

## **METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY**

### **MINUTES – December 11, 2014**

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 7:03 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2014 by Chairperson, Thomas Cannady.

This meeting was held at Cannady & Aubuchon, 1931 West Main Street, Belleville, IL.

HRA Members Present: Karen Kelly, Thomas Cannady, Christine Anderson, Jane Nesbit, Margaret Merrell, Beverly Sweatman and Michael Pintar.

HRA Members Absent: None

Guests: Kristal Gruenfelder, Lyz Surber, and Jeanne Faith. Dr. Andrea Fraizer joined the meeting at approximately 8 p.m.

Staff Present: Teresa Parks and Cathy Goebel

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson, Thomas Cannady, recognized that a quorum was present. The guests introduced themselves.

Chairperson, Thomas Cannady, 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.

The Chairperson asked for any changes in the agenda. For the convenience of the guests present, the HRA discussed entering into closed session to individually meet with the provider representatives present at the meeting and discuss confidential case information. Karen Kelly made a motion to enter into closed session at 7:07 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) to discuss confidential case investigation information regarding cases #15-070-9006, 14-070-9018 and 15-070-9008; Beverly Sweatman seconded the motion and it was approved. Krystal Gruenfelder entered the closed session to discuss Case #15-070-9006 and then left the meeting; Jeanne Faith next entered the closed session to discuss Case #14-070-9018 and then left the meeting; and, lastly, Lyz Surber entered the closed session to discuss Case #15-070-9008 and then left the meeting. The HRA returned to open session at 7:40 p.m. having taken no action in closed session.

#### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the stated meeting of October 23, 2014 were reviewed for changes and there were none. Tom Cannady made a motion to approve the October 23, 2014 meeting minutes. Karen Kelly seconded the motion and the motion carried; Mike Pintar abstained.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Teresa Parks reported that Mike Pintar's application, which was included in the packet, was approved for appointment. Additional applications were reviewed. Correspondence from David Ballone indicated his resignation from the HRA. Ethics statements were collected.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Applicant, Dr. Andrea Frazier arrived at the meeting and introduced herself, shared her background and explained her interest in the HRA. Jane Nesbit made a motion to recommend Dr. Frazier for appointment to the Metro East HRA; Karen Kelly seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Ratifications**

15-070-9011 – Joshua Manor – Because Karen Kelly was on the prevailing side of the emergency case opening vote, she made the motion to reconsider and not ratify the emergency case opening vote. Thomas Cannady seconded the motion and the motion carried. Michael Pintar abstained.

### **New Complaints**

The following new cases were reviewed for acceptance:

15-070-9010 – County Jail – The complaint alleges that a recipient with mental health needs is not receiving adequate care for diabetes and schizophrenia. Glucose levels are reportedly very high and the recipient did not have access to needed psychotropic medication. Karen Kelly made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation; Margaret Merrell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

15-070-9012 – State-operated Mental Health Facility – The facility allegedly did not provide a recipient with adequate discharge planning and fitness determination. Mike Pintar made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation; Karen Kelly seconded the motion and the motion carried.

15-070-9013 – State-operated Mental Health Facility – The complaint states that facility recipients do not receive adequate diets and there is an inadequate grievance process. Mike Pintar made the motion to accept the complaint for investigation; Christine Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**Meeting Calendar for 2015:** The meeting calendar was discussed. The HRA will meet monthly with the exceptions of January and July; most meetings will be held the second Thursday of each scheduled month with the exception of February due to a holiday. The February meeting will be held a week later on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting time of 7 pm will remain the same as will the meeting location at Cannady and Aubuchon.

**Review of Closed Meeting Minutes:** As per the Open Meetings Act, the HRA reviewed 2014 closed meeting minutes to determine whether or not they should remain confidential or if they can become part of the open meeting minutes. Thomas Cannady made a motion to keep the closed meeting minutes confidential due to confidential information, including potentially identifying consumer/complainant information, contained therein. Karen Kelly seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Authority returned to closed session at 8:54 p.m. pursuant to Section 721 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 120/2 (c) (4) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss case progress, reports of findings and confidential case information. Mike Pintar made the motion to enter closed session, seconded by Margaret Merrell and carried by the Members present. The HRA returned to open session at 9:27 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. Closed session discussion included confidential discussion of case site visits, case progress, draft report reviews and consideration of case closures. A summary of case progress follows.

### **Case Progress Reports:**

14-070-9020 – Alton Mental Health Center – property and visitation. A site visit has been completed. The case is ready for a report.

14-070-9024 - Alton Mental Health Center mail/property. A site visit has been completed and the case is ready for a report.

14-070-9026 - Alton Mental Health Center - privileges reduced. A site visit has been completed and a report is being developed.

14-070-9035 – Alton Mental Health Center – property access. A site visit has been completed and the case is ready for a report.

14-070-9036 – Alton Mental Health Center – external consult and treatment planning. A site visit has been completed and a report is being developed.

14-070-9037 – Alton Mental Health Center – searches and physician changes. A site visit has been completed and the case is ready for a report.

14-070-9038 – Alton Mental Health Center – property access. A site visit has been completed and the case is ready for a report.

15-070-9002 – Alton Mental Health Center – restrictions. A site visit has been completed and the case is ready for a report.

15-070-9003 – Alton Mental Health Center – restrictions – A site visit has been completed and the case is ready for a report.

15-070-9004 – Community Link – transportation aide – A site visit is needed.

15-070-9005 – Alton Mental Health Center – restraints and medication – A site visit has been completed and the case is ready for a report.

15-070-9006 – Specialized Living Center – visitation and guardianship assistance – A site visit is needed.

15-070-9007 – Alton Mental Health Center – unit restroom access, private phone access – A site visit is needed.

15-070-9008 – Adapt of Illinois – consumer accounts – A site visit is needed.

15-070-9009 – Alton Mental Health Center – property – A site visit is needed.

#### Reports of Findings

14-070-9018 - FAYCO – arrest. Jane Nesbit made a motion to approve the draft report of findings with revisions; Karen Kelly seconded the motion and the motion carried.

14-070-9019 - Alton Mental Health Center - forced treatment. Karen Kelly made a motion to approve the draft report of findings; Thomas Cannady seconded the motion and the motion carried.

14-070-9026 – Alton Mental Health Center – reduced privileges. Teresa Parks stated that the report is not yet ready. No action taken.

14-070-9027 – Meridian Healthcare – Jane Nesbit made a motion to approve the amended report of findings; Christine Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### Case Closures

14-070-9002 – Wellsprings of Jerseyville – Karen Kelly made a motion to close the case making the findings a part of the public record. The provider also requested its response to be part of the public record. Thomas Cannady seconded the motion and the motion carried.

14-070-9011 – Alton Memorial Hospital – Karen Kelly made a motion to close the case making the findings a part of the public record. There was no response and none required. Thomas Cannady seconded the motion and the motion carried.

14-070-9022 – Wellsprings Resources (Alton) – Karen Kelly made a motion to close the case making the findings a part of the public record. The provider requested its response to be part of the public record. Thomas Cannady seconded the motion and the motion carried.

14-070-9031 – South Central Transportation – Karen Kelly made a motion to close the case making the findings a part of the public record. There was no response and none required. Thomas Cannady seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2015. Mike Pintar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm. Beverly Sweatman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jane Nesbit  
Secretary