EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
January 19, 2012

Chair Larry Phillips opened the January 19, 2012 meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 4:00 p.m. at the State Office Building, Main Conference Room, 2125 S First Street, Champaign, IL 61820

Members Present: Chair Larry Phillips, Annette Becherer, Sandra Dixon, Babette Leek, Sandra Kopels, Janet Manning, and William McSurley

Members Absent: Vice Chair Mary Auth and George Roth

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf and Katie Hynes

Guests: None

Chair Larry Phillps 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.

MINUTES:
Sandra Kopels made a motion to approve the November 17, 2011 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Sandra Dixon made a motion to make the July 21, 2011 executive meeting minutes public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Sandra Kopels made a motion to make the September 15, 2011 executive meeting minutes public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Sandra Kopels made a motion to make the November 17, 2011 executive meeting minutes public; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:
None

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications
None

New Complaints
12-060-9001- CILA - The complaint alleges an employee at a CILA home, who has been a friend of the coordinator, had contacted the coordinator to report neglect of a consumer. She had

followed agency policy about reporting a medical condition of a consumer to senior staff when the consumer had first become ill. At the end of her shift, she believed that supervising staff would follow up providing care for the consumer. Senior staff ignored the needs of the consumer, until the employee came in the next day. This staff person had come in a half-hour early from the start of her shift to check on the consumer. Shortly after the staff arrived, the consumer became unconscious and had to be transported by ambulance. At the hospital, the consumer was intubated, and she was diagnosed with double pneumonia and MRSA.

The coordinator, upon receiving the call, advised the staff to contact OIG immediately. The staff did make the call. The staff was fired a few days later and believes it was retaliatory for contacting OIG. OIG has been investigating. If the HRA does approve the opening of this complaint it would be referred to another regional coordinator to complete the investigation. The case was tabled at this time; the HRA may review the OIG investigation outcome at the next meeting. This information would be provided from the Director to the Chair.

12-060-9007 - Group Home - The complaint alleges a family member could not call her brother in a group home, without staff impeding the phone call. The coordinator contacted the Chair to see if an emergency case opening should be pursued. Per the direction of the Chair the coordinator called the home to talk to the individual and no one asked who was calling or attempted to impede the conversation. Per discussion with the Chair, an emergency case opening was not pursued. A release has been received. Annette Becherer made a motion to accept; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

12-060-9008 - Children's Residential Facility - The complaint alleges that a teenager is confined to her room at the facility and the facility does not follow the care plan. Instead of taking her medication as prescribed, she is snorting her medication. The teenager is in DCFS custody. A release was sent on 12/07/11, but has not been received. It was decided to table to the next meeting and to send a second release.

12-060-9009 - State Agency - The complaint alleges that an individual who has a developmental disability, tuberous sclerosis and stage 4 colon cancer did not receive adequate home service hours to meet her needs to live in the community. After an appeal was made, the hours were adjusted, but the individual had to wait over 9 months to receive the adjustment. The complainant wants the HRA to investigate because they do not want anyone else to go through this experience. A release has been received. Annette Becherer made a motion to not accept; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS:

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

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

11-060-9009: Veteran's Administration - The site visit was discussed.

11-060-9011: St. Mary's Hospital - The report is in progress.

11-060-9012: The Pavilion - The report is in progress.

11-060-9022: Provena Covenant Medical Center - The site visit was discussed.

12-060-9003: Advocate BroMenn Medical Center - The report is in progress

REPORT OF FINDINGS:
09-060-9014: Center for Human Services - Annette Becherer made a motion to approve the report; the motion was seconded and carried.

11-060-9010: Decatur Manor Healthcare - It was recommended that the report be revised.

CASE CLOSURES:
09-060-9010: Bradley School District - Annette Becherer made a motion to close the case making the findings a part of the public record; the motion was seconded and carried.

09-060-9011: Bourbonnais Elementary School District - Sandy Kopels made a motion to close the case making the findings a part of the public record; the motion was seconded and carried.

11-060-9003: Chalmness Square - Babette Leek made a motion to close the case making the findings a part of the public record; the motion was seconded and carried

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
10-060-9017: The Graywood Foundation - Chair Larry Phillips made a motion to allow the guardian to determine whether this report should be made public or kept private to protect the confidentiality of the person with the disability regarding the report; the motion was seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., at the State Offices Building, Main Conference Room, 2125 S First ST, Champaign, IL 61820

ADJOURNMENT:
Larry Phillips made a motion to adjourn at 4:59 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Cathy Wolf

Cathy Wolf, Recorder

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EXCUTIVE MINUTES
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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 the State Office Building, Main Conference Room, 2125 S First Street, Champaign, IL 61820..

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