

**EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
July 23, 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 per the Open Meetings Act. The Human Rights Authority meeting was held at the State Office Building Conference Room, at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairperson Sandra Dixon, Damon Leek, Paulette Brock, Kelli Martin, Robin Spalding, and Monique Smith

Members Absent: Janet Manning

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests Present: None

Respectfully Submitted

Cathy Wolf, Recorder

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Chairperson Sandra Dixon opened the July 23, 2015 meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 4:00 p.m. at the State Office Building, Main Conference Room, 2125 South First Street, Champaign, IL 61820 per the Open Meetings Act.

Members Present: Chairperson Sandra Dixon, Paulette Brock, Damon Leek, Kelli Martin, Monique Smith and Robin Spalding

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Chairperson Sandra Dixon 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:

Robin Spalding made a motion to approve the May 7, 2015 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

NEW COMPLAINTS:

New Complaints

15-060-9008 - 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. A release has been received. Paulette Brock made a motion to accept the complaints; the motion was properly seconded and carried

15-060-9009 - 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. A release has been received. Robin Spalding made a motion to accept the complaints; the motion was properly seconded and carried

15-060-9010 - Hospital Behavioral Health Unit – The complaint alleges there are issues of unwarranted forced medication. The hospital did not involve the court on an involuntary

admission. The patient was forced to sleep on a mattress that had someone else's urine. Medication previously ordered for patient's rheumatoid arthritis, high cholesterol and digestive health were not given while patient was withheld in the unit. A release has been received. Kelli Martin made a motion to accept the case; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

16-060-9001- Community Mental Health Center – The complaint alleges that a person who was referred for outpatient mental health services was denied access because of discrimination. A release has been sent, but not received. This case was tabled until the next meeting.

Elections were held for the Vice-Chairperson. Robin Spalding made a motion to become the new Vice-Chairperson; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS:

15-060-9007 – Kankakee Terrace – The report is progress.

REPORT OF FINDINGS:

15-060-9003 - Effingham Rehab – Paulette made a motion to accept the report; pending the Director's approval; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

CASE CLOSURES:

None

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

The coordinator Cathy Wolf shared she was trying to recruit new HRA members for the region. She also shared that she planned to retire effective January 1, 2016. She would be interested in volunteering.

The next HRA meeting will be held on September 17, 2015 at the State Office Building, 2125 S First ST, Champaign, IL 61820

ADJOURNMENT:

Robin Spalding made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

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