

METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

MINUTES –March 10, 2016

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 5:18 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2016 by Chairperson, Michael Pintar.

This meeting was held at Developmental Disability Service of Metro East (DDSME), 2900 Frank Scott Parkway West Suite 928 Belleville, IL.

HRA Members Present: Jane Nesbit, Catherine Goebel, Michael Pintar, Beverly Sweatman, Andrea Frazier.

HRA Members Absent: Lou Ruocco, Christine Anderson.

Guests: None

Staff Present: Jo Ann Russell-Baum

INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Pintar recognized that a quorum was present.

Michael Pintar read the confidentiality statement that indicates that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Michael Pintar asked for any changes in the agenda and there were none.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the stated meetings of February 11, 2016 were reviewed and upon a motion by Member, Catherine Goebel, seconded by Jane Nesbit, members voted to accept the minutes as written.

COMMUNICATIONS

JoAnn Russell-Baum informed HRA members that the DRS case was accepted for an enforcement referral as the HRA had recommended.

Members discussed and signed the Identity Protection Act Training form.

JoAnn Russell-Baum informed the board that a member called and stated that she will have to resign due to a new commitment that may conflict with the HRA panel.

The need for 3 new HRA members was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications

None

New Complaints The HRA considered the following cases for acceptance.

16-070-9006 -- mental health hospital—lactose free diet. The complaint states that the consumer is lactose intolerant and is not receiving a lactose free diet. A release of information was obtained and permission was given for the HRA to call the facility on the consumer's behalf to inquire about her diet. The HRA called the facility, asked for the consumer to be seen by the physician to discuss her diet order. The consumer was contacted the next day and she stated she is now receiving a lactose free diet and is satisfied with the outcome. Catherine Goebel made a motion to not accept the case due to the outcome being positive for the complainant, Jane Nesbit seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Complaint not accepted.

16-070-9007 – hospital – least restrictive environment, failure to inform. The complaint states that an individual was unable to sleep for 4 days, became forgetful and was hallucinating and decided to go to a local hospital to be admitted in an attempt to get rest. The individual claims to not have been told she was being admitted to the psych unit and her belongings would be held until discharge. She asked multiple times to speak with administration and was repeatedly denied that request. Catherine Goebel made a motion to accept the case, Beverly Sweatman seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Complaint accepted.

16-070-9008 – mental health hospital – dental needs. The complaint states that the patient was admitted on 12/18/15 with dental problems. A dental appointment was set up by the transferring facility, but the patient was transferred before the appointment date. The staff at the current facility told the patient that he would be seen by the dentist on Wednesday, but was not seen and this same scenario occurred for several weeks. The facility is in the process of hiring a dentist, in the meantime they are attempting to send patients to SIU Dental School for treatment. On the day the complaint was filed, additional pain medication was prescribed and the patient was finally able to get some pain relief. Update: had apt at SIU Dental School 2/9/16, teeth extracted and doing well. Michael Pintar made a motion to accept the case, Jane Nesbit seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Complaint accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 721 of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act, upon a motion by Jane Nesbit, seconded by Michael Pintar, the Authority went into closed session at 5:49 pm to discuss case progress, reports of findings, provider responses and case closures and review HRA applications.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:45 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A

summary of closed session discussion is as follows:

Case Progress Reports –

15-070-9020 – Molina Healthcare -- benefits covered, medical condition, etc. Report needs finalized.

15-070-9024 – Madison County Juvenile Detention Center– counseling services. Report needs written.

15-070-9025 – Alton Mental Health Center – property. Report needs written.

16-070-9003 – Alton Mental Health Center – privilege level, ROI completed. Report needs written.

16-070-9004 – Alton Mental Health Center -- privilege level. Report needs written. Combine report with 9003.

Draft Report Review

15-070-9010 – Madison County Jail – medication/medical care. Report was reviewed and suggestions were made to change the sentence order of the Conclusion.

15-070-9016 – Caseyville Nursing Home -- POA agent; physician services. Report was reviewed and a suggestion was made to take out or cite the source of “if it’s not documented, it didn’t happen.”

16-070-9001 – Alton Mental Health Center – meal portions. Report was reviewed and the suggestion was made to highlight the word substantiated.

Reviews of Provider Responses

15-070-9023 -- Touchette Regional Hospital – Safety Precautions. Response was reviewed and the members discussed being satisfied with the response provided.

Motions Regarding Report Approvals

15-070-9010 – Madison County Jail – medication/medical care. A draft report was reviewed; suggestions were made to change the sentence order of the Conclusion. A Motion was made by Beverly Sweatman to approve the report with revisions. Catherine Goebel seconded the motion and the motion carried. The HRA approved the draft report with revisions

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Jane Nesbit to approve the report with revisions. Andrea Frazier seconded the motion and the motion carried. The HRA approved the draft report with revisions

Case Closures

15-070-9023 -- Touchette Regional Hospital – Safety precautions. A Motion was made by Andrea Frazier to close the case. Catherine Goebel seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2016, 5:00pm at DDSME. The need for 3 additional board members was discussed and suggestions were made. Applicants will be invited to the next HRA meeting.

Michael Pintar made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jane Nesbit seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Jane Nesbit
Secretary