EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
September 19, 2013

Chair Mary Auth opened the September 19, 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 Mary Auth, Paulette Brock, Sandra Dixon, Sandra Kopels, Jack Li, Janet Manning and Varun Pilla

Members Absent: Vice Chair Annette Becherer and Babette Leek

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests: Shawn Peterson

Chair Mary Auth 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.

The HRA went into closed session at 4:03 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 accommodate the guest to review confidential information related to the report of findings, the response to the reports, and potential case closure. The Authority returned to open session at 4:09 p.m. having taken no action in closed session.

MINUTES:
Sandra Kopels made a motion to approve the July 25, 2013 meeting minutes including the executive meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Sandra Dixon made a motion to keep closed executive meeting minutes for July 25, 2013 and make open to the public the executive meeting minutes for January 15, 2013, March 2013, and May 2013; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:
None

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications
None

New Complaints
14-060-9002 - School - The complaint states that a student's password is derogatory in nature and staff have not intervened to have the password changed. The staff do not recognize or

address triggers that result in self-stimulation behaviors. The student has been removed from the classroom and placed in a hallway due to the self-stimulating behaviors sometimes for up to 80 minutes. The assigned aide does not have adequate training to address the student's needs and to effectively implement the student's IEP. The school blocks the handicapped parking space. For the student, the parent uses the space, which is closer to the entrance, to protect his safe entrance into the school. A release has not been received. It was decided to send another release.

14-060-9003 - 16 Bed ICFDD - The complaint states the home is chronically understaffed even though Public Health at a recent survey had made recommendations to increase staffing, but this had not happen. The residents at the home had pooled their money to purchase a Wii game. The game has been missing. The agency has not replaced it even though it was believed that a staff person may have taken the game. The complaint is anonymous. The HRA advised the coordinator to call Public Health and to contact the provider about the missing game to see if the provider would replace the game and the complaint could be resolved informally.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The HRA went into closed session at 4:20 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 4:45 p.m. having taken no action in closed session.

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS:

12-060-9015: Neighborhood Opportunities - The report is in progress.

13-060-9010: Shapiro Developmental Center - The report is in progress.

13-060-9018: Crosspoint - The report is in progress.

REPORT OF FINDINGS:

14-060-9001: Shelby County Services - Jake Li made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded and carried.

CASE CLOSURES:

13-060-9005: Cunningham Children's Home - Sandra Kopels made a motion to close the case and make the report public. The motion was seconded and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:
Sandy Dixon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Cathy L Wolf

Cathy Wolf, Recorder