HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
East Central Region
Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2013

The regular meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order by Chair, Mary Auth, at 4:05 p.m., on July 25, 2013 at the State Office Building Conference Room at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, Illinois.

Members Present:	Mary Auth, Annette Becherer, Paulette Brock, Sandra Dixon, Babette Leek, Jack Li, Janet Manning and Varun Pilla.
Members Absent:	Sandra Kopels
Staff:	Teresa Parks, HRA Director
Guests:	Cathy Wolf Andrew Killian, DCFS

The Chair determined that a quorum was present and read the Confidentiality statement. Roll call was held.

Introductions were made. The Members decided to rearrange the agenda to accommodate the participation of the guest.

Janet Manning made a motion to approve the May 23, 2013 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded and carried.

Communications
Teresa Parks shared a letter from the Center for Human Services regarding a case that had been previously closed. Information about an upcoming HRA Member training was provided.

New Business:
Ratifications
13-060-9018 - Crosspoint Human Services - a group home provides inadequate care and treatment specific to resident dietary needs and the group home's staff to resident interactions are inappropriate in that some staff are described as "mean." Mary Auth, Janet Manning and Jack Li approved an emergency case opening. Annette Becherer made a motion to ratify the emergency case opening; the motion was seconded and approved.

New Complaints
13-060-9016 - Community Agency - The complaint states that individuals residing at a Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) were kept at the CILA to do chores instead of attending group therapy sessions. The HRA Coordinator visited the facility to talk directly with two consumers who stated that they did not feel that there rights had been violated; both reported that any decision to stay at home was theirs to make. No release was obtained. Annette

Becherer made a motion to not accept the complaint for investigation; the motion was seconded and carried.

14-060-9001 - Community Agency - The complaint states that a group home has a directive for staff which places condition's on a guardian's access to records that appear inconsistent with Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act requirements. Jack Li made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation; the motion was seconded and carried.

Unfinished Business:
Janet Manning made a motion to enter into closed session at 4:45 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss confidential case details regarding Cases #13-060-9014, #12-060-9015, 13-060-9005, 13-060-9010, 13-060-9018, 14-060-9001 and 13-060-9011. Guest, Andrew Killian entered the closed session discussion of Case #13-060-9014 and then left the meeting. Open session reconvened at 4:59 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session was provided and included a discussion of Case #13-060-9014; case progress reports on Cases #12-060-9015 and #13-060-9010; a draft report review of Case #13-060-9005; a discussion of new cases #13-060-9018 and #14-060-9001 and consideration of case closure for Case #13-060-9011.

Case Progress Reports
13-060-9014 - DCFS - The HRA reviewed policy information provided by DCFS attorney, Andrew Killian, specific to the allegations. Mr. Killian also responded to questions regarding DCFS safety plans, investigation time frames, disability related assessments to determine needs and case monitoring. The HRA was unable to obtain a release to review the records in the case even after repeated attempts. Annette Becherer made a motion to close the case without an investigation; the motion was seconded and carried.

Reports of Findings
12-060-915 - Neighborhood Opportunities - A report is not yet ready. No action was taken.

13-060-9005 - Cunningham Children's Home - Sandra Dixon made a motion to approve a draft report of findings with a revision; the motion was seconded and carried.

13-060-9010 - Shapiro Developmental Center - A report is not yet ready. No action was taken.

Case Closures
13-060-9011 - BroMenn Behavioral Health Unit - Paulette Brock made a motion to close the case making the findings part of the public record. No response was provided and none was required. The motion was seconded and carried.

Announcement and Comments:
The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2013. Janet Manning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Parks