EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
May 23, 2013

Chair Larry Phillips opened the May 23, 2013 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, Vice Chair Mary Auth, Annette Becherer, Babette Leek, Sandra Dixon, Sandra Kopels, Jack Li, Janet Manning and George Roth

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests: Paulette Brock

Chair Larry Phillips 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:
Annette Becherer made a motion to approve the March 21, 2012 meeting minutes; the motion were properly seconded and carried.

Mary Auth made a motion to approve the executive March 21, 2012 meeting minutes; the motion were properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Chair Larry Phillips and George Roth were recognized for serving in the HRA for the last 6 years. Paulette Brock potential HRA applicant shared her background as a service provider.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications
None

New Complaints
13-060-9013 - Possibly a CILA - This is an intake complaint that simply states that the caller is upset about the way her daughter's transfer from one facility to another was handled. The coordinator has made several attempts to return the phone call, but no one answers and there is no machine to leave a message. No return calls from this number have been received. George made a motion to not accept; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

13-060-9015 - Agency - Individuals were kept at the CILA to do chores instead of attending a group therapy session. The coordinator was able to talk to 2 of the consumers who stated that they did not feel their rights were violated. Both stated it was over the weekend and they wanted to stay home. The coordinator has not been able to contact the other residents that live in the CILA yet. No release was obtained. Annette made a motion to contact the other consumers to see if they wanted to sign a release; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

13-060-9016 - Agency - An individual who receives apartment services was prevented by agency staff to take her Link card when she went on vacation. At this time the individual does not want to sign the release for the HRA to investigate. She is considering filing a grievance with the agency. Babette made a motion to not accept; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

13-060-9017 - ICFDD 16 Bed Group Home - This home sends individuals who are very ill to the day training program. When the day program staff try to make arrangements to return individuals to the home because they are ill, there is no group home staff available to be contacted. Some individuals have not been provided adequate care in toileting, but are still sent to the day program. One individual appeared to have a very bad rash from not receiving adequate toileting. Public Health is investigating these complaints. A release has not been received yet. Sandra Kopels made a motion to not accept because of the Public Health investigation; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The HRA went into closed session at 4:40 p.m. pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act. The Authority met in closed session to review confidential information related to case progress reports, reports of findings, responses to reports, and case closures. The Authority returned to open session at 5:13 p.m. having taken no action in closed session.

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS:

12-060-9015: Neighborhood Opportunities - The site visit was discussed.

13-060-9014: DCFS - The coordinator is going to share information received from the general counsel with HRA members upon receipt.

13-060-9005: Cunningham Children's Home - The report is complete and is being reviewed by the Director.

13-060-9010: Shapiro Developmental Center - The site visit was discussed.

REPORT OF FINDINGS:

13-060-9011: Advocate BroMenn Behavioral Health Unit - Mary made a motion to approve the report; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

CASE CLOSURES:

11-060-9009: Veteran's Administration - George Roth made a motion to close the case and make the report public. The motion was seconded and carried.

11-060-9012: The Pavilion - Annette Becherer made a motion to close the case and make the report public. The motion was seconded and carried.

13-060-9007: Presence Saint Mary's Hospital - Sandra Dixon made a motion to close the case and make the report public. The motion was seconded and carried.

13-060-9012: Mclean County Mental Health Center - Mary Auth made a motion to close the case and make the report public. The motion was seconded and carried

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: The HRA voted Mary Auth as the Chairperson and Annette Becherer as the Vice-Chairperson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

To allow the coordinator more recovery time after surgery to prepare for the next meeting, the next date for the HRA to meet will be July 25, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

George Roth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted

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Cathy Wolf, Recorder