

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
CHICAGO REGION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
Madden MHC, Room 1088: 1200 S. First Ave., Hines, Illinois

PRESENT: Andrea Vernon–Cwik, Shelia Orr, Michael Shukis and Regina Pessagno

ABSENT: Alicia Chin

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

GUEST: Dallas Read, Ashley Casati

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Chicago Region was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by the Chicago Region Co-Chair Shelia Orr.

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

Minutes: Minutes for the May 15, 2018, June 19, 2018 and August 14, 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.

19-030-9004 -- A patient at an emergency room stated on 6/21/18 she was physically assaulted in the ED. She states that she reported it to a patient advocate and received a letter but did not receive a resolution. Andrea motioned to accept case, Regina seconded the motion, and the motion carried with the follow up votes. Will be ratified at next meeting with a quorum.

19-030-9005 -- Complaint states on 8/4/18 he was voluntarily admitted to ED. He was admitted due to being robbed and reporting this to the police. He admitted that he did not feel like himself and was paranoid from being robbed. He states that he was “shackled” and given “emergency” medication without consent. He also states that he was asked to give a urine sample and when he refused, he was forced to provide one with a catheter. Andrea motioned to accept case, Regina seconded the motion, and the motion carried with the follow up votes. Will be ratified at next meeting with a quorum.

19-030-9006 -- Complaint states over the course of several weeks she has been subjected to harassment and mental abuse. She has been threatened with involuntarily detox even though she has complied with all social work and medical request of her. Andrea motioned to decline case, Shelia seconded the motion, and the motion carried with the follow up votes. Will be ratified at next meeting with a quorum.

19-030-9007 -- Client’s guardian reports that a recipient receiving services from a CILA home is being denied the basic human right to smoke cigarettes outside his home. Shelia motioned to accept case, Andera seconded the motion, and the motion carried with the follow up votes. Will be ratified at next meeting with a quorum.

CASE PROGRESS

N/A

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:

18-030-9008 (Cook County Jail) Andrea moved to accept and issue the report as drafted. Mike seconded and the motion carried with follow up votes.

18-030-9011 (Cook County Jail) Andrea moved to accept and issue the report as drafted. Mike seconded and the motion carried with follow up votes.

18-030-9027 (St. Mary's) Andrea moved to accept and issue the report as drafted. Mike seconded and the motion carried with follow up votes.

18-030-9032 (Clayton) 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:

18-030-9009 (Swedish Covenant) Mike moved to close and publish the case. Andrea seconded and the motion carried with follow up votes.

18-030-9025 (Madden) Mike moved to close and publish the case. Andrea seconded and the motion carried with follow up votes.

18-030-9026 (Madden) Mike 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, October 23, 2018.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Shukis, Secretary