

Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2011

I. Call to Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority was called to order at 5:30 PM by the Chairperson, Pam O'Connor. The meeting was held at Wok N Roll Meeting Room, 847 East Vienna in Anna.

II: Roll Call:

Members Present: Al Farmer, Phyllis Brown, Sue Barfield, Clarence Russell, Kathy Rambeau, Jim Livesay, Pam O'Connor.

Members Absent: Mary McMahan, Sharon Mumford

Staff Present: Teresa Parks, Judy Atherton

Guests: Paul Jones (Chester Mental Health Center)

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

IV: Introductions: Chairman O'Connor introduced Paul Jones, the Chairman of Chester Mental Health Center's Human Rights Committee.

V: Review and Approval of Minutes From Previous Meeting: Russell moved to accept the minutes of the 09/27/11 meeting as written. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

VI: Confidentiality Statement: The Chairperson stated that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meeting 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: None

VIII: New Business:

A...New Complaints:

12-110-9005...1) A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility has been inappropriately restricted from attending off the unit activities. Livesay moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

12-110-9006...Recipients at a state-operated mental health facility have not been treated in a respectful manner. An RN yells at the recipients during medication passes. Livesay moved to

accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

12-110-9007...1)... A recipient at a state-operated mental health center has not been provided with adequate care for a medical condition. 2) Facility staff members have spoken to the recipient in a derogatory manner using inappropriate racial slurs. Livesay moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

12-110-9008...A resident at a skilled nursing home was given psychotropic medication over the resident's objection. Barfield moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

12-110-9009...An agency has not been allowed to discharge a very aggressive CILA resident, even though the agency has lost clients at the workshop and guardians have threaten to move their ward from the CILA. Russell moved to table opening the case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

12-110-9010...Office of State Guardians (OSG), family guardians, Individualized Services and Support Advocates (ISSA), and family members are not allowed to interact with wards/family member in developmental training program areas at a community workshop. Brown moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Barfield) and carried.

B...Comments by HRA Director: Director Parks discussed procedures to be implemented upon the retirement of the Coordinator.

C...Public Comments: None

D...Other New Business: None

Russell moved to enter closed session to discuss cases. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried. Closed session began at 5:45 PM. Cases involving Chester Mental Health Center were discussed with input from Paul Jones, Chairman of the facility's Human Rights committee. After the discussion, Paul exited the room at 6:15 PM. After his departure the remainders of the cases were discussed. The closed session ended at 6:35 PM. Coordinator Atherton summarized the closed session Case status Updates were given for three cases. One report of findings was approved as written. One report of findings was approved with revisions. Two cases were approved for closure and the Authority voted to make those findings a part of the public record.

IX...Unfinished Business:

A...Case Status Update:

11-110-9046... Chester Mental Health Center...Director Parks, Member Farmer, and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update

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12-110-9044...Southern Illinois Social Services (SIRRS)...Director Parks and Member Farmer provided a case status update.

B...Reports of Findings:

11-110-9051...Chester Mental Health Center...Russell moved to approve the draft report as written and to sent it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

12-110-9002...Specialized Training for Adult Rehabilitation (START)...Livesay moved to accept the draft report with revisions. The motion was properly seconded (Barfield) and carried.

C...Closure:

11-110-9037...Progressive Housing...Barfield moved to close the case and make the findings a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

11-110-9044...Chester Mental Health Center...Barfield moved to close the case and make the findings a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

D...Pending:

12-110-9003...Barfield moved to table opening the pending case until more information can be obtained. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

E...Other Unfinished Business: The members reviewed and approved a meeting schedule for 2012. Meetings will be held every other month on the 4th Tuesday beginning in January 2012.

X...Announcements and Comments:

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting will be held at 5 PM on January 24, 2012 in the meeting room at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Office, 7 Cottage Drive in Anna.

XI...Adjournment:

Barfield Moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rambeau, Secretary
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