

MEMBERS PRESENT

Springfield Location:

Michele Carmichael	Alan Dietrich	David Elder	Seth Harkins
Debra Kinsey	Merlin Lehman	Andrea Medley	Gary Seelbach
Randy Staton	Julie Stremlau	Brooke Whitted	

Chicago Location: (attending by Video conference)

Bob Bloom	Kathy Briseno	Toni Hoy	Jason Johnson
Jane Kelly			

MEMBERS ABSENT

Arthur Bishop	Bill Delgado	Dee Ann Ryan
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STAFF PRESENT

Springfield Location:

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

Robert Watts

LIAISONS PRESENT

None

GUESTS PRESENT

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Harkins called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Members and staff in attendance introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2013 MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes of the February 14, 2013 Authority meetings.

MOTION: *Brooke Whitted moved and Kathy Briseno seconded that the minutes of the February 14 2013 Authority meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

III. STAFF REPORT

Director Schornagel referenced the following informational handouts in member board packets:

- **Staff Activity Reports** for February and March. Director Schornagel announced that there are currently two cases that could potentially qualify for dispute resolution. One involves a multiply disabled 20 year old girl who had previously gone all the way through the dispute resolution process, to Director Review, who ended up in a LEA funded residential treatment program in Missouri and who is now being considered for discharge to home. This is an adult transition planning situation. The second case involves an adolescent girl who was stepped down from ICG residential against provider medical advice by the Collaborative based on “*medical necessity*”. The parents challenged the step down in a secretary level appeal as a change in eligibility and in spite of our concerted efforts; DHS has refused to respond in writing to the appeal, now ten months old.
- **ICG FY 12 Annual Report:** Director Schornagel announced that Doctors Mehlinger and Williams within DHS/DMH have been invited to attend the CRSA meeting in June to address any CRSA Board concerns regarding the Individual Care Grant program.
- Director Schornagel referenced the **updated Board Directory**. He specifically referenced that DCFS has appointed Jane Kelly as the Alternate from DCFS. The 98th General Assembly has now been seated and we have some membership changes as a result of new Committee assignments. State Senator William Delgado from northern Chicago, is now the Chairperson for the Senate Education Committee---replacing James T. Meeks. Senator David Luechtefeld, from southern Illinois, remains as Minority spokesperson to the Senate Education Committee. Also, State Representative Sandra Pihos, from Glen Ellyn, has replaced Jerry Mitchell as the Minority Spokesperson on the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. We also welcome Toni Hoy, who has been recently appointed as a Gubernatorial Appointee as the parent designee to the CRSA Board. Introduction letters asking for appointments/re-appointments of a designee has been sent to Senators Delgado and Luechtefeld, as well as to Representative Sandra Pihos and to IDJJ Director Arthur Bishop.
- He also announced that 2013 Ethics Training documents have been submitted to Board members electronically. It’s a 38 page document that needs to be read through and then send the signed Completion Certificate (pg 39) to the CRSA office. If members would prefer a paper copy, just call our office.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS

Bob Bloom wants a presentation for the Board from the Illinois Autism Technical Assistance Project (IATAP). Michele Carmichael expressed a willingness to extend such an invitation to IATAP. She commented that IATAP is part of a larger group of ISBE initiatives (ISTTAC) which includes IATTAP, PBIS and three other programs. Director Schornagel welcomed her willingness to facilitate an invitation for presentation.

Alan Dietrich announced that DHS/DMH has currently published a five year strategic plan. Director Schornagel will pass it along to the staff and board electronically.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Director Schornagel commented that the CRSA FY 14 expenditure request of \$592,300 has been sent to the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and is still awaiting final action by the State Legislature.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

Chairperson Harkins reported that all but one of the recent Executive Committee discussion items have been covered under other parts of the Agenda.

The Executive Committee, and the larger CRSA Board, did discuss the seemingly haphazard transition from child and adolescent services to adult living arrangements for individuals with high end service needs, who require seamless transitions for C&A to adult services. The Board reasserted its commitment to CRSA kids that we have served who are entering the adult system, even if it crosses our statutory age boundaries. Director Schornagel commented that while we don’t have a firm grasp on the adult funding and service system, that the need for a coherent transition planning process is clearly evident. He cited a current “Jane Doe” case which is certain to go back to dispute resolution that illustrates the transition planning problems between the C&A and adult systems.

VIII. OPEN DIALOGUE

There was an open discussion about the status of the LANs in Illinois, triggered by former Director and former Chair, Gary Seelbach. Director Schornagel again commented that LANs in Illinois have recently lost DCFS support and are hanging by a thin funding stream from ISBE. He added that even in this funding environment, many LANs thrive and others are barely functional. His final comment was that all appear to function at some level.

Chairperson Harkins expressed an interest in knowing more about implementation guidelines surrounding the Affordable Care Act and its potential impacts on CRSA clients both in the public and private sectors.

The Board discussed the ICG FY 12 Annual Report and expressed concern about the data that it revealed, and what it didn't reveal. The Authority reiterated its request to have Dr. Renée Mehlinger attend a future CRSA meeting and Debra Kinsey, from HFS, requested that a member of the Collaborative for Options and Choice be invited to attend that meeting as well.

IX. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Brooke Whitted moved and Michele Carmichael seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.*