

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

***Springfield Location:***

Alan Dietrich	Jan Dunas	David Elder	Merlin Lehman
Andrea Medley	Dee Ann Ryan	Gary Seelbach	Julie Strelau
Brooke Whitted			

***Chicago Location: (attending by Video conference)***

Kathy Briseno	Beatriz Diaz-Pollack
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**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bob Bloom	Edgar Hernandez	Debra Kinsey	Kathy Ryg
Evon Robinzine	Lanée Walls		

**STAFF PRESENT**

***Springfield Location:***

Mindy Miller	Linda Prewitt	John Schornagel	Theresa Williams
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***Chicago Location: (attending by Video conference)***

Robert Watts

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Bill Pumo, IAASE

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Dietrich called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Members, staff and guests introduced themselves. Chairperson Dietrich announced that Mary O'Brien and Sam Koschmann have participated on the Authority as a designee and an alternate designee respectively representing DHS' Division of Community Health and Prevention (DCHP) since January of 2006. He added that as of September 2009 DHS/DCHP has assigned Julie Strelau as the designee and Debbie McCarrel as the alternate. Chairperson Dietrich expressed his appreciation for the participation of Mary O'Brien and Sam Koschmann and welcomed Julie Strelau to her first Authority meeting.

## II. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 13, 2009 MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting.

**MOTION:** *Gary Seelbach moved and Brooke Whitted seconded that the minutes of August 13, 2009 Authority meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.*

## III. STAFF REPORT

Director Schornagel referenced the following informational handouts:

- **Voices for Illinois Children press release** announcing that Kathy Ryg (now former State Representative) has been hired as the new president of Voices effective, September 1, 2009. Although we invited Kathy to stay on the CRSA, Kathy has decided to leave the CRSA board and is asking Representative Mike Smith to appoint a new designee.
- **Recently adopted ICG portion of the SASS Services Manuel:** clearly and concisely outlining roles responsibilities and procedures around the ICG program now being managed by the Collaborative.
- Press release a from **Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation:** offering "multi-year/multiple million dollar Children's mental health initiative "Building Systems of Care, Community by Community". RFP are due by January 6, 2010

Director Schornagel announced that the CRSA website was launched in late September. The Website address is <http://www.illinois.gov/crsa/>

Director Schornagel announced that since the last board meeting one case that was nearing a Technical Assistance Conference within the dispute resolution process was resolved when the ICG termination was overturned on appeal and the LEA simultaneously agreed to residential place the boy for educational purposes. He added that CRSA currently has five cases that are nearing the point of convening Technical Assistance Conferences if funding cannot be garnered to support residential placements that community Child and Family Teams agree are required to meet the children's needs.

- One involves a high IQ, but highly suicidal child with mental illness who needs residential treatment
- One involves a privately adopted child who needs residential treatment, and
- Three cases involve children who qualify of Developmental Disability services, but that also have overlapping mental health diagnoses, behavior disorders, child welfare issues and educational issues. In all three cases, local Child and Family Teams have agreed that the children require residential treatment.

Director Schornagel updated the Authority that this week last year, Theresa Williams was hired as CRSA's first Network Development Coordinator. He invited Ms. Williams to address the Authority about what she has accomplished during the year and to answer any questions. Ms. Williams provide a brief presentation of her activities and accomplishments during her first year in the position and answered questions from Authority members.

**IV. AGENCY REPORTS**

Alan Dietrich reported on behalf of the Mental Health Division within the Department of Human Services that Individual Care Grant trainings are taking place on October 13, 2009 in Chicago and on October 20, 2009 in Springfield. He encouraged CRSA staff to attend if they wished to do so.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CRSA FY 09 Expenditures Report**

Director Schornagel shared the final CRSA FY 09 expenditure report with the Authority reporting CRSA's final expenditures for FY 09 totaled \$533,125.70. Lapsed funds include a \$25,000.00 retirement reserve that was unused and includes \$16,874.30 of other unused funding, mostly related to the delay in hiring the Network Development Coordinator until October 2008.

**B. CRSA FY 11 Spending Plan**

David Elder informed the Authority that the Executive Committee discussed an initial FY 11 CRSA spending request of \$592,000.00 and recommended that that the Authority adopt the proposed preliminary FY 11 spending plan. Discussion ensued. Merlin Lehman suggested that the retirement reserve be restored to the \$25,000.00 level which would raise the FY 11 CRSA spending request to \$607,000.00.

**MOTION:** *David Elder moved and Brooke Whitted seconded that the Authority adopt the preliminary CRSA FY 11 spending plan of \$607,000.0. The motion carried unanimously.*

**C. CRSA Staff Compensation Policy Amendments**

David Elder reported on behalf of the Policy Committee that the Committee has recommended language changes to the CRSA Staff Compensation Policy which are being presented to the Authority for consideration at First Reading.

**D. Other**

Brooke Whitted expressed concern about the possibility that legislation may be forthcoming that would amend section 14/7.02 of the school code and change the way school districts are reimbursed for private educational placement and the potential for negative impacts. Bill Pumo indicated that IAASE has also been discussing the possible advantages and disadvantages of such a change. Discussion ensued. Beatriz Diaz-Pollack indicated that ISBE is still formulating their legislative agenda. Director Schornagel was asked to track the legislation if and when the legislature proposes the change to the legislation.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Executive Committee**

Chairperson Alan Dietrich reported on behalf of the Executive Committee topics discussed most recently by the Executive Committee have been covered earlier in the Agenda.

**B. Policy Committee**

Mr. Elder reported that the Policy Committee met in September and is reviewing the CRSA Statewide Service Plan for current relevancy. David Elder reported topics discussed most recently by the Policy Committee have been covered earlier in the Agenda. He added that the Policy Committee is scheduled to meet in November.

**C. Multiple Agency Resource Pool Committee**

David Elder, Chair of the CRSA MARP Committee, updated the Authority that the MARP Committee met in September and discussed concepts of creating a new CRSA Resource Fund to utilize as a companion tool in Dispute Resolution cases as well as to fund small goods and service expenditures for CRSA referents.

**D. Annual Report Committee**

David Elder reported to the Authority that Director Schornagel is working on a preliminary draft of the CRSA FY 09 Annual Report that he hopes to present to the Annual Report Committee in November.

**E. Staff Evaluation Committee**

Alan Dietrich reported that the Staff Evaluation Committee is scheduled to meet soon to work on the Annual Performance Appraisal for the Executive Director.

**VIII. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brooke Whitted announced that there is a possibility for a conflict of interest in a pending CRSA case that may qualify for dispute resolution. He informed the Authority a student whose case is at staff review in the Dispute Resolution process attends a residential facility on which he is current board member. He added that he would recuse himself from any CRSA deliberations on the case if the case progresses to dispute resolution.

**IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *Brooke Whitted moved and Gary Seelbach seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.*