



CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 31, 2016  
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 5:38 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Ashley Casati, David Ginter, Michael Shukis, and Regina Pessagno,

Members Absent: Eric Mathiasen, Sheila Orr, Nicole Erickson and Donna Claffy.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Ashley noted that a quorum was not present to vote to accept Meeting Minutes. Ashley read the Confidentiality Statement.

Communications: None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

New Complaints:

#16-030-9018. The complaint alleges that a recipient's physician forced a discussion of his mental health information with his mother even though the recipient begged the physician not to do this. The recipient did not give consent and the mother has no Power of Attorney or guardianship rights. The recipient also alleges that he was given emergency medication in the form of an injection and his leg was injured in the process. A motion was made to not accept the case for investigation since it is outside of the HRA jurisdiction. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9019. The complaint alleges that a hospital Behavioral Health Unit has no bowls in the mens bathroom so men are unable to wash their hands, there is no shaving allowed on the Unit, the sinks in the patients' rooms have very little water pressure, there was no wheelchair in which to transport the recipient to and from the room where he was given a brain scan, and no one on the Unit is allowed to wear their own clothing and there is no ability to wash clothing. A motion



was made to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9020. The complaint alleges that a recipient's physician visited him at 10:00 p.m. while he was sleeping so he missed speaking with him, the physician changed the recipient's medication regimen even though the recipient was uncomfortable with the new medication, the facility lost the recipient's request for discharge paperwork so it was delayed for two days, and the recipient was unable to make phone calls during regular business hours. A motion was made to accept the complaints for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

David made a motion to enter into closed session at 5:45 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 Eric and carried. The purpose of the closed session was as follows: to discuss updates of open cases, report of findings, provider responses, and case closures.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:14 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

#### Report of Findings:

#16-030-9012 Methodist Hospital. The HRA reviewed the report for case #16-030-9012 Methodist Hospital. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9013 Trilogy. The HRA reviewed the report for case #16-030-9013 Trilogy. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#### Case Closures:

#15-030-9005 Jesse Brown VA. Jesse Brown VA submitted their response after the case was closed by the HRA at the April 19, 2016 meeting. The response did not accept the HRA's findings in the case, nevertheless a motion was made to make the response part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9002 California Gardens. The provider has requested an extension until the next meeting to provide the revised policy regarding patients' rights to their complete record. A motion was made to grant the extension. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9010- Loretto. The provider has requested an extension until the next meeting for the response to the report. A motion was made to grant the extension. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9011- South Shore Hospital. 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

#15-030-9020-Hines VA. Hines VA has agreed to forward the record for this case, however it has not been received and the contact person is not responding to emails.

#16-030-9017 Madden. The record has been received.

#### Announcements and Comments:

The HRA discussed the confidentiality of closed meeting minutes. A motion was made to continue to maintain the confidentiality of closed meeting minutes. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michael Shukis, Secretary