Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2011

I: Call to Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority was called to Order at 6 PM by Brad Friend, in the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The meeting was held the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Office, 7 Cottage Drive in Anna.

II: Roll Call:

Members Present: Sharon Mumford, Al Farmer, Jim Livesay, Brad Friend, Katy Rambeau
Members Absent: Phyllis Brown, Clarence Russell, and Pam O'Connor
Staff Present: Judy Atherton
Guests: None

III: Determination of a Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

IV: Introductions by the Chairperson: None

V: Review and Approval of Minutes: Mumford moved to accept the minutes of the 03/29/11 HRA Meeting as written. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

VI: Confidentiality Statement: Acting Chairperson Friend waved the reading of the Confidentiality Statement since no members of the public were present.

VII: Communications: None

VIII: New Business:

A: New Complaints

11-110-9040...A community mental health provider has refused to provide services for a disabled individual. The 15-year-old female as a diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome...High Functioning Autism... It is reported that the she is having severe behavior problems, which would benefit from behavioral intervention therapy; however, the provider has refused to provide the programming. Mumford moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

11-110-9041..A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility was inappropriately placed in restraints. It is reported that the recipient was not aggressive toward self or others prior to the application. Rambeau moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

11-110-9042...It is alleged that a recipient at a state-operated mental health facility is not receiving services in the least restrictive environment. The recipient has a legal status of UST (Unfit to Stand Trial). Mumford moved to not accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

11-110-9043...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility is not receiving services in the least restrictive environment. The recipient's legal status is unknown. Rambeau moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

11-110-9044...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility has not been provided with adequate care for a medical condition (hypoglycemia). Monitoring of blood sugar levels have not occurred, and the facility policy does not mandate PRN monitoring. Mumford moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

11-110-9045...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility is not receiving adequate treatment for a medical condition. Farmer moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

11-110-9046...Recipients at a state-operated mental health facility consistently have items missing from their commissary storage. Livesay moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

11-110-9047...The complaint is regarding a state-operated mental health facility. The allegations are as follows: 1) Recipients are placed in full leather restraints when they are not needed, but used as a means to trigger the pursuit of court-ordered medications. 2) Recipients are served food and beverage items that have outdated expiration dates. 3) Recipients are required to wear clothing that is in poor condition. 4) Housekeeping conditions are poor. 5) Air filters are not routinely changed. 6) The facility's internal process for investigating allegations of abuse is inadequate. Rambeau moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

B... Other Business: None
C...Public Comments: None

Mumford moved to enter closed session to discuss confidential information. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried. Closed session began at 6:45 PM. The closed session ended at 7:45 PM. Coordinator Atherton summarized the closed session. Case status updates were given for four cases. Four Reports of Findings were approved as written. One Report of Findings was approved, subject to the HRA Director's approval, and one was tabled for acceptance. Two Cases with Reports of Findings were approved for closure, and the Authority voted to make the findings a part of the public record. One case was approved for closure without issuing a Report of Findings due to informal resolution. One pending case was accepted for investigation.

X...Unfinished Business:

A...Case Status Updates:

11-110-9018...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton and Member Farmer provided a case status update
11-110-9033...Chester Mental Health Center....Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.
11-110-9036...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update
11-110-9037...Chester Mental Health Center....Member Rambeau and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

B...Reports of Findings:

11-110-9013...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to approve
the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.
11-110-9020...Chester Mental Health Center...Farmer moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.
11-110-9021...Chester Mental Health Center...Rambeau moved to approve the draft report as written, subject to the HRA Director's approval, and to send it to the provider upon approval. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.
11-110-9026...Chester Mental Health Center....Mumford moved to approve the draft report as written and to sent it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.
11-110-9032...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to table acceptance of the draft report as written. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.
11-110-9034...Chester Mental Health Center...Farmer moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

C:...Closure:

11-110-9017...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.
11-110-9025...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.
11-110-9039...Chester Mental Health Center...Farmer moved to close the case without issuing a report of findings. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

D...Pending:

11-110-9035...Mumford moved to accept the pending case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

E...Other Unfinished Business:

New Member Applications: Mumford moved to accept the application of Mary McMahan and Lawanda Nicholson as new provider members upon expiration of Mumford and Friend's terms and Sue Barfield to fill a vacant member slot as a community member. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

XI...Announcements and Comments:

The members agreed to have the next HRA meeting at Tony's Restaurant meeting room, 18009 State Hwy # 37 in Karnak on June 28 at 5 PM.

XII....Adjournment:

Mumford moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rambeau, Secretary
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