EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
September 16, 2010

Chair Larry Phillips opened the September 16, 2010 meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 4:04 p.m. at the Illinois Employment Training Center, 1307 North Mattis Avenue, Champaign, IL 61821

Members Present: Mary Auth, Sandra Kopels, Larry Phillips, Babette Leek, and George Roth.

Members Absent: Annette Becherer

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests: Gene Seaman of the Peoria East Central Region

Introductions were made. A quorum was present.

Cathy Wolf stated that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings to protect the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

MINUTES: Babette Leek made a motion to approve the May 20, 2010 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Mary Auth made a motion to approve the July 15, 2010 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The HRA coordinator has been in contact with a former HRA authority member and she has expressed an interest in rejoining the HRA and filling the title position as our Mental Health Provider. She has undergone ankle surgery and will need ample time for recovery and hopes to attend our next meeting. Other HRA members discussed that they may know some potential volunteers to fill the two Citizen Volunteer positions on the East Central HRA.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints

10-060- 9018 - School. A child with a disability was not being provided services per her ISP. HRA information and release sent 5/24/10 not received. A second release was sent to the complainant requesting a release. A decision was made to postpone until the next meeting and give the complainant more time.

11-060-9003 - Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICFDD) - The complaint alleges that an individual with a disability is limited on having contact with

visitors and that he is not allowed to have unimpeded access to the phone. He has had numerous rights restricted. Release received by co guardian but may not be valid. Larry Phillips made a motion to accept the case; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

11-060-9004 - Nursing Home - the complaint alleges a resident had fallen out of his chair and was taken the emergency room. When a follow-up phone call was made and the coordinator requested to talk to the complainant, she was advised there was no one there by that name. She was then asked if she was from the unemployment office. No release available due to noaddress or name of someone to send it to. Mary Auth made a motion to not accept the case; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

11-060-9005 - University - the complaint alleges that a student with a disability was not given reasonable accommodation to attend a specific class. The second issue is he did not agree with the class content regarding a class about evolution. He stated that he would have to agree there is no God/Creator. This individual was advised that this second complaint would probably be beyond the scope of what the HRA could investigate. Release received. George Roth made a motion to table until we have more information about the first complaint; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

11-060-9006 - Mental Health Provider - the complaint alleges that an individual was involuntarily committed to a mental health provider that failed to provide adequate pain management for over two weeks. This individual was not allowed to make unimpeded private phone calls and there was no access to phone numbers of advocacy agencies or any ability to make calls. Release not received yet. A referral was made to Legal Advocacy Services of GAC. A decision was made to put the case on hold until the next meeting to see if we obtain the release.

11-060-9007 - Hospital - the complaint alleges a hospital misrepresented an individual has developmentally delay medical condition. Numerous medication errors may have occurred due to failure of staff to cross check the physician's orders. This individual may have been put in restraints and overmedicated with morphine to control her. Supposedly records have been destroyed to protect the hospital and the group home she was released to. No release yet, but the state guardian has promised to sign the release of information so that an investigation could take place. She has been unavailable until the following week. A mandatory report to Public Health made and accepted. George Roth made a motion to table until we have more information about the complaint; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

11-060-9008 - 16 Bed Group Home - the complaint alleges management at a group home agreed to the destruction of records of an individual who has a developmental disability, and made an agreement to not report the abuse and neglect of this individual's care at a hospital. No release yet, but the state guardian has promised to sign the release of information so that an investigation could take place. She has been unavailable until the following week. A mandatory report to Public Health made and accepted. George Roth made a motion to table until we have more information about the complaint; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Case Transfer:

11-060-9004 - Heritage Healthcare - Originally the complaint alleged that "The facility failed to provide 24 hours of continuous supervision, support, therapeutic interventions, case management services, discharge preparation, and crisis services." However, when the provider contacted the HRA, the provider stated that this individual never lived in the nursing home. Instead this person rented a private apartment from the provider who also owns the nursing home. A third party (another disability provider) said this was to be a placement for housing based on this individual's disability. There was no government subsidy provided for this housing. There was also no lease. There was a third party that was to provide more information that this was a referral for housing based on this individual's disability but it had not been provided yet. George Roth made a motion to table until we have more information about the complaint; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

RATIFICATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS:

09-060-9010: Bradley School District - The report is in progress.

09-060-9011: Bourbonnais Elementary School District - The report is in progress.

09-060-9014: Center for Human Services - The report is in progress.

09-060-9015: Graywood Foundation - Site visit completed. Records just received.

10-060-9005: Decatur Manor Healthcare - The report is in progress.

10-060-9006: Veterans Administration - site visit discussed. Gene Seaman shared his experiences at the Veterans Administration site visit.

10-060-9011: Moultrie County Beacon - received records for report. Site visit completed.

10-060-9014: Campion, Barrow, and Associates - The records have been reviewed by HRA member Sandra Kopels. A site visit will be scheduled.

10-060-9015: Bourbonnais Terrace - A site visit is completed and the report is almost completed.

10-060-9016: Carle Clinic - A site visit has been completed. The report is completed and being reviewed.

10-060-9017: Graywood Foundation - The site visit was completed. The report is in progress.

10-060-9004: Decatur Memorial Hospital - The report is in progress.

11-060-9001: Department of Children and Family Services - The department of Children and Family Services rescinded its findings regarding a parent with a disability who had allegations of child neglect. Sandra made a motion to close the case without any further investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

CASE CLOSURES: None.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mary Auth brought up that when she compared meeting minutes that she noticed that it did not appear there was any progress on the reports of findings. The coordinator Cathy Wolf explained that each report before it was given to the HRA was reviewed two times by a supervisor and at least once more by her director before the HRA received it. She further explained that each case has been a learning experience and she is still somewhat a novice at this level of report writing. That there has been progress made on several reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10 4:00 pm, 2010 at the Developmental Service Center, 3102 Clark Road, Champaign IL. The main line is (217) 356-9176

ADJOURNMENT:
George Roth made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Cathy Wolf

Cathy Wolf, Recorder

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EXCUTIVE MINUTES
September 16, 2010

Pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act, and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act, the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority did ***not*** meet in closed session. The meeting was held at Illinois Employment and Training Center, 1307 North Mattis Avenue, Champaign, Il 61821

Members Present: Mary Auth, Babette Leek, Thomas Phillips, George Roth, and Sandra Kopels.

Members Absent: Annette Becherer,

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests: There were no guests at the meeting.

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