

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
May 7, 2015

Chairperson Annette Becherer opened the May 7, 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 per the Open Meetings Act.

Members Present: Chairperson Annette Becherer, Vice Chairperson Babette Leek, Paulette Brock, Sandra Dixon, Sandra Kopels, Janet Manning and Monique Smith

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf and Noelle Bruce

Guests Present: Damon Leek and Kelli Martin

Chairperson 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.

MINUTES:

Janet Manning made a motion to approve the March 19, 2015 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Paulette Brock made a motion to make public the September 18, 2014, November 13, 2014 and January 22, 2015 executive meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

NEW COMPLAINTS:

15-060-9009 – Crisis Team – The complaint alleges that the local crisis team failed to effectively assess and refer for treatment an individual who had repeatedly battered family members, eloped, threatened suicide and was arrested for exhibiting violent behaviors. The individual has a mental impairment, borderline personality disorder and bipolar-type schizoaffective disorder. No release has been received yet. Sandra Kopels made a motion to open this complaint upon the receipt of the release as an emergency case opening; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

15-060-9010 – Mental Health Facility - The complaint alleges that even though an individual was a danger to herself and others she was still discharged out of the facility against her guardian's directives. No release has been received yet. Sandra Kopels made a motion to open

this complaint upon the receipt of the release as an emergency case opening; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS:

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

15-060-9007 – Kankakee Terrace – The site visit has been scheduled.

REPORT OF FINDINGS:

None

CASE CLOSURES:

14-060-9011 -The Pavilion - Vice Chair Babette Leek made a motion to close the case and make the report public, the motion was seconded and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Elections were held. Janet Manning made a motion to elect Sandra Dixon as the new HRA Chairperson; the motion was seconded and carried. The HRA decided to wait until the next meeting to elect the vice-chairperson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

Cake was served in honor of the Annette Becherer Chairperson, Babette Leek Vice Chairperson, and Sandra Kopels who had finished serving last 2 terms for the East Central Human Rights Authority. Pictures were taken and plaques were given in recognition of their service.

The next HRA meeting will be held on July 16, 2015 at the State Office Building, 2125 S First ST, Champaign, IL 61820

ADJOURNMENT:

Janet Manning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Wolf, Recorder

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EXECUTIVE MINUTES
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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. The Human Rights Authority meeting was held at the State Office Building Conference Room, at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, Illinois.

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Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf and Noelle Bruce

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