

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 9, 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 5:20 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Ashley Casati, Donna Claffy, David Ginter, Erik Mathiasen, and Michael Shukis.

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

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Pat noted that a quorum was present. Pat read the Confidentiality Statement.

Approval of October 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Donna made a motion to approve the October 28, 2014 minutes. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Communications: The Chicago HRA has voted to change the meeting time to 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

15-030-9007 Heartland Alliance. The complaint alleges that a recipient was discharged from the housing program for no adequate reason. A release has not yet 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 5:30 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 5:55 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: None

Reports of Findings:

#14-030-9025 Chicago Read. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9026 UIC Hospital. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#15-030-9001 St. Anthony Hospital. The report is awaiting approval by the Director. The issuance of the report is postponed until the January 20, 2015 meeting of the HRA.

Case Closures:

#14-030-9021 MacNeal. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9024 Lakeshore. A motion was made to close the case and make the report part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#14-030-9027 Parents and Friends. 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:

#14-030-9023 Hines VA, #15-030-9003 Hines VA, and #15-030-9005 Jesse Brown VA . We have received the records for these cases, 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.

#15-030-9004 Envision. The receipt of the clinical record has been delayed because the attorney for the provider has requested an updated copy of the guardian's Letter of Office. The updated version has been received and forwarded to the attorney's office.

Announcements and Comments:

The Chicago HRA voted to maintain the confidentiality of closed meeting minutes for the past six months.

The Chicago HRA voted to accept the meeting calendar for 2015.

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamil Jaruga

