

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY  
CHICAGO REGION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 4, 2018  
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission  
Madden MHC, Room 1088: 1200 S. First Ave., Hines, Illinois

PRESENT: Alicia Chin, Andrea Vernon–Cwik, Shelia Orr, Regina Pessagno, Dallas Read and Michael Shukis

ABSENT: N/A

STAFF: Jon Burnet (Administrator), Jeremy Polk (Coordinator)

GUEST:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Chicago Region was called to order at 5:14 p.m. by the Chicago Region Co-Chair Shelia Orr.

It was determined that a quorum was present and business could be conducted. The confidentiality statement was read by Dallas Read.

Minutes: Minutes for the May 15, 2018, June 19, 2018, August 14, 2018, September 19, 2018 and October 23, 2018 were approved. Michael Shukis entered the motion, Regina Pessagno seconded the motion, and the motion carried with all remaining votes.

Communications: N/A

## NEW BUSINESS

### Ratifications for case acceptance:

19-030-9003, 19-030-9004, 19-030-9005 and 19-030-9007 were all ratified for acceptance. The motion was entered by Andrea Vernon–Cwik, Alicia Chin seconded the motion, and the motion carried with remaining votes.

### Ratifications for non–acceptance:

18-030-9031, 18-030-9034, 19-030-9001, 19-030-9002, 19-030-9006, 19-030-9008, and 19-030-9009 were all ratified to not accept. The motion was entered by Michael Shukis, Alicia Chin seconded the motion and the motion carried with all remaining votes.

**Ratifications for accept and issue reports:**

18-030-9009, 18-030-9013 and 18-030-9030 were all ratified for reports to be accepted and issued. The motion was entered by Andrea Vernon–Cwik, Alicia Chin seconded the motion and the motion carried with all remaining votes.

**Ratifications for case closure and report approval:**

18-030-9008 & 9011, 18-030-9012, 18-030-9018, 18-030-9025, 18-030-9026 and 18-030-9032 were all ratified to close cases and accept report and or responses. The motion was entered by Alicia Chin, Andrea Vernon–Cwik seconded the motion and the motion carried with all remaining votes.

**New complaints:**

19-030-9010 – A client reports that a during a visit in the emergency room he received physical injuries. He also reports that he received meds upon his refusal. Case was tabled due to no contact with complainant.

19-030-9011 – A client reports that a while in an inpatient hospital. The psychiatrist did not follow her mental health medication preference. The client also states she was sexually assaulted by another patient and discouraged from contacting OIG. She also states that she was assaulted by a staff member. Case was accepted.

19-030-9012 – A client reports that a while receiving outpatient treatment the psychiatrist did not follow his declaration of mental health preference, causing a decline in condition. Case was motioned to not accept

19-030-9013 – A family member reports that client is overmedicated and being allowed to refuse medication. Family member also reports that CILA is not allowing family to participate in service plan. Case was motioned to not accept.

19-030-9014 – A guardian reports that school is not following IEP. The guardian states that the school is refusing to provide services and attempting to expel child. Case was accepted

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The HRA was able to move into closed session pursuant to the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955/21) and the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2). Michael Shukis moved to enter closed session at 5:36 p.m. Alicia Chin seconded and the motion carried. The purpose of the closed session was for discussion on any case assignments, case progress, draft reports, responses and case closures (18-9020, 18-9022, 18-9023, 18-9024, 18-9033 and 19-9003). The HRA returned to open session at 6:01 p.m., having taken no votes in the closed session.

### **Case Assignments:**

19-030-9004 (Roseland) – Not Assigned  
19-030-9005 (Loretto) – Mike S.  
19-030-9007 (UCP Seguin) – Shelia  
19-030-9010 – Tabled  
19-030-9011 (Madden) – Dallas R.  
19-030-9014 (Englewood Charter) – Andrea

### **Reports for acceptance:**

18-030-9029 (University of IL Hospital) Andrea moved to accept and issue the report as drafted. Michael seconded the motion and the motion carried with follow up votes.

### **Accept responses, close and publish:**

18-030-9013 (Methodist) Michael moved to close and publish the report. Alicia seconded the motion and the motion carried with follow up votes.

18-030-9027 (St. Mary's) Michael moved to close and publish the report. Alicia seconded the motion and the motion carried with follow up votes.

18-030-9030 (Ada S McKinley) Michael moved to close and publish the report. Alicia seconded the motion and the motion carried with follow up votes.

### **Other unfinished business, announcements and comments:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.  
Michael Shukis was voted to remain as Secretary. Regina Pessagno was voted new HRA Chair and Alicia Chin named Vice Chair.

**Adjournment:**

Shelia moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Mike seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Shukis, Secretary