

Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 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 Office, 7 Cottage Drive in Anna.

II: Roll Call:

Members Present: Kathy Rambeau, Jim Livesay, Mary McMahan, Phyllis Brown, Al Farmer, Clarence Smith, Sharon Mumford, Pam O'Connor

Members Absent: Sue Barfield

Staff Present: Teresa Parks, Judy Atherton

Guests: Kathy Baumann, Jennifer Schultz (START)

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

IV: Introductions by Chairperson: Chairman O'Connor introduced Kathy Baumann and Jennifer Schultz, staff members from START in Murphysboro.

V: Review and Approval of the Minutes: Mumford moved to accept the minutes of the 08/23/11 HRA Meeting as written. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) 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: The Authority members reviewed a thank you note received from Sue Barfield after the death of a member of her family.

VIII: New Business:

A: Ratification of Business from 08/23/11 Meeting: Rambeau moved to ratify the business actions of the 08/23/11 HRA Meeting without a quorum. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

B: New Complaints:

12-110-9004...An individual who has a disability has been inappropriately restricted from receiving mental health services at a community mental health center. Brown moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

C: Comments by HRA Director:

The HRA Director, Teresa Parks, expressed appreciation to the regional HRA members for their volunteer services and advocacy for persons with disabilities. The Director discussed with the members and requested suggestions for conducting HRA business upon retirement of the HRA Coordinator.

D: Public Comments: None

E: Other New Business: None

At 5:45 PM Rambeau moved to enter closed session and to amend the agenda to accommodate the guests from START. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried. Ms. Baumann and Ms. Schultz exited the meeting at 6 PM. After the guests departed, the additional open cases were reviewed. The closed session ended at 6:55 PM. Coordinator Atherton summarized the closed session. Case status updates were given for four cases. Two Reports of Findings were approved as written. Four Cases were closed and the members voted to make the findings a part of the public record. One case was closed without issuing a Report of Findings.

IX: Unfinished Business

A: Case Status Updates:

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.

11-110-9051...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

12-110-9002...Specialized Training for Adult Rehabilitation (START)...START staff members, Baumann and Schultz, provided information about the case. Member McMahan and Coordinator Atherton provided information to the group about the 09/21/11 site investigation at the facility.

B: Reports of Findings:

11-110-9037...Progressive Housing (Cardinal CILA)...McMahan moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9044...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

C: Closure:

11-110-9018...Chester Mental Health Center...McMahan moved to close the case, make the findings a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9033...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to close the case, make the findings a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

11-110-9036...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. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

11-110-9045...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to close the case, make the findings a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

12-110-9001...Chester Mental Health Center...Livesay moved to close the case without issuing a report of findings. The motion was properly seconded (McMahan) and carried.

D: Pending

12-110-9003...McMahan moved to table opening the case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

E: Other Unfinished Business: None

X: Announcements and Comments:

The members agreed to have the next HRA meeting at the Wok n Roll Meeting Room in Anna on November 8th at 5 PM.

XI: Adjournment:

Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried. Chairperson O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rambeau, Secretary
Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority