

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
March 19, 2015

Vice Chair Babette Leek opened the March 19, 2015 meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 4:05 p.m. at the State Office Building, Main Conference Room, 2125 S. First Street, Champaign, IL 61820

Members Present: Chair Annette Becherer Vice Chair Babette Leek, Paulette Brock, Sandra Kopels, and Monique Smith

Members Absent: Sandra Dixon and Janet Manning

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf and Noelle Bruce

Guests Present: Robin Spalding

Chair Annette Becherer 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. Robin Spalding shared her past experience with the HRA.

MINUTES:

Sandra Kopels made a motion to approve the January 22, 2015 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Coordinator shared information regarding the upcoming free Illinois Guardianship Association training and a handout from Illinois Imagines.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW COMPLAINTS:

15-060-9007 – Mental Health Nursing Home – The complaint alleges that a resident just got approved for Social Security, but the facility staff have made the facility to be her representative payee. The resident wants to move or leave, but cannot access her funds. Allegedly, if any resident challenges anything at the home that resident is taken to a local hospital and given forced medication injections. Per the complaint, the courts have not been involved with this resident. There has never been an emergency admission. The resident is not under guardianship and there is not a power of attorney regarding her finances or medical care. While the coordinator was on the phone with the resident, a staff interrupted her call and told her to leave the area. The coordinator asked to put her staff on the phone and explained who she was and asked her “counselor” if she was allowed to have a private unimpeded conversation. Then the resident was allowed to continue the conversation with the coordinator privately. The coordinator faxed a release which the resident claimed not to receive. The coordinator made an appointment with the resident to take her the release. When she arrived at the nursing home, the

resident had been taken to the hospital. The coordinator was able to obtain a release by contacting the hospital and the resident signed the release.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Monique Smith made a motion to go into closed session at 4:20 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss confidential case details regarding case 15-060-9003; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS:

15-060-9003 - Effingham Rehab - The report is progress.

Open session reconvened at 4:31 p.m. having taken no action in closed session.

REPORT OF FINDINGS:

14-060-9011 -The Pavilion - Vice Chair Babette Leek made a motion to approve the report and send to the provider; the motion was seconded and carried.

CASE CLOSURES:

None

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

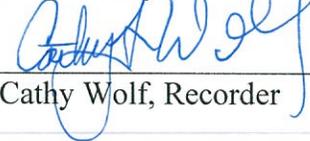
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

There was discussion and a decision was made to move the next meeting date to May 7, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

Paulette Brock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Wolf, Recorder

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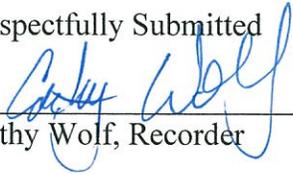
Pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act, and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act, the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority entered closed session at 4:20 p.m. to discuss to discuss confidential case details regarding Case #15-060-9003. The closed session was held at the State Office Building Conference Room, at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, Illinois.

Members Present: Chair Annette Becherer, Paulette Brock, Sandra Kopels, Vice Chair Babette Leek and Monique Smith

Members Absent: Sandra Dixon and Janet Manning

Staff Present: Noelle Bruce and Cathy Wolf

Respectfully Submitted



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**EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
January 22, 2015**

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 Conference Room at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, Illinois.

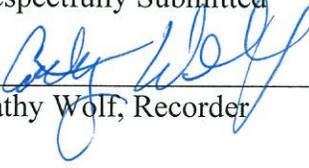
Members Present: Vice Chair Babette Leek, Paulette Brock, Sandra Dixon, Sandra Kopels, and Janet Manning

Members Absent: Chair Annette Becherer and Monique Smith

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf, Gene Seamen, and Noelle Bruce

Guests Present: None

Respectfully Submitted



Cathy Wolf, Recorder

**EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
November 13, 2014**

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 Conference Room at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, Illinois.

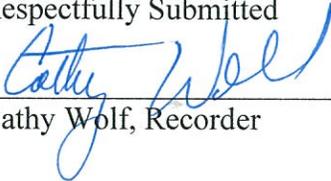
Members Present: Chair Annette Becherer, Paulette Brock, Sandra Dixon, Sandra Kopels, and Janet Manning

Members Absent: Vice Chair Babette Leek and Monique Smith

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests Present: None

Respectfully Submitted



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**EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
September 18, 2014**

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 met in closed session. The HRA entered closed session at 5:25 pm to discuss to discuss confidential case details. The closed session was held at the State Office Building Conference Room at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, Illinois.

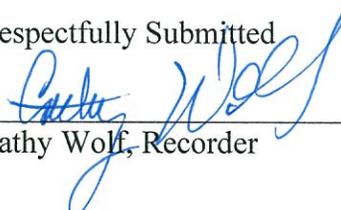
Members Present: Vice Chair Babette Leek, Paulette Brock, Sandra Dixon, Sandra Kopels, and Janet Manning

Members Absent: Chair Annette Becherer

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests Present: None

Respectfully Submitted



Cathy Wolf, Recorder