EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
March 10, 2011

Vice Chair Mary Auth opened the March 10, 2010 meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 4:06 p.m. at the John Dimit Conference Room, Brookens Building, 1776 E. Washington ST, Urbana, IL 61820. At 4:07 p.m. Annette Beckerer, HRA member joined the meeting.

Members Present: Mary Auth, Annette Becherer, Sandra Dixon, Sandra Kopels, Babette Leek, William McSurley and George Roth.

Members Absent: Larry Phillips

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests: Antoinette Bohanan

Mary Auth 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.

Introductions were made. A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Mary Auth made a motion to go into closed session at 4:07 p.m. pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act to allow a member of the Public to present potential complaints. The Authority returned to open session at 5:13 p.m. having taken no action in closed session.

MINUTES:
Annette Becherer made a motion to approve the November 18, 2010 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Babette Leek made a motion to approve the January 20, 2011 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:
None

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications
11-060-9016 - The Graywood Foundation - All residents of the facility are being transitioned out of the facility by March 11, 2011. The day program is closed. The facility will be closed March 25, 2011. George Roth made a motion to not ratify the case acceptance; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

New Complaints

11-060-9014 - Mental Health Provider - The complaint states that a patient was seeking urgent help for a mental health condition. He started having chest pain. The crises worker called an ambulance against the patient's wishes. The patient refused treatment with the ambulance. The police came. The patient told the police, he wanted to leave and they should respect his rights. The police put hand cuffs on the patient and he was transported by ambulance to the hospital without his consent. He now has a large ambulance bill for services that this individual did not want. A release was sent on 1/24/11 to the complainant but it has not been returned. The HRA decided to send another release.

11-060-9015 - Hospital - The complaint alleges that an individual had been brought to the hospital without his consent because he was having chest pain. Allegedly the patient was made to strip naked against his wishes. He was approached about psychiatric admission, not admission for chest pain. The complaint states the patient was coerced to sign a voluntary admission. A family member also tried to convince the patient to sign a voluntary admission. The patient's arm was punctured without his consent to draw blood. He was not violent or doing anything that would provoke hospital staff to involuntarily admit him. The hospital would not let him leave from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. He was inappropriately restrained and given drugs without his consent. The complaint states that hospital staff withheld food and water and left him naked the whole time he was there. The patient is now responsible for a hospital bill for services he did not request or need. He did find out he had chest pain from several broken ribs. A release was sent on 1/24/11 to the complainant but it has not been returned. The HRA decided to send another release.

11-060-9017 - Behavioral Health Care Hospital - This complaint alleges that a patient was denied access to his medical records and experienced numerous rights violations. The patient requested to be transferred to a different hospital and is awaiting a bed. The coordinator contacted the facility and was advised that there was no one was there by that name. There was no other identifying information about that individual. She also tried contacting him at the facility he was supposed to transfer to and he was not there either. She was unable to send a release or contact the individual. Mary Auth made a motion to not accept; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

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 - The report is in progress.

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

10-060-9011: Moultrie County Beacon - The report is in progress.

10-060-9017: Graywood Foundation - The report is in progress.

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

REPORT OF FINDINGS:
10-060-9006: Veterans Administration - The report was tabled until the next meeting for revision.

10-060-9014: Campion, Barrow, and Associates - Sandra Kopels made a motion to approve the draft; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

CASE CLOSURES:
10-060-9015: Bourbonnais Terrace - Annette Becherer made a motion to close the case making the findings a part of the public record; the motion was seconded and carried. The provider made no response to be part of the public record and no response was required.

10-060-9016: Carle Clinic - Sandra Dixon made a motion to close the case making the findings a part of the public record; the motion was seconded and carried. The provider made a response to be part of the public record and no response was required.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2011 at 4:00 pm, at the Gibson City Area Hospital, West Boardroom, 1120 N Melvin, Gibson City, IL 60936.

ADJOURNMENT:
Annette Becherer made a motion to adjourn at 5:36 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Cathy Wolf

Cathy Wolf, Recorder

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EXECUTIVE MINUTES
March 10, 2011

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 met in closed session at 4:07 p.m. to review confidential case information related to new complaints, case progress reports, draft reports, and case closures. The closed session was held at the John Dimit Conference Room, Brookens Building, 1776 E. Washington ST, Urbana, IL 61801. At 4:07 p.m. Annette Beckerer, HRA member joined the meeting.

Members Present: Mary Auth, Annette Becherer, Sandra Dixon, Sandra Kopels, Babette Leek, William McSurley, and George Roth.

Members Absent: Chair Larry Phillips

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

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A complaint was shared that recommendations for intensive residential therapy were not being followed to protect a minor with disabilities. HRA members discussed the complaint with the complainant.

10-060-9006: Veterans Administration - There was discussion by HRA members that there should be some revisions to the report.

10-060-9011: Moultrie County Beacon - The report was discussed.

10-060-9014: Campion, Barrow, and Associates - A revisions was discussed.

Annette Becherer made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was properly seconded and carried. The HRA returned to open session at 5:13 p.m. pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act having taken no action in closed session.

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