

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
September 17, 2009

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 closed session was held at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System, Education Center, 1000 Health Center, Mattoon, Il. 61938. The HRA met in closed session at 3:03 p.m. to review confidential case information related to case progress reports, draft reports, provider responses and case closures. Guest, Ken Polkey entered the closed session discussion of Case #09-060-9006 and then left the meeting. Guest, Dawn Gable, entered the closed session discussion of Case #09-060-9004 and then left the meeting.

Members Present: Thomas Phillips, and George Roth

Members Absent: Mary Auth, Annette Becherer, Rosemary Canmen, and Diana Krandel.

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests: Ken Polkey, Dawn Gable, and Sheila Park-House

09-060-9004 - Graywood Foundation: Dawn Gable came to the meeting to state they have made some improvements. That they now have abuse and neglect training, conducted within the first five days of hire. The corporation is now using a module from the Office of Inspector General, which the OIG has signed off on. They have changed programming to make it more person centered. They have made changes to ISPs. They are more user friendly for staff and involve the individuals in the planning. They have the psychologist who is on staff to assist on writing behavior management programs. They are seeking a clinical specialist to come in as a behavioral person. Currently they are working with the DHS to set up a positive intervention for the QMRP and all of their staff. They have really looked at the behavior management committees and human rights committees and have revamped those as far as members and what should be happening on them. Copies of documented changes were requested by the HRA, as well as staffing patterns.

It was also discussed, that at three of the homes that were visited by the HRA only DSP staff could obtain the phone for the residents. The phones were kept cradled in a locked room. The concern was that a resident might not be able to make unimpeded phone calls if they had to go through staff to obtain the phone. It was suggested that there would be resident programs that would teach residents how to advocate for themselves.

09-060-9006 - Human Resources of Edgar and Clark Counties: Ken Polkey came to the meeting to provide an overview of the provider response that had been previously sent. He wanted to make a general statement that as a provider he wanted to provide the best possible

care. He wanted to focus on what they can do to learn from this experience and what they can do to improve. It was discussed that we may not be able to make the report and the response public. It was explained to Mr Polkey that due to the resident coming from such a small community and that there may be identifiable information in the report.

The HRA returned to open session at 3:46 p.m. pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act having taken no action in closed session

Respectfully Submitted



Cathy Well, Recorder