

Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2011

I: Call to Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority was called to order at 5:15 PM by the Chairperson, Pam O'Connor. The meeting was held at Tony's Restaurant Meeting Room, 18009 State Hwy 37 in Karnak.

II: Roll Call:

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

Members Absent: Al Farmer, Jim Livesay, Sharon Mumford

Staff Present: Judy Atherton

Guests: Paul Jones

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

IV: Introductions: Chairman O'Connor introduced Paul Jones, the Chairman of Chester Mental Health Center's Human Rights Committee.

V: Review and Approval of Minutes From Previous Meeting: Rambeau moved to accept the minutes of the 05/26/11 HRA meeting as written. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

VI: Confidentiality Statement: The Chairperson stated that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings 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: None

VIII: New Business:

A: New Complaints

11-110-9048...A security guard at a jail attacked a prisoner causing significant injury to the individual. A referral was made to the John Howard Association. Brown moved to not accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9049....A recipient was inappropriately found unfit to stand trial by a county court system and sent to a state-operated mental health facility based on a fitness exam. The recipient was not informed that he had the right to refuse to cooperate in the fitness exam. The

information was forwarded to the LAS attorney at the Metro East Region for review. Friend moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried,

11-110-9050...1) A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility was denied breakfast. 2) The recipient has not been provided with adequate care and services. It is alleged that his health issues have not been addressed and staff members have ignored the recipient's concerns about younger recipient threatening the recipient. According to the complaint the recipient is 65 years old. Rambeau moved to open the case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

11-110-9051...1) A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility has been inappropriately restricted from making telephone calls to persons of his choice. 2) The recipient has not been provided with adequate care and services. It is reported that the recipient has experienced significant weight loss and staff have not addressed other recipients' aggressive actions toward the recipient. Russell moved to open the case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

B: Other New Business: None

C: Public Comments: None

Russell moved to enter closed session to discuss cases involving Chester Mental Health Center. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried. Closed session began at 5:30 PM. Paul Jones, Representative from Chester Mental Health Center, exited the room at 7:04 PM. After Jones departure, cases involving other facilities were reviewed. The closed session ended at 7:21 PM. Coordinator Atherton summarized the closed session. Case status updates were given for seven cases. One Report of Findings was approved as written. One Report of Findings was tabled for acceptance. Four cases were closed without issuing a Report of Finding due to inability to obtain signed releases. Five cases were approved for closure, and the Authority voted to make the findings a part of the public record for all of the closed cases.

IX: Unfinished Business:

A: Case Status Update:

11-110-9033...Chester Mental Health Center....Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update

11-110-9035...Union County Hospital.....Coordinator Atherton informed the members that the required signed release could not be obtained. Rambeau moved to close the case without issuing a Report of Findings. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

11-110-9036...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9037...Progressive Housing....Member Rambeau and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9040...Southern Illinois Social Services...Coordinator Atherton informed the members that the required signed release could not be obtained. Brown moved to close the case without issuing a Report of Findings. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

11-110-9041...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton informed the members that the required signed release could not be obtained. Friend moved to close the case without issuing a Report of Findings. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

11-110-9043...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton informed the members that the required signed release could not be obtained. Russell moved to close the case without issuing a Report of Findings. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

11-110-9044...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9045...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9046...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9047...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

B: Reports of Findings:

11-110-9018...Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to table acceptance of the Report of Findings. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

11-110-9032...Chester Mental Health Center...Brown moved to accept the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

C: Closure:

11-110-9013...Chester Mental Health Center...Rambeau moved to close the case and make the findings a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

11-110-9020...Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to close the case and make the report of findings a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9021...Chester Mental Health Center...Russell moved to close the case and make the report of findings a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

11-110-9026...Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to close the case and make the report of findings a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9034...Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to close the case and make the report of findings a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

D: Other Unfinished Business: Members were informed that Mumford was eligible for another term since her initial term was less than two years. Members discussed the issue and decided to table acceptance of Nicholson's application until the next provider's position is available

XI : Announcements and Comments:

The members requested that the Coordinator attempt to find a location in Metropolis for the next meeting to be held on August 23 at 5 PM. No meeting will be held in July.

XII: Adjournment:

Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rambeau, Secretary
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