

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

HRA Chair Ashley Casati opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:36 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Ashley Casati, David Ginter, Michael Shukis, Regina Pessagno, Sheila Orr, and Eric Mathiasen.

Members Absent: Nicole Erickson and Donna Claffy.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Samantha Handley, Vice-President, Trilogy, Inc. .

Ashley noted that a quorum was present. Ashley read the Confidentiality Statement.

Approval of January 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Approval of March 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Communications: None.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#15-030-9006. The recipient alleges that she was illegally detained, medicated against her will for no adequate reason, restrained for no adequate reason, denied her medical record, robbed, and was not provided assistance for her deafness while she was a patient. This complaint was received many months ago and despite regular contact with the complainant, she has not agreed to provide a release of information. A motion was made to not accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9015. The complaint alleges the recipient was administered forced emergency medication in violation of the Mental Health Code. A release has been obtained. This case involves a provider for whom the HRA does not have the authority to question staff or require a response to reports of findings. A motion was made to not accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9016. A recipient alleges that he was administered forced emergency medication for no adequate reason and that he was placed in restraints for no adequate reason. A motion was made to accept the case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9017. A recipient alleged that she received daily injections of forced medication. When she was contacted by the HRA she then decided she did not want to file a complaint. A motion was made to not accept the case. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

David made a motion to enter into closed session at 5:40 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, case closures, and to hear from the guest from Trilogy, Inc.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:50 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:

#16-030-9010- Loretto. The HRA reviewed the report for case #16-030-9010 Loretto. A motion was made to accept the report after some minor revisions were suggested. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#16-030-9011- South Shore Hospital. The HRA reviewed the report for case #16-030-9011 South Shore Hospital. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#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.

#15-030-9005 Jesse Brown VA. Our contact from the VA, Robert M. Vega, had been contacted by the HRA Coordinator for the Jesse Brown VA response to the report of findings that was issued at the March 8, 2016 HRA meeting. He indicated that a response would be forthcoming however a response was not received. A motion was made to close the case and make the report of findings 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.

#16-030-9012- Methodist Hospital. The site visit is scheduled for May 17, 2016.

#16-030-9013- Trilogy Services. The Vice-President of Trilogy, Inc. was present at the meeting to give the HRA an idea of the services that are provided by the agency. Questions specific to the case will be discussed at the upcoming site visit which it is hoped will be scheduled in May.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Shukis, Secretary