

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

HRA chair Nicole Erickson opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Nicole Erickson, Ashley Casati, and Kamil Jaruga.

Members Absent: Beth Tucker, Donna Claffy, Edith Bukwa, Eric Mathiasen, and David Ginter.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Nicole noted that a quorum was not present and votes on all actions except minutes will be secured by email vote. Nicole read the Confidentiality statement.

Communications: None.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

14-030-9014. The guardian of a 12 year old female recipient alleges that she felt forced to sign her daughter into the hospital after the hospital staff threatened to have her arrested. Hospital staff allegedly told the guardian that she could not sign her daughter out, nor transfer her to another facility. Also, the facility would not contact the recipient's private physician when the guardian requested it. The guardian and her daughter were given no rights information and were made to feel like criminals for seeking help.

14-030-9017. The complaint alleges that a facility would not change a ward's physician at the request of her guardian until she contacted the corporate office. The guardian also did not sign consent for her ward's medications, and the ward was not given any of her prescribed medications one day with no reason given to the recipient or her guardian.

14-030-9018. The complaint alleges that a recipient's confidentiality was breached when guests were brought into a therapy group for which the recipient did not consent and the facilitator revealed that the recipient had been imprisoned.

Ashley made a motion to go into closed session at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and responses and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 5:47 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases, discussion of reports as well as responses, and case closures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None.

Reports of Findings:

#13-030-9015 Norwegian. A motion was made to accept the report without revision and the motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9003 Thorek. A motion was made to accept the report without revision and the motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9005 MacNeal. A motion was made to accept the report without revision and the motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#13-030-9007 Cedar Point. The HRA received agendas and training sign-in sheets for the staff training held pursuant to recommendations in the report of findings. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#13-030-9013 Madden. The case closure has been postponed due to the provider not submitting a response to the recommendations of the report of findings.

#13-030-9002 Margaret Manor. This case has been postponed because the signature on the release did not match the recipient's signature in her clinical record. A letter was sent to the complainant requesting a release and it has not been received. The HRA reviewed the complaint and determined it was too specific to the complainant to open as a masked file and the recipient was given six months in which to present a signed release and did not do so. A motion was made to close the case and the motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9004 All American. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Status Reports:

#14-030-9010 Eden Supportive Living. This case was opened 10/08/13 and we have not as yet received the clinical record. The provider has been contacted and they indicate that the record is forthcoming.

#14-030-9012 and #14-030-9013 Riveredge. The provider has contacted the HRA to request an extension on the time necessary to produce the two records. This request was granted.

#14-030-9015 Cedar Point. The case was opened 11/19/13 and we have not as yet received the clinical record. The provider has been contacted and they indicate that the record is forthcoming.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamil Jaruga

