

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
January 16, 2014

Chair Mary Auth opened the January 16, 2014 meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 4:10 p.m. at the State Office Building, Main Conference Room, 2125 S. First Street, Champaign, IL 61820

Members Present: Chair Mary Auth, Sandra Dixon, Babette Leek, Jack Li, and Janet Manning. Sandra Kopels later joined the meeting.

Members Absent: Vice Chair Annette Becherer, Paulette Brock, Varun Pilla

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

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.

MINUTES:

Babette Leek made a motion to approve the November 21, 2013 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried. Babette Leek made a motion to approve the November 21, 2013 executive meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The coordinator shared the 2014 meeting calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications

None

New Complaints

14-060-9006 - Hospital Behavioral Health Unit for Children - The complaint alleges that a 7 year old child was placed in a unit of mostly teenagers. There were possible medication errors. The child was shown Harry Potter movies which are PG 13 movies and were not appropriate visual and auditory therapy. The child is fearful of scary fantasy movies. The child's diagnoses are psychotic disorder, depression and PTSD. There is a possibility of schizophrenia. The facility impeded the discharge of the child for 5 days to another facility that was more appropriate. There have been two releases sent, but there has been no response. Jack Li made a motion to not accept; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

14-060-9007 - Rehabilitation Service Provider - The HRA, during the course of an investigation was informed that a person who was aged, and has a physical and mental health disability was required as part of a work reentry program to do yard work such as pulling weeds

and raking leaves for non-profit organizations. The individual had expressed that this work was too much for her physically and caused her pain in her knee and hip. The coordinator contacted the Department of Aging on her behalf. The coordinator was contacted by the collaborative agency of the Department of Aging, and was informed that a worker would meet with the individual and advocate on her behalf. The HRA advised the coordinator to meet with individual to see if there has been any improvement since the referral. Upon meeting with the individual the coordinator was informed that the individual was removed her from the "volunteer" work program. The worker who had overseen her in this program was fired. Babette Leek made a motion to not accept; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

14-060-9008 - Independent Living Apartment - On January 3, 2014 an individual's medication was found by his guardian, on the floor of the apartment belonging to an individual who has a developmental disability with a mental illness diagnosis and a visual impairment (he is legally blind). The pill was green in color and it had the marking of the number 47. It was shown to a staff person at the apartment. The staff put it in an envelope. It was then placed on the medication cart. The medication at these apartments are passed out by registered nurses. The residential manager was contacted. The guardian attempted to discuss what was found and was told it may be a pill that the individual did not need. The guardian was advised that it would be discussed with the RN's who dispensed the medication. The medication was Losartan 100 mg pill, the individual's high blood pressure medication. There has been no response to the guardian since 1/3/14. The protocol for taking medication for this individual is that RN's are supposed to go to each individual apartment. This individual has a black bowl on his table for medication to be put in and then he is to retrieve the pills. The RN's are to supervise the individual's self-medication. The individual takes 12 ½ pills in the a.m. No return phone calls from the manager have been made to the guardian. A release has been signed. Babette Leek made a motion to not accept; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS:

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

REPORT OF FINDINGS:

14-060-9003: Fox Developmental Center - The report is completed, but needs some revision.

CASE CLOSURES:

12-060-9015: Neighborhood Opportunities - Sandra Kopels made a motion to close the case; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

13-060-9018: Crosspoint - Babette Leek made a motion to close the case; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

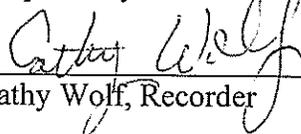
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Sandy Dixon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted


Cathy Wolf, Recorder

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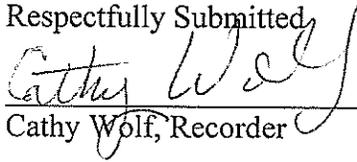
Pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act, and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act, the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority did not meet in closed session.

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