

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 24, 2014
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

HRA member Donna Claffy opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:08 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Edie Bukwa, David Ginter, Donna Claffy, Ashley Casati, and Eric Mathiasen.

Members Absent: Nicole Erickson, Beth Tucker and Kamil Jaruga.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Edie noted that a quorum was present. Pat read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of May 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Donna made a motion to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Communications: None.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

14-030-9027 South Chicago Parents and Friends. The complaint alleges that a recipient who worked at the day workshop was left outside the building in the facility van all morning and the staff did not notice she was not in the program until around noon. The guardian was not contacted about the incident until the following day.

David made a motion to go into closed session at 5:16 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 5:40 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:

#14-030-9014- MacNeal. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was seconded and passed.

#14-030-9015- Cedar Point. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was seconded and passed.

#14-030-9018- C4. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#14-030-9009- Magnolia. The report was sent to Magnolia however the packet was returned a month later marked "unclaimed." The attorney for Magnolia was contacted when the required response was not received, and she indicated that the company had not received the report. The HRA noted that since the opening letter, the company has not accepted any correspondence and this was discussed with them at the site visit for this case. They indicated that the company, which is located above a bar, may not be able to sign for mail since they may not hear the mail person's arrival. The HRA has postponed the closure on case #14-030-9009 until the next meeting of the HRA.

#14-030-9011- St. Bernard. The HRA considered case closure for case #14-030-9011 St. Bernard. The HRA substantiated the complaint and recommendations were issued. A response was required by the provider. The provider has requested postponement of the response so that all recommendations may be addressed in the response. The HRA has postponed the closure on case #14-030-9011 until the next meeting of the HRA.

#14-030-9012- Riveredge. The HRA considered case closure for case #14-030-9012 Riveredge. The HRA substantiated the complaint and recommendations were issued. A response was required by the provider which was accepted by the HRA.

#14-030-9013- Riveredge. The HRA considered case closure for case #14-030-9013 Riveredge. The HRA substantiated the complaint and recommendations were issued. A response was required by the provider which was accepted by the HRA.

Case Status Reports:

#14-030-9017 Hartgrove Hospital. The hospital was contacted for some possible site visit dates but they have not responded.

#14-030-9026 UIC Hospital. The hospital was contacted after the HRA did not receive the record and they indicated that they had not received the opening letter which was sent by certified mail. A new contact person is being assigned to the HRA case and this may delay the investigation.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA voted unanimously to maintain the confidentiality of closed meeting minutes of the Chicago HRA.

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamil Jaruga

Kamil Jaruga, Secretary