

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

***Springfield Location:***

Alan Dietrich	David Elder	Maureen Haugh-Stover	Dee Ann Ryan
Gary Seelbach	Randy Staton	Julie Stremlau	Brooke Whitted

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

Bob Bloom	Kathy Briseno	Beatriz Diaz-Pollack	Edgar Hernandez
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**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Erin Ipjian	Debra Kinsey	Merlin Lehman	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**

***Springfield Location***

Terry Charmichael, CBHA

**GUESTS PRESENT**

***Springfield Location:***

Andrew Samson  
Barbra Schwartz, Department on Aging

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

Eileen Subak, League of Women Voters

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Mr. Seelbach thanked Mr. Dietrich for his two years of providing leadership of the Authority, noting that he is only the second agency designee in the history of the Authority to serve as Chairperson, noting the difficulty of that role when DMH programs are under critical appraisal by the Authority and reminding Mr. Dietrich that he is now an Ex-officio member of the CRSA Board for life. Members, staff and guests recognized Alan Dietrich with a round of applause.

## **II. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 10 2010 AND JULY 8, 2010 MINUTES**

The Authority reviewed the minutes of the June 10, 2010 and July 8, 2010 Authority meetings.

**MOTION:** *Kathy Briseno moved and Brooke Whitted seconded that the minutes of the June 10, 2010 Authority meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.*

**MOTION:** *Brooke Whitted moved and Randy Staton seconded that the minutes of the July 8, 2010 Authority meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **III. STAFF REPORT**

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

- Listing of CRSA Committees including the current Executive Committee
- Copies of the FY 11 CRSA Meeting Schedules (Including Scheduled meetings and Tentatively Scheduled (off month) meetings)
- An Ethics pamphlet from the Office of Executive Inspector General
- CRSA FY 10 4th Quarter staff Activity Report and July 2010 Staff Activity Report.
- Follow up letter to DMH posing member questions regarding the FY 09 ICG Annual Report.
- An August 4, 2010 state budget update/analysis from the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois (CBHA)
- House Testimony from Eileen Subak from League of Women Voters, on the proposed merger of DJJ and DCFS.

Director Schornagel reported that he has gone back to providing staff reports to the Authority in a monthly, written format rather than a quarterly format, which contained too much information to absorb in the time allotted at a meeting.

Director Schornagel reported that Kurt Friedenauer, the first Director of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice resigned his position effective August 1, 2010 and that the Governor has appointed Arthur Bishop, former DCFS Deputy Director over Field Services as the new IDJJ Director. He announced that he has received an email from Dr. Lanée Walls (IDJJ's Representative to CRSA since August 12, 2008) announcing that she is leaving her position as Superintendent of correctional school district # 428, effective August 13, 2010 and thus will no longer be a CRSA Board member.

He added that in the two years and a day that Dr. Walls has been on the CRSA Board she has accomplished a great deal working with CRSA's Network Development Coordinator, Theresa Williams establishing tangible linkages between her Principals at the Illinois Youth Centers (IYC) facilities and LANs throughout Illinois which has facilitated organized reintegration planning from IYC facilities back to home communities. Director Schornagel stated that this initiative was long overdue and CRSA staff will continue to do whatever possible to support the continuation of that initiative as DJJ is potentially absorbed into DCFS. He added that he has put in a request to DCFS to consider appointing Theresa Williams to a DJJ/DCFS transition task force so that she can share her expertise on the DJJ/LANs Reintegration Initiative begun by Dr. Walls and to share her expertise on LANs statewide. Director Schornagel commented that he will soon be corresponding with incoming DJJ Director Bishop to orient him to CRSA and to invite him to sit on CRSA or solicit the appointment of a replacement representative. On behalf of the Authority, Director Schornagel wishes Lanée all the best in what ever endeavors she pursues and is sending her a CRSA Certificate of Appreciation thanking her for her contributions to CRSA.

Discussion followed. Authority members and staff commented on the short history of IDJJ as a separate state agency but with shared administration with DOC. Insufficient GRF funding, labor problems, staff shortages and aging infrastructure were all cited as having contributed to the slow start of IDJJ. Members, staff and guests in attendance also discussed the real possibility of IDJJ being integrated into DCFS and the challenges faced by both entities if such a merger were to become a reality. Members discussed the merits of vertical integration versus horizontal administration, noting that DCFS is complex enough already and IDJJ having a secondary Director, distances that Director from the government at large. It was mentioned that there are currently 19 groups who are meeting to discuss and contribute to the DCFS/IDJJ merger discussion. It was suggested that CRSA members and/or staff try to become involved in some of these discussions to share the CRSA perspective. Members interested in serving one or more of the DCFS/IDJJ discussion groups were asked to contact Director Schornagel by E-mail to express their interest.

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

None

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

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

Director Schornagel informed the Authority that CRSA's FY 11 Appropriation is still listed at the \$575,000 level in ISBE's budget. He reaffirmed to the Authority that the Authority would be able to function normally at this level but only because CMS had unexpectedly agreed to pick up the agency's retirement contributions for FY 11 at the last minute, saving the CRSA \$51,000 which had formerly been considered as an expense.

**B. Medicaid Funded EPSDT and PRTF**

Dee Ann Ryan updated the Authority regarding the recent activities of ACMHAI (the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois): specifically reporting on a second 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 Stermer, Governor Quinn's Chief of Staff. The Commission is currently working on a draft document and is scheduled to meet again in July.

Ms. Ryan also discussed the possibility of Governor Quinn signing an Executive Order mandating that CRSA Co-Chairing a Statewide Task Force to further explore barriers to implementation for EPSDT, PRTFs. The Task Force would begin to explore Illinois practices that lead parents of children with mental illness to either voluntarily or involuntarily relinquish custody of their children to DCFS, simply to assure that their mental health needs would be adequately met. Members reviewed a draft of the proposed Executive Order language. While Authority members agreed that CRSA co-chairing such an entity is consistent with its legislative powers and duties, members also expressed concern that such an undertaking could easily overwhelm the small staff of CRSA and may not be consistent with CRSA budget realities. Director Schornagel was asked to stay in close touch with those proposing the Task Force to assure that CRSA could meet the challenges associate with co-chairing such a Task Force.

**C. MHC Panel Discussion**

Chairperson Seelbach renewed his request to invite a geographically representative sample for publicly funded mental health centers (MHCs) to attend a CRSA Board meeting, perhaps in a Panel Presentation style format, to give the Authority a better sense of both the current successes and challenges faced by MHCs in a recessionary economy. Authority members were asked to share any ideas they have on the questions posed for the MHCs with Director Schornagel and Mindy Miller.

**D. Other**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Appointment of a Staff Evaluation Committee**

Chairperson, Gary Seelbach announced the appointment of a Staff Evaluation Committee for FY 11. The Committee will include Chairperson Seelbach as Committee Chairperson, Alan Dietrich and Maureen Haugh-Stover representing State agencies, Dee Ann Ryan representing Governor's Appointees and Kathy Briseno representing Legislative Designees.

**B. Dispute Resolution Case Update (Recent Authority Hearing)**

**MOTION:** *David Elder moved and Kathy Briseno seconded that that the Authority approve the following Authority Hearing recommendations in the E.G. case :the Department of Children and Family Services, Clinical Division is requested to evaluate E.G. to determine what clinical options are most appropriate for her and her family to be appropriately served within the state of Illinois with an end goal of reintegration with the family; as part of the evaluation, the Clinical Division is requested to also determine if re-application for the Individual Care Grant through the Illinois Mental Health Collaborative is appropriate; the Department is requested to complete this evaluation and report the results to the Family and the Authority within 45 days of notification of this request and the CRSA will hold the proceedings of the case at the Authority Hearing Level of the Dispute Resolution Process to be re-convened as necessary at the discretion of the Authority Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.*

**C. CRSA Service Procedural Guidelines Amendment (First Reading)**

The Authority reviewed a proposed amendment to the Authority Hearing section of the CRSA Service Procedural Guidelines which was suggested by the CRSA Ad Hoc Policy Committee and it was subsequently recommended by the Executive Committee that the proposed amendment be presented to the Authority at today's meeting for First Reading. The proposed amendment specifically omits the sentence *...The Authority Hearing will be held in the home community of the child family.* The Policy Committee noted that the following line of text is sufficient: *...Reasonable effort will be made to hold the Hearing at a time and location which are convenient to the parent(s) and which assure maximum attendance.* Chairperson Seelbach informed the Authority that the proposed amendment will be placed on the October 2010 Authority Agenda for consideration and possible adoption.

**D. Other**

None

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Executive Committee**

Chairperson Seelbach reported many of the recent Executive Committee discussion items have been covered under other parts of the agenda, with the following exceptions. The Executive Committee reviewed a proposed amendment to the CRSA Bylaws, creating an official title of Chairperson Emeritus and outlining qualifications and roles. The Executive Committee anticipates that the Authority will have an opportunity to review and take action on the proposed Bylaws amendment at its October 2010 meeting. Chairperson Seelbach, informed the Authority that in order for the Authority to be in compliance with recent changes to the statutes governing the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, that the Authority needs to designate CRSA officials to register with the Illinois Office Attorney General and who will take annual online training through the Illinois Office Attorney General on both the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Chairperson Seelbach informed the Authority that the Executive Committee has recommended that that the CRSA Executive Director, the CRSA Chairperson and the CRSA Office Specialist register as Open Meeting Act officials for CRSA and take the required training and that the CRSA Executive Director and the CRSA Administrative Assistant register as the Freedom of Information Act officials for CRSA and take the required training.

### **B. Policy Committee**

The Policy Committee recently met and discussed procedural changes to the Executive Director Evaluation process and changes to the Executive Director Evaluation form used by Staff Evaluation Committees. The Policy Committee agreed to revise the CRSA Conflict of Interest policies for staff to bring it more into line with current statewide Ethics Training. The Policy Committee also reviewed an analysis prepared by Director Schornagel regarding the relevance of the current CRSA Service Plan and recommendations regarding activities that the CRSA could consider to advance the CRSA Service Plan. Among those recommendations, Director Schornagel reiterated what Authority members have long opined that LAN legislation would need to be introduced and passed giving LANs legal entity status and requiring state agency participation in the LANs, if the CRSA vision for LANs were to become a reality.

## **VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Chairperson Seelbach introduced a new agenda Item “Open Discussion” that is being tried on an experimental basis with the Authority as a vehicle through which, members can discuss current events relevant to the Authority, including as ideas, thoughts and concerns that may not otherwise neatly fit into the Authority’s Agenda format.

Director Schornagel noted that in the last year, spontaneous discussions that are both relevant and interesting are occurring in response to Staff Report, Agency Reports and Comments and Announcements but that they go well beyond the limited scope of those agenda items.

**IX. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Beatriz Diaz-Pollack announced that State Superintendent Koch will be appointing a new ISBE Designee to the CRSA within the coming days, to replace Darren Reisberg as primary designee and herself as alternate designee.

Ms. Eileen Subak gave those in attendance updates pertaining to the justice system in Illinois, extending the remarks made earlier in the meeting about the IDJJ's early failures due to chronic underfunding that led to the current proposed merger with DCFS. She also reported that IYC-Chicago was badly damaged during a tornado, forcing its evacuation and the movement of juveniles housed there to other facilities. She also informed the Authority that reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act has passed through a Senate Committee. The House is working on a separate version.

Terry Charmichael commented on themes heard in the meeting earlier today, expressing cautious optimism about juvenile justice reform in Illinois but also acknowledging that the weakening of the community system that is currently being experienced in Illinois does not dovetail well with the needs for better aftercare planning for children in the IDJJ system. He added that EPSDT might improve service availability in communities and that EPSDT, as envisioned and reinforced by Congress, focuses on prevention needs of children and mandates that "medical necessity" is tacitly defined by Congress as "locally determined". He added though that fuller EPSDT implementation in Illinois is likely to get bogged down by political considerations, particularly by a lack of state match dollars.

**X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Barbara Schwartz, Coordinator with the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA) did an overview of services offered by IDOA and focused on the Grandparent and Other Relatives Raising Children programs within IDOA. During the ensuing discussion, meeting participants realized that there is considerable overlap between CRSA populations and IDOA populations, as extended family members face the challenges of raising young children in the extended family. Ms. Schwartz passed out promotional materials and thanked the Authority for allowing her to participate in the meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *Brooke Whitted moved and Alan Dietrich seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:27 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.*