

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
May 17, 2012

Chair Larry Phillips opened the May 17, 2012 meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 4:00 p.m. at the State Office Building, Main Conference Room, 2125 S. First Street, Champaign, IL 61820

Members Present: Chair Larry Phillips, Annette Becherer, Sandra Dixon, Sandra Kopels, William McSurley, and George Roth

Members Absent: Vice Chair Mary Auth, Babette Leek, and Janet Manning

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests: None

Chair Larry Phillips stated that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings to protect the privacy of those persons with disabilities on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Introductions were made.

MINUTES:

Annette Becherer made a motion to approve the March 15, 2012 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications

None

New Complaints

12-060-9010: Community Mental Health Center - The complaint alleges that an individual was denied services and was not provided access to his record. Two releases have been sent, but have not been received. Annette Becherer made a motion not to accept; the motion was seconded and carried.

12-060-9011: Hospital Behavioral Health Unit - The complaint alleges that an individual was restrained when he was not a danger to himself or others. He was kept in the unit for several hours against his wishes. Two releases have been sent, but have not been received. George Roth made a motion to not accept; the motion was seconded and carried.

12-060-9013: Public Transit System - An advocacy newspaper documented that a public transit authority stamps "Disabled" across the bus passes used by people with disabilities. It is large enough that other patrons can read the "Disabled" on individual's passes. The coordinator tried contacting the writer by email twice to ask how we could assist, with no response. Sandra Dixon made a motion to not accept; the motion was seconded and carried.

12-060-9014: Apartment Complex - The complaint alleges that an individual with multiple disabilities is being evicted because she called the police to make a complaint after her medication was stolen. The individual was being accused of drug seeking behavior. The apartment is subsidized housing. The landlord entered the apartment without permission and served eviction papers to the individual. The coordinator has referred the individual to the U of I tenant's union, Equip for Equality, and HUD. As a result the individual became homeless. A release has been received. Update: the individual did find emergency housing through Community Elements. Annette Becherer made a motion to not accept, because the court had already made a determination; the motion was seconded and carried.

12-060-9015: CILA Home - The complaint alleges that an individual living in a CILA was hit by another consumer. This was not the first time he was hit by the same resident. Staff at the home have given the consumer medications that have been discontinued. The complainant states she has called OIG twice and has pending cases. The complainant is trying to assist individual in moving to a different home. A release has been received. The case was tabled until the coordinator could contact OIG to see if we can interview staff and conduct the investigation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS:

10-060-9004: Decatur Memorial Hospital - The report is in progress.

11-060-9009: Veteran's Administration - The report is in progress.

11-060-9012: The Pavilion - The report is in progress.

12-060-9005: Crosspoints - The most recent site visit was discussed.

12-060-9006: Crosspoints - The most recent site visit was discussed.

REPORT OF FINDINGS:

10-060-9005: Decatur Manor Healthcare - The report was discussed. Annette Becherer made a motion to accept the report; the motion was seconded and carried.

12-060-9012: Champaign School District - The report is completed, but has not been reviewed yet.

CASE CLOSURES:

11-060-9010: Decatur Manor Healthcare - Annette Becherer made a motion to close the case and make the report public; the motion was seconded and carried.

11-060-9011: St. Mary's Hospital - Annette Becherer made a motion to table case closure to give the provider more time for an appropriate response; the motion was seconded and carried.

11-060-9022: Provena Covenant Medical Center - George Roth made a motion to close the case and make the report public; the motion was seconded and carried.

12-060-9003: Advocate BroMenn Medical Center - Sandra Dixon made a motion to close the case and make the report public; the motion was seconded and carried.

12-060-9007: North Kickapoo House - Annette Becherer made a motion to close the case and make the report public; the motion was seconded and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

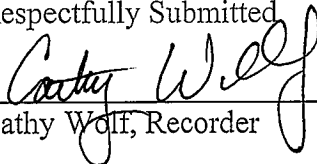
George Roth made a motion to nominate Larry Phillips as Chairperson and Mary Auth as Vice Chairperson; the motion was seconded and carried. Larry Phillips made a motion to nominate William McSurley as the Secretary; the motion was seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT:

Sandra Dixon made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted


Cathy Wolf, Recorder

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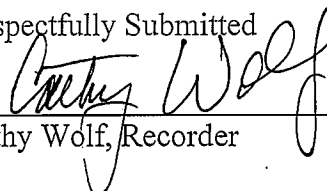
Pursuant to Section 21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act, and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act, the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority did *not* meet in closed session. The meeting was held at the State Office Building, Main Conference Room, 2125 S. First Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

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