Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2011

I: Call to Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority was called to order at 5:35 PM by the Chairperson, Pam O'Connor. The meeting was held at Jumbo's Meeting Room, 97 Red Bud Lane in Vienna.

II: Roll Call:

Members Present: Kathy Rambeau, Jim Livesay, Pam O'Connor, Mary McMahan
Members Absent: Sue Barfield, Phyllis Brown, Al Farmer, Clarence Russell, Sharon Mumford
Staff Present: Judy Atherton
Guests: Paul Jones, Chester Mental Health Center Human Rights Committee Member

III: Determination of a Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was not present and all business conducted at this meeting would require ratification at the next meeting with a quorum present.

IV: Introduction by Chairperson: Chairperson O'Connor introduced Paul Jones to the re-appointed member.

V: Review and Approval of Minutes From the Previous Meeting: Rambeau moved to accept the minutes of the 06/28/11 HRA meeting as written. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

VI: Confidentiality Statement: The Chairperson stated that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations. In addition, a printed confidentiality statement was posted.

VII: Communications. 1) The Authority Members reviewed a response from the provider for HRA Case No. 11-110-9032 (Chester Mental Health Center). 2) The Authority Members reviewed the HRA state statistics for the budget year of 2011. 3) The Coordinator informed the Members that the HRA Director would attend the next scheduled HRA to discuss the forthcoming year after the Coordinator's retirement.

VIII: New Business:

A ...New Complaints:

12-110-9001...1) During his stay in the facility infirmary, a recipient at a state-operated mental health facility was not allowed to have his personal clothing. 2) The recipient was not allowed to

receive a package sent by a family member. McMahan moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

12-110-9002...Clients in a Seniors Program at a community workshop are not being provided with adequate care and services. The elder clients were moved from an area that was specifically designed for their needs. Five of the clients have been moved to a very small room, while the other ten clients have been placed in an area with younger clients. The move was implemented in order for newly admitted aggressive clients to be housed separately from the general client population in the area where the elder clients were located. Rambeau moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (McMahan) and carried.

12-110-9003....A community hospital is utilizing a restrictive restraint bed with netting to control aggressive patients in the hospital's emergency room. McMahan moved to table opening the issue for investigation until more information about the restraint bed can be obtained. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

B...Election of Officers:

Livesay moved to maintain the same officers for the forthcoming year of 2012 as previous year (2011) (Pam O'Connor...Chairperson; Clarence Russell....Vice-Chairperson; and Kathy Rambeau, Secretary). The motion was properly seconded (McMahan) and carried.

C...Public Comments: None

D: Other New Business: None

Rambeau moved to enter closed session at 6:15 PM to discuss cases involving Chester Mental Health Center. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried. Paul Jones, Representative from Chester Mental Health Center, exited the room at 6:50 PM. After Jones departure the case involving Progressive Housing was discussed. The closed session ended at 7 PM. Coordinator Atherton summarized the closed session. Case status updates were given for four cases. Two Reports of Finding were approved as written, and two Reports of Findings were approved as written, subject to the HRA Director's approval. One Report of Findings was tabled for acceptance. One case was closed without issuing a Report of Findings. Another case was closed after the Authority accepted the facility's response to the findings and voted to make the finding a part of the public

IX...Unfinished Business

A. Case Status Updates:

11-110-9044...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update, and Paul Jones provided additional information
11-110-9046...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update and Paul Jones provided additional information.

11-110-9047...Chester Mental Health Center....Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update and Paul Jones provided additional information.
11-110-9051...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

B...Reports of Findings

11-110-9018...Chester Mental Health Center...Rambeau moved to accept the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (McMahan) and carried.
11-110-9033..Chester Mental Health Center...McMahan moved to accept the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.
11-110-9036...Chester Mental Health Center... Rambeau moved to accept the draft report as written, subject to the HRA Director's approval. and to send it to the provider upon approval by the Director. The motion was properly seconded (McMahan) and carried.
11-110-9037...Progressive Housing....Rambeau moved to table approval of the report. The motion was properly seconded (McMahan) and carried.
11-110-9045...Chester Mental Health Center...Rambeau moved to accept the draft report as written, subject to the HRA Director's approval, and to send the report to the provider upon the Director's approval. The motion was properly seconded (McMahan) and carried.

C...Closure

11-110-9032...Chester Mental Health Center....McMahan moved to accept the facility's response, close the case, make the findings a part of the public record, and to send the report of findings to the complaintant. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.
11-110-9050...Chester Mental Health Center...McMahan moved to close the case without issuing a Report of Findings since written authorization could not be obtained. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

X ...Announcements from the Chair:

The members agreed to have the next HRA meeting at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Office, 7 Cottage Drive in Anna on September 27 at 5 PM.

XI...Adjournment:

Rambeau moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded (McMahan) and carried. Chairperson O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rambeau, Secretary
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