Genutis seconded and carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Heer".

Maria Heer, Secretary

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