

NORTH SUBURBAN REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Pioneer Center

4:00 P.M.

Call To Order:

The Chairperson, Kori Larson, called the regular monthly meeting of the Human Rights Authority, North Suburban Region, to order at 4:06 p.m.

Members Present: Kori Larson, Jeanette Kiene, Patricia Getchell, Sumner Garte, Mike Downey, John Barrett, Louise Miller, Art Savage

Members Absent:

Members Excused: Sumner Garte

Staff Present: Julie Sass

Guests:

The Chairperson, Kori Larson, noted that a quorum was present. Chair Larson read the confidentiality statement.

Changes in the Agenda:

There was an additional complaint (#12-100-9002) added to the agenda.

Approval of June 7, 2011 Minutes: John Barrett made a motion to approve the June 7, 2011 Minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

New Business:

New Complaints:

12-100-9001:

Louise Miller made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

12-100-9002:

Louise Miller made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation pending receipt of the POA and consent; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Unfinished Business:

08-100-9031:

Waiting on results of lawsuit.

Art Savage made a motion to continue the current case status.

Comments from the public:

Other Business:

At 4:23p.m. the Authority voted in accordance with Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to go into closed session to discuss new complaint assignments, case closures, draft reports and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The Authority voted to return to open session at 4:29p.m. having taken the no action in closed session.

A summary of closed session included new complaint assignments and consideration of draft reports (11-100-9014) case closures (11-100-9012, 11-100-9010).

Draft Report of Findings:

11-100-9014: Alexian Brothers Medical Center

Pat Getchell made a motion to approve the Draft Report of Findings; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Provider Response received/accept response/close case/make available to the public:

11-100-9012: Elgin Mental Health Center

Mike Downey made a motion to accept the response, close the case and make it available to the public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

No Provider Response received/needed; allegations unsubstantiated: close case and make available to public:

11-100-9010: Clearbrook

John Barrett made a motion to close the case and make the Report available to the public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Comments from the public:

Comments from the Chairperson:

A discussion was held regarding cost-saving measures; an option presented was to consider holding the monthly meeting every other month-it was determined that this would not be in the best interest of the client or provider, monthly meetings will continue. Many members stated they will not submit travel vouchers; monthly packets will be sent via email as a trial basis.

Next Meeting: North Shore University HealthSystem - Skokie. The meeting site was changed to Alexian Brothers Behavioral Healthcare Center in an effort to establish a central location to minimize travel costs.

Adjournment:

Mike Downey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was properly seconded and carried. The Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. by the Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Getchell,
Acting Secretary

