

Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2011

I. Call To Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority was called to order at 5:35 PM by the Chairperson, Pam O'Connor. The meeting was held at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Office, 7 Cottage Drive in Anna.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Brad Friend, Clarence Russell, Phyllis Brown, Jim Livesay, Kathy Rambeau, Pam O'Connor

Members Absent: Al Farmer, Sharon Mumford.

Staff Present: Judy Atherton

Guests: None

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

IV: Introductions: None

V...Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting. Friend moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

VI...Confidentiality Statement: The reading of the Confidentiality Statement was waived due to no members of the public being present.

VII...Communications The members reviewed two response forms sent from a provider.

VIII....New Business:

A: New Complaints:

11-110-9018...A state-operated mental health center has failed to accommodate a recipient's diet choices. 2) Recipients are not allowed to have daily periods in the outside court yard. 3) A recipient is not receiving approved food items sent to him by a family member. Russell moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

11-110-9019...An individual is posing as a recipient's guardian in order to harass him and obtain his social security benefits. Livesay moved to not accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

11-110-9020...1) Recipients on specialized diets do not have an adequate amount of food. 2) A recipient was inappropriately placed in restraints. 3) Recipients are required to remain in their rooms for an excessive amount of time. Friend moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9021...1) A state-operated mental health facility is not honoring a recipient's request for a vegetarian diet. 2) The recipient does not have access to a social worker. 3) A staff member has release confidential information about a recipient. 4) The unit where a recipient resides is not clean. Rambeau moved to accept the new complaint or investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

11-110-9022 A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility should be returned to court as fit to stand trial; however, facility staff members have failed to notify the court of the recipient's fitness. Friend moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

11-110-9023...A prisoner's rights have been violated at a correctional facility. Friend moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried. The allegation was referred to the John Howard Society in Chicago.

11-110-9024...Staff at a state-operated mental health facility inflict pain and injury on recipients. Brown moved to not accept the new complain for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried. The allegation was reported to the Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG), the agency designated to investigate allegation of abuse.

11-110-9025...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility was inappropriately placed in restraints. Friend moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

11-110-9026...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility was inappropriately placed in restraints. Friend moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

11-110-9027...A recipient at a stat-operated mental health facility is not receiving adequate medicine for pain control. Rambeau moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9028...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility has met the requirement for fitness; however, facility staff have not recommended the recipient as fit to stand trial. Brown moved to not accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9029...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility was inappropriately placed in restraints. Friend moved to open the new case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

B: Other Business: None

C: Public Comments: None

Brown moved to enter closed session to discuss confidential information. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried. Closed session began at 5:55 PM. Chairperson O'Connor ended the closed session at 6:55 PM. Coordinator Atherton summarized the closed session. Case status updates were given for four cases. Three Reports of Findings were approved as written. One Report of Findings was tabled for acceptance. Four cases with Reports of Findings were approved for closure and the Authority voted to make the Findings a Part of the Public Record. Three cases were closed without issuing Reports of Findings. A pending case was not accepted for investigation.

IX...Unfinished Business:

A: Case Status Updates:

11-110-9005...Chester Mental Health Center.....Member Rambeau and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9013...Chester Mental Health Center....Member Rambeau and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9014...Chester Mental Health Center....Member Rambeau and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9017...Chester Mental Health Center...Member Rambeau and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

B: Reports of Findings:

10-110-9049...Choate Mental Health Center (MI Division).....Friend moved to table the approval of the draft report as written. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9002...Chester Mental Health Center....Rambeau moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

11-110-9009...Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

11-110-9010...Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

C: Closure:

10-110-9043...Union County Ambulance Service...Friend moved to close the case, make the findings a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant and IT for posting on the Internet. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

10-110-9048...Chester Mental Health Center...Russell moved to close the case, make the findings a part of the public record, and to send the report to the complainant and IT for posting on the Internet. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

11-110-9004...Chester Mental Health Center...Rambeau moved to close the case, make the findings a part of the public record and send the report to the complainant and IT for posting on the Internet. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9006...Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to close the case, make the findings a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant and to IT for posting on the Internet, The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

11-110-9008...Chester Mental Health Center....Russell moved to close the case without issuing a report of findings. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

11-110-9011..Chester Mental Health Center....Livesay moved to close the case without issuing a report of findings. The motion was properly seconded.(Friend) and carried.

11-110-9015...Rambeau moved to close the case without issuing a report of findings being issued. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

D: Pending

11-110-9016....Rambeau moved to not accept the pending case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

E Other Unfinished Business:

Rambeau moved to keep the closed minutes for the previous six months confidential. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

X: Announcements from the Chair:

The members agreed to have the next HRA meeting at Shawnee Community College Board Room, 8364 Shawnee College Road at 5 PM on February 2, 2011,

XI: Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rambeau, Recording Secretary
Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority