

MEMBERS PRESENT

Springfield Location:

Kathy Briseno	Michele Carmichael	Alan Dietrich	David Elder
Seth Harkins	Debra Kinsey	Maureen Haugh Stover	Gary Seelbach
Randy Staton	Julie Strelau	Brooke Whitted	

Chicago Location: (attending by Video conference)

Toni Hoy	Edgar Hernandez	Jason Johnson	Jane Kelly (non-voting)
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MEMBERS ABSENT

Kye Gaffey	Bob Bloom	Bill Delgado	Merlin Lehman
Dee Ann Ryan			

STAFF PRESENT

Springfield Location:

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

Robert Watts

LIAISONS PRESENT

None

GUESTS PRESENT

Mark Fagan, Thresholds, Heather O'Donnell, Thresholds

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Harkins called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Members, CRSA staff and visitors in attendance introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 11, 2013 MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes of the April 11, 2013 Authority meeting.

MOTION: Gary Seelbach moved and Brooke Whitted seconded that the minutes of the April 11, 2013 Authority meeting be approved with minor amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

III. STAFF REPORT

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

- **Staff Activity Reports** for April and May. Director Schornagel commented that it looks as if CRSA will have approximately 350 referrals for FY 13, which has become a rather stable referral number during the last five years. Gary Seelbach requested that staff put together a document that outlines the referrals, by source and the number of staffings attended by CRSA staff over the last five fiscal years.
- Director Schornagel announced that **Kae Gaffey, Superintendent of Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice School (IDJJ) District #428 has been appointed to the CRSA Board** representing IDJJ Director, Arthur Bishop. He also announced that Bill Delgado, newest Chairperson of the Senate Education Committee, has not yet made an appointment to the CRSA Board.
- Director Schornagel commented that long-standing CRSA Regional Coordinator, **Jude DeAngelo is currently undergoing extensive medical evaluation and treatment** that might temporarily pull him away from his regional coordinator duties .He added that it was Mr. De Angelo's request to announce this at today's meeting.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Selection of Officers

Chairperson Harkins announced that he, in consultation with the Executive Committee, recommends the appointment of an FY 14 CRSA Nominating Committee including Kathy Briseno, as Chairperson, as well as, Gary Seelbach and Randy Staton. Nominating Committee Chairperson Briseno recommended that the same slate of offices that served in FY 13 be reappointed.

MOTION: *Michele Carmichael moved and Randy Staton seconded that the slate of CRSA officers for FY 14 as proposed by the Nomination Committee be selected by the board. The motion carried unanimously.*

Chairperson Harkins thanked the Nominating Committee for their work.

B. Executive Committee Caucuses

Caucuses were held to determine appointments to the Executive Committee for FY 14. The following members were appointed to represent their constituencies on the CRSA Executive Committee.

Legislative Appointees: Kathy Briseno was appointed as primary representative to the Executive Committee and David Elder was appointed as alternate.

Gubernatorial Appointees: Gary Seelbach and Bob Bloom were both appointed to be primary representatives to the Executive Committee, splitting the seat for Springfield meetings and Chicago respectively and Dee Ann Ryan was appointed as alternate.

Agency Appointees: Michele Carmichael and Alan Dietrich were appointed as primary representatives to the Executive Committee and Debra Kinsey was appointed as alternate.

C. FY 14 CRSA Meeting Schedule

Chairperson Harkins reported on behalf of the Executive Committee that staff provided a proposed CRSA meeting dates for FY 14 and that the Executive Committee discussed the possibility that the ICG program could be attending the proposed August 8, 2013 board meeting to do a presentation, and that the Executive Committee recommends that the proposed meeting date for August 8, 2013 be moved to August 15, 2013 (the following week) because the August 8th date overlapped the Educational Director's Conference.

MOTION: Kathy Briseno moved and Randy Staton seconded that the proposed FY 14 CRSA meeting schedule be adopted as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Other

None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

Chairperson Harkins reported to the Authority on a number of recent Executive Committee discussion items have not been covered under other parts of the agenda.

The Executive Committee heard from Director Schornagel that the CRSA FY 14 Appropriation request of \$592,300.00 appears to be on a stable path to becoming law awaiting the Governor's signature.

The committee also had an update from Director Schornagel on three cases with which might require board activity under Dispute Resolution in the coming months unless the potential disputes can be resolved. A Technical Assistance Conference will be held following today's meeting regarding one of those cases. The case involves "Jane Doe" whose situation illustrates the transition planning problems between the C&A and adult systems.

Currently, Dr. Mehlinger with DHS/DMH has been invited to discuss the ICG program. Director Schornagel agreed to share with the board a copy of the memorandum he sent to Dr. Mehlinger outlining some of the Board's concerns around the ICG program.

Executive Committee member, Brooke Whitted, commented on the smoothness and efficiency of the CRSA appropriation process during FY 14, and thanked Dr. Koch and other ISBE staff for respecting CRSA's budgeting sovereignty and helping the budgeting process to move smoothly. Director Schornagel reports that the current budgeting arrangement with ISBE is exactly what has been envisioned by the CRSA. He credits State Superintendent Koch and critical ISBE staff for streamlining the appropriation process. As a related matter, the Executive Committee briefly discussed Director Schornagel's role in assisting the newly formed Illinois Charter Schools Commission, who share a very similar fiscal relationship with the ISBE as does CRSA. Director Schornagel has been talking with the Commission from the pre-legislation phase through the post legislation phase as to how to work seamlessly and cooperatively with the ISBE.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mark Fagan and Heather O'Donnell from Thresholds, a suburban Chicago based mental health treatment provider agency and also an ICG provider agency, briefly outlined their focus on Transitional Living Programs for individuals with mental illness transitioning from the C&A system to the adult service system.

IX. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Schornagel commented that Dr. Kathy Briseno has recently retired from her position at District #203 and congratulated her on her retirement. Dr. Briseno commented that she is still active as an Adjunct professor at a university. He also commented that Edgar Hernandez, DCFS' Appointee to CRSA since November of 2008, is retiring in the coming few weeks. Mr. Hernandez made several comments about his retirement plans. The board and staff gave both a resounding round of applause. Edgar will be replaced by the DCFS alternate appointee Jane Kelly. Edgar announced that his replacement as DCFS Clinical Director will be Jane Gantner.

X. OPEN DIALOUGE

There was an open ended discussion about the ICG program and The Collaborative coming to a CRSA meeting (potentially in August) to discuss their program and how it intersects with the ISBE as well as other code departments who serve children and families. Gary Seelbach pointed out that the Interagency Agreement mandated by IDEAI only mandates involvement by ISBE, DHS/DMH and DHS/DDD, all of whom are member agencies on the Authority. He noted the absence of other key code agencies at the state level and reinforced Director Schornagel's prior contention that an intergovernmental agreement (IA) between all child serving state agencies in Illinois be written to ameliorate known gaps in the multiple agency service system. Michele Carmichael commented that ISBE's role is to follow federal education guidelines and to focus on compliance to statutory rules and regulations. Director Schornagel commented that he has spoken with ISBE staff to clarify his thoughts on the need for an updated IA and that it was positively received. Michele Carmichael reiterated that she perceives many changes coming to "the system" as the Affordable Care Act is eventually fully implemented. Debbi Smith wondered how schools are going to be integrated into a coordinated transition process from the child and adolescent service system to adulthood services without some sort of updated intergovernmental agreement?

Director Schornagel commented that he, Michele Carmichael, Dee Ann Ryan and Alan Dietrich recently attended a multiple agency planning meeting hosted by the ICMHP. At that meeting he observed that the C&A system is becoming more fragmented rather than less fragmented. He opined that this is primarily because of the ACA, parity legislation, the advent of managed care and the emergence of private insurance companies (and their own varying versions of medical necessity) into "the system" as well a recent spate of recent lawsuits against Healthcare and Family Services over EPSDT and PRTFs. He opined that the system will be even more difficult for parents to navigate in the future and that this trend stands in opposition to CRSA service system recommendations made over the last 28 years. Gary Seelbach commented that in the absence of clear regulatory and policy changes related to the above system changes, a comprehensive intergovernmental agreement will be difficult to craft. Heather O'Donnell and Mark Magan from Thresholds commented that they will share with the CRSA board some of the evidence-based practices which indicate that young adults with mental illness who take a strong role in their own transition planning tend to have better long term outcomes. Chairperson Harkins and Gary Seelbach both commented on the shrinking eligibility and shrinking community-based service array.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Brooke Whitted moved and Alan Dietrich seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:32 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.*