

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

***Springfield Location:***

Kathy Briseno	Alan Dietrich	David Elder	Maureen Haugh-Stover
Debra Kinsey	Merlin Lehman	Dee Ann Ryan	Gary Seelbach
Randy Staton	Julie Stremmlau	Brooke Whitted	

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bob Bloom	Erin Ipjian	Darren Reisberg	Evon Robinzine
Kathy Ryg	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

**LIAISONS PRESENT**

Bill Pumo, IAASE

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Christina Hawkins, Psychiatric Solutions Inc  
Deana Goldstein, National Deaf Academy.  
Joey Trapani, National Deaf Academy  
Andrew Samson

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Dietrich read the Mission Statement of the Authority and called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Members, staff, liaisons and guests in attendance introduced themselves.

## II. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2010 MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes of the April 15, 2010 meeting.

**MOTION:** *Gary Seelbach moved and Kathy Briseno seconded that the minutes of the April 15, 2010 Authority meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.*

## III. STAFF REPORT

Director Schornagel referenced the FY 09 **ICG Annual Report** included in the board packets. He commented that the report is colorful and informative and that it accurately documents the program changes which shifted key responsibilities for ICG program management from DMH to the Collaborative. It also outlined changes in reporting and SASS support responsibilities that were implemented in the last quarter of that year. He added that he was glad to see the reference to the Medicaid 94-R initiative in the narrative but would have liked to have seen more data on cost savings from 94-R. He also commented on the increasing usage of community-based ICG, extending the positive historical trend over the last six years. Director Schornagel then noted that the ICG application and approval data provided in the report causes him to be concerned: specifically that data reveals that since the Collaborative took over responsibility for Eligibility Determination in FY 08, the mean percentage of applicants approved for ICGs has been cut in half, with only 18.37% approved in FY 08 and 18.82% approved in FY 09, or less than one in five applicants being determined eligible for the grant. He noted that this data stands in stark contrast to the mean percentage of ICG applications approved in the 13 years prior to the Collaborative taking over Eligibility Determination in FY 08, which was 37.61 % (roughly one in three that applied). He commented that it seems statistically unlikely that approvals would be cut almost exactly in half for two years in a row, unless perhaps the Collaborative were applying new eligibility criteria outside of the existing Administrative Rule. He then commented on the budget page noting that even with reduced numbers of children served, the use of the Medicaid 94-R initiative to subsidize room and board costs, and only half as many kids getting the grant, that the ICG program still ran 1.85 million in the red in FY 09. Director Schornagel informed the board that he will continue to track the ICG Annual Reports and continue to update the CRSA board about both positive and potentially negative trends. Authority members posed a list of questions regarding the ICG program that they would like to see passed along to the ICG Program for responses. Director Schornagel agreed to draft a communication to the ICG program through CRSA's DHS/DMH Representative, Alan Dietrich, posing questions about the ICG FY 09 Annual Report.

Director Schornagel updated the Board on pending dispute resolution cases noting that an Authority Hearing had been scheduled to be held on May 13, 2010 in Champaign for a mentally ill and suicidal adolescent requiring residential treatment and funding, but was cancelled the day before the hearing when CRSA staff received a copy of the most recent IEP (Dated March 31st) and noticed that the district had committed itself to residential treatment for the child from March 31, 2010 onward, thus ending the dispute. He then reported that a CRSA Technical Assistance Conference was convened yesterday afternoon to address the service needs of 7 year old girl who is mentally ill and suicidal and for whom the parents are seeking

funding for an out of home placement that can meet her needs for physical safety and treatment. David Elder reminded that Board that an Authority Hearing would likely occur in this case on the off month meeting date of July 8, 2010, and that CRSA members should be holding those off month days open for CRSA business. He also noted that an Authority Hearing requires a quorum of the Authority and he asked that Mindy Miller do a board survey quickly to determine member availability for a July 8, 2010 Authority Hearing.

Director Schornagel informed the Authority that all CRSA staff have completed the online Ethics training for FY 10 and that, so far 16 of the 21 Board members have completed the written ethics training and submitted verification sheets to the CRSA office. He urged members who have not yet completed the training to please take some time to complete the training and send in the completed verification sheet to the CRSA Office.

#### **IV. AGENCY REPORTS**

Randy Staton of DORS and Alan Dietrich of DMH briefly outlined a new program named SOAR< through which DHM is actively involving DORS and the Social Security Administration is service planning for children with mental illness ages 16 through 21, to assist with transition planning issues and concerns.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. CRSA FY 11 Appropriation Update**

Director Schornagel informed the Authority that CRSA's FY 11 Appropriation is still uncertain: listed at the \$575,000.00 level in ISBE's budget. He informed the Authority that CMS has unexpectedly agreed to pick up the agency's retirement contributions for FY 11 which saved the CRSA \$51,000.00 which had formerly been considered as an expense. While this eases some of the expected budget pressure on CRSA, he added that the Governor may be given the legislative authority to take money back from agencies in year and that agencies are being asked to hold 3% in reserve to accommodate such an eventuality. He also commented that mandatory furloughs might also be initiated sometime during FY 11.

##### **B. Other**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Selection of Officers**

The Nominating Committee offered the following slate of officers for FY 11: Gary Seelbach as Chairperson, Kathy Briseno as Vice Chairperson and Alan Dietrich as Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor.

**MOTION:** *Brooke Whitted moved and Merlin Lehman seconded the Authority approve the slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee for FY 11: appointing Gary Seelbach as Chairperson, Kathy Briseno as Vice Chairperson and Alan Dietrich as Secretary. The motion carried with David Elder abstaining.*

Chairperson Dietrich thanked the Nominating Committee for their work.

**B. Executive Committee Caucuses**

Caucuses were held to determine appointments to the Executive Committee for FY 11. The following members were appointed to represent their constituencies on the CRSA Executive Committee.

**Legislative Appointees:** David Elder was appointed as primary representative to the Executive Committee and Evon Robenzine was appointed as Alternate.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:** Brooke Whitted was appointed as primary representative to the Executive Committee and Merlin Lehman was appointed as Alternate.

**Agency Appointees:** Julie Stremlau and Randy Staton were appointed as primary representatives to the Executive Committee and Edgar Hernandez was appointed as Alternate.

**B. Other**

None

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Executive Committee**

Chairperson Dietrich reported that all Executive Committee discussion items have been covered under other parts of the agenda.

**B. Policy Committee**

The Policy Committee had no report.

**VIII. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dee Ann Ryan updated the Authority regarding the recent activities of ACMHAI (the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois): specifically addressing a meeting held on June 7, 2010 in Glen Ellyn, drawing in a wide variety of statewide stakeholders to disseminate information and to discuss implementation strategies regarding the Medicaid supported programs: EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment) and PRTFs (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities) for children with mental illness. She reported that the meeting was very well attended and that a follow up meeting will be held in the near future to continue the discussion. Ms. Ryan also reported that the Governor’s Human Service Commission (of which she is a member) has met recently and heard a budget presentation by Jerry Steamer, Governor Quinn’s Chief of Staff. The Commission is currently working on a draft document and is scheduled to meet again in July.

Maureen Haugh-Stover announced that Andrea Medley, alternate designee for DHS/DDD to CRSA, recently delivered a baby girl and both are doing well. Director Schornagel reported that Erin Ipjian, Attorney General Madigan’s designee to CRSA is due to have a baby very soon and that is why she is not available to participate in the June CRSA Meetings.

**IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Bill Pumo, the IAASE Liaison to CRSA responded to verbal enquiries for Brooke Whitted regarding I.A.A.S.E.’s position with respect to proposed changes to the funding reimbursement formulas under part 5/14-7.02 of the Illinois School Code: “Children attending private schools, public out-of-state schools, public school residential facilities or private education facilities”-specifically. Bill Pumo also commented that in the rural center of the state where he resides Local Area Networks (LANs) and SASS service providers through the mental health centers are key core services used to assist students in his Cooperative, the West Central Illinois Special Education Cooperative.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *Brooke Whitted moved and Gary Seelbach seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:47 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.*