

METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

MINUTES –June 9, 2016

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 5:27 p.m., Thursday, June 9, 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, Beverly Sweatman, Catherine Goebel, Michael Pintar, Lou Ruocco and Denise Bradley

HRA Members Absent: Amy Melchert and Andrea Frazier.

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 Open Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of March 14, 2016 were reviewed for correction and upon a motion by Member Jane Nesbit, seconded by Beverly Sweatman, members voted to accept the minutes with corrections suggested to the lines that stated there was not a quorum.

The Open Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of April 14, 2016 were reviewed for and upon a motion by Member Jane Nesbit, seconded by Cathy Goebel, members voted to accept the minutes with correction on page 3, remove duplicate wording “the case”.

The Closed Meeting Minutes of the stated meeting of April 14, 2016 were reviewed for and upon a motion by Member Jane Nesbit, seconded by Cathy Goebel, members voted to accept the minutes as written.

COMMUNICATIONS

JoAnn Russell-Baum informed the HRA that a response was received from the Madison County Jail regarding 15-070-9010 which will be read during closed session.

HRA Members signed and returned Ethics Statements.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications

None

New Complaints The HRA considered the following cases for acceptance.

16-070-9010 – Hospital – advocacy access -- The complaint states that the consumer was on the phone with an advocacy agency, informed staff of this, the staff acknowledged and the phone was disconnected anyway. The complaint also states that the patient asked repeatedly to speak with a manager but was given a blank sheet of paper to write her complaint on and it would be put in her chart. Catherine Goebel made a motion to open the case, Beverly Sweatman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Complaint accepted.

16-070-9011 – Hospital – pass level – The complaint states that an individual had her pass level dropped for being in an off limits area during her pass. The individual states that patients were given a map that outlined where they could go on their pass and she doesn't believe she was out of bounds. Catherine Goebel made a motion to not accept the case, Lou Ellen Ruocco seconded the motion and the motion carried. Complaint not accepted.

16-070-9012 – Hospital – confidentiality – The complaint states that a patient's identity was stolen and used to open multiple credit cards fraudulently by another patient. Patient labels that are used on forms at the hospital include the patients name, DOB and SS number and the patient believes that this is how the identity theft occurred. Jane Nesbit made a motion to open the case, Catherine Goebel seconded the motion and the motion carried. Complaint accepted.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Bi-Annual Executive Minutes Review:

The Executive Minutes of the stated meetings of December 10, 2015, Feb. 11, 2016, March 10, 2016 and April 14, 2016 were discussed and, upon a motion by Member Catherine Goebel, seconded by Lou Ellen Ruocco, the members voted to keep stated executive meeting minutes private.

Annual Election of Officers

After a discussion, the board members were in favor of tabling the election until they have chosen the last board member. A motion was made by Catherine Goebel to table the vote. Jane Nesbit seconded the motion and the motion carried. Election tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pursuant to the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955/21) and the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (4)), upon a motion by Cathy Goebel, seconded by Beverly Sweatman, the Authority went into closed session at 5:51 pm to discuss HRA Member applicants as well as confidential case information, case evidence, and drafts regarding the following cases: 15-070-9010, 15-070-9020, 15-070-9024, 15-070-9025, 16-070-9003, 16-070-9004, 16-070-9007, 16-070-9008, 16-070-9009, 16-070-9010 and 16-070-9012.

Upon a motion by Beverly Sweatman, seconded by Jane Nesbit, the HRA returned to open session at 6:08 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session discussion is as follows:

Case Progress Reports

15-070-9025 – Alton Mental Health Center – property. Report is being 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.

16-070-9007 – Gateway Regional Medical Center – least restrictive environment. Needs site visit, tentative date 4/21.

16-070-9008 – Alton Mental Health Center – Dental – Needs site visit.

16-070-9009 – Touchette Regional Hospital – disability discrimination, disability insensitivity. Needs site visit.

16-070-9010 – Gateway Regional Medical Center -- advocacy access, complaint process. Needs site visit.

16-070-9012 – Alton Mental Health Center – confidentiality. Needs site visit.

Draft Report Review

15-070-9020 – Molina Healthcare -- benefits covered, medical condition, etc. Report was reviewed and discussed by HRA members.

15-070-9024 – Madison County Juvenile Detention Center – Counseling Services. Report was reviewed and discussed by HRA members.

Reviews of Provider Responses

15-070-9010 – Madison County Jail – medication, medical care. Response was reviewed and discussed by HRA members.

Upon returning to open session the HRA considered the following actions:

Motions Regarding Report Approvals

15-070-9020 – Molina Healthcare -- benefits covered, medical condition, etc. A Motion was made by Cathy Goebel to approve the report as written. Jane Nesbit seconded the motion and the motion carried.

15-070-9024 – Madison County Juvenile Detention Center – Counseling Services. A Motion was made by Jane Nesbit to approve the report as written. Lou Ellen Ruocco seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Case Closures

15-070-9010 – Madison County Jail – medication, medical care. The response was reviewed. A Motion was made by Cathy Goebel to close the case and making the findings public. Lou Ellen Ruocco seconded the motion and the motion carried. Case closed. The provider does not want their response published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:

The prospective board members will be invited to the next HRA meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2016, 5:00pm at DDSME. The need for board members was discussed and additional suggestions were made.

Beverly Sweatman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cathy Goebel seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Jane Nesbit
Secretary