

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

HRA Coordinator Pat Betzen opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:12 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Ashley Casati, Donna Claffy, Beth Tucker, Kamil Jaruga and Michael Shukis.

Members Absent: Eric Mathiasen, Nicole Erickson, and David Ginter.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Beth noted that a quorum was present. Ashley read the Confidentiality Statement.

Approval of August 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Donna made a motion to approve the August 5, 2014 minutes. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Approval of September 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Beth made a motion to approve the September 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Communications: Michael Shukis has been appointed as an HRA member by the GAC. We welcome Michael.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

15-030-9005 Jesse Brown VA. The complaint alleges that a recipient was issued a disorderly conduct citation when he exhibited mental health behaviors on the psychiatric unit of the facility. A release has been obtained. Ashley made a motion to accept the case and it was properly seconded and passed.

Ashley made a motion to go into closed session at 5:20 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports 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 5:52 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases as well as reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: The HRA has ratified by a quorum vote each measure taken at the September 16, 2014 meeting of the HRA.

Reports of Findings:

#14-030-9021 MacNeal. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9024 Lakeshore. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9027 Parents and Friends. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures: None

Case Status Reports:

#14-030-9023 Hines VA. We have received the record for this case, however there is a discussion between the HRA and the VA regarding our right to interview VA personnel. We are currently waiting for a letter from the VA Chief Counsel to decide on how the HRA will proceed.

#14-030-9026 UIC Hospital. The site visit is scheduled for 11/10/14.

#15-030-9001 St. Anthony. After a review of the hospital record it was noted that we did not receive the progress notes from the hospital psychiatric unit regarding the recipient. We have requested those notes for review before scheduling the site visit.

#15-030-9003 Hines VA. We have received the record for this case but are waiting for a letter from the VA Chief Counsel to decide on how the HRA will proceed. See above case #14-030-9023.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamil Jaruga

