

Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2010

I: Call to Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority was called to order at 5:30 PM by the Chairperson, Sue Barfield. The meeting was held at Western Sizzlin Meeting Room, 1808 Bittle Place in Marion.

II: Roll Call:

Members Present: Karen Choate, Sue Barfield, Sharon Mumford, Al Farmer, Brad Friend, Jim Livesay, Kathy Rambeau, Phyllis Brown

Members Absent: Clarence Russell

Staff Present: Judy Atherton

Guests: Paul Jones

III: Determination of a Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present:

IV: Introduction by Chairperson: Chairman Barfield introduced Paul Jones, a representative of Chester Mental Health's Human Rights Committee.

V: Review and Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: Livesay moved to amend the minutes to include Karen Choate as present at the 04/27/10 HRA meeting. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

VI: Confidentiality Statement: Chairperson Barfield stated that personally identifiable information should not be presented in a public meeting to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations. In addition, a printed confidentiality statement was posted.

VII: Communications: 1) Coordinator Atherton informed the members that a response had been received from Choate Mental Health Center...MI Division (10-110-9011) agreeing to the recommendations issued. 2) The Authority reviewed a letter sent by the Administrator at Chester Mental Health Center regarding a change in the facility's policy pertinent to receiving packages.

VIII: New Business:

A: New Complaints:

10-110-9045...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility is not receiving services in the least restrictive environment. According to the complaint, the recipient's treatment plan states that he can be transferred if he goes without restraints for a period of 12 months. The

recipient has complied; however, he has not been transferred. Choate moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

10-110-9046...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility is not receiving services in the least restrictive environment. He has remained on the highest level of the facility's system for more than 8 weeks. Mumford moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

10-110-9047...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility was placed in restraints without a valid reason for the application. It is reported that the recipient had not been aggressive toward others or involved in self-abuse. Farmer moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Choate) and carried.

10-110-9048... A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility is not receiving services in the least restrictive environment. The recipient has been at the facility for more than six years and has requested an outside independent evaluation. Livesay moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

10-110-9049...A state-operated mental health and developmental disabilities facility does not have an adequate number of nursing staff to provide adequate care and services for recipients. Nurses have been mandated to work extra shifts on a daily basis. Not because of any emergency situations, but due to the facility not employing enough nurses to adequately staff regular shifts. The complaint has been reported to Illinois Department of Public Health. Mumford moved to table acceptance of the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

10-110-9050...An employee of a CILA confronted a resident in a threatening manner after the resident sent a letter to a day program manager about the employee. The resident became upset due to manner in which the employee approached him and hit the employee. The resident presently faces criminal charges over the incident. The allegation of abuse was referred to the Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG). OIG will investigate the allegation of abuse toward the resident. Livesay moved to not accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

10-110-9051,,,A former resident of a sheltered care facility has been unable to receive all of his property from the facility after his departure from the sheltered care facility and admission to the state-operated mental health facility. The resident's case manager at the state-operated mental health facility has informed the recipient that she will go to the sheltered care facility to retrieve all of his belongings. Livesay moved to table acceptance of the new case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

10-110-9052...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility has encountered physical and verbal abuse by staff members. The allegation of abuse was referred to OIG, and OIG has accepted the case for investigation. Farmer moved to table acceptance of the case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Choate) and carried.

### B: New Members Applications:

Pam O'Connor's application for a community member slot and Mary McMahan's application for a provider slot were received. Brown moved to accept O'Connor's for a community member opening and to table acceptance of McMahan until a provider's slot is open. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

### IX: Unfinished Business:

Friend moved to amend the agenda to accommodate the guest and to enter into close session to discuss confidential information. The motion was properly seconded (Choate) and carried. Closed session began at 6:35 PM. Chester Mental Health Cases were discussed until 7 PM. At that time, the representative from the facility exited the meeting. After his departure, the remaining cases on the agenda were discussed. The Chairperson ended the closed session at 7:20 PM. Coordinator Atherton summarized the closed session. Prior to the Chester Mental Health Center Representative departure, eight case status updates were given, one draft report of findings was approved as written, one report of findings was approved subject to the HRA Director's approval, five cases with reports of finding approved for closure, and one case was approved for closure without issuing a report of findings. After the Representative's departure, one case status update was given, one report of findings was tabled for acceptance, and three cases were closed.

### A: Updates, Reports of Findings and Case Closures for Chester Mental Health Center HRA Cases

Updates, Report of Findings and Case Closures for cases involving Chester Mental Health were reviewed as follows:

1) Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update for the following cases:

10-110-9026, 10-110-9031, 10-110-9032, 10-110-9034, 10-110-9038, 10-110-9039, 10-110-9040, 10-110-9044.

2) Report of findings for 09-110-9062 and 10-110-9027 were discussed.

09-110-9062...Livesay moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

10-110-9027...Mumford moved to approve the draft report as written, subject to the HRA Director's approval, and upon approval sent the report to the provider. The motion was properly seconded

3) Cases for closure:

09-110-9052...Mumford moved to close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

09-110-9054... Mumford moved to close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

09-110-9056...Mumford moved to close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Choate) and carried.  
10-110-9001...Brown moved to close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.  
10-110-9021...Rambeau moved to close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.  
10-110-9042...Livesay moved to consider the complaint informally resolved and to close the case without issuing a report of findings. The motion was properly seconded (Choate) and carried.

After cases for Chester Mental Health were reviewed in closed session, Paul Jones, a representative from the facility exited the meeting at 7 PM prior to discussion of HRA cases from other facilities.

B: Closed Session Updates, Report of Findings, and Closure for other cases.

1) Case Status Update....110-110-9043...Union County Ambulance Service ...Chairperson Barfield and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

2) Report of Findings...10-110-9025...Pathway House...Choate moved to table approval of the Report of Findings. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

3) Closures...

a) 10-110-9011...Choate Mental Health Center...MI Division...Mumford moved to accept the facility's response to a report with substantiated findings, close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Choate) and carried.

b) 10-110-9018... Choate Mental Health Center...DD Division...Choate moved to close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

c) 10-110-9022....Mulberry Manor...Livesay moved to close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Choate) and carried.

X: Announcements:

The members agreed to have the next HRA meeting at the Depot Meeting Room, 424 East Davie in Anna at 5 PM.

XI: Adjournment:

Rambeau moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Brown, Secretary...Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority