

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
CHICAGO REGION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 14, 2018
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
Madden MHC, Room 1088: 1200 S. First Ave., Hines, Illinois

PRESENT: Andrea Vernon–Cwik, Ashley Casati, Michael Shukis and Regina Pessagno

ABSENT: Shelia Orr and Alicia Chin

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

GUEST: N/A

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Chicago Region was called to order at 5:24 p.m. by the Chicago Region Chair Ashley Casati.

It was determined that a quorum was not present but that appropriate business could be conducted. Ashely read the confidentiality statement.

Minutes: Minutes for the May 15, 2018 and June 19, 2018 meeting will be approved at the next meeting with a quorum.

Communications: N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications for case acceptance:

New complaints:

19-030-9001 -- A patient at a mental health facility states she was on dietary restriction due to religious beliefs. She alleges she was given a PRN for not eating. Table due to not having a signed release. Will be voted on at next meeting with a quorum.

19-030-9002 -- A patient of a hospital reported being threaten with a shot of medication. She indicated that a nurse also verbally abused her. Table due to not having a signed release. Will be voted on at next meeting with a quorum.

19-030-9003 -- A patient of a mental health hospital reported being attacked by another patient on the unit. The patient indicated that staff warned him about abusive patient. He also indicated he informed staff of abuse. threaten with a shot of medication. She indicated that a nurse also verbally abused her. Case accepted by HRA. Motion to accept by Mike. Annie seconded the motion and the motion carried with follow up votes.

CASE PROGRESS

18-030-9030 -- Ashley reported on a visit to Ada S. McKinley without revealing confidential information. She indicated the complaints seem to be unfounded.

18-030-9032 -- Jeremy reported on a visit to Clayton Residential Home without revealing confidential information. He indicated the complaints seem to be unfounded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The HRA was unable 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), without a quorum.

Reports for acceptance:

18-030-9009 (Swedish Covenant) Andrea moved to accept and issue the report as drafted. Mike seconded and the motion carried with follow up votes.

Accept responses, close and publish:

18-030-9012 (Community First) Regina moved to close and publish the case. Andrea seconded and the motion carried with follow up votes.

Other unfinished business, announcements and comments:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Shukis, Secretary