

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
September 20, 2012

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.

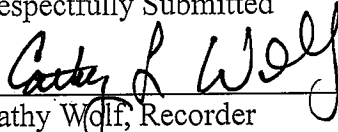
Members Present: Chair Larry Phillips, Annette Becherer, Sandra Dixon, Sandra Kopels and George Roth

Members Absent: Vice Chair Mary Auth, Babette Leek, Sandra Kopels, Janet Manning, and William McSurley

Staff Present: Cathy Wolf

Guests: None

Respectfully Submitted



Cathy Wolf, Recorder

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Chair Larry Phillips opened the September 20, 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

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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 July 19, 2012 meeting minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Coordinator Cathy Wolf read a response from a provider regarding questions HRA members have posed about a current investigation.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications

None

New Complaints

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 had been ordered to be discontinued by his physician. The complainant stated 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. OIG has given approval for the HRA to investigate rights issues on cases that may be open with OIG, but asked that we share the information that is gathered. It was decided to table to the next meeting because the individual was being moved.

12-060-9016 & 12-060-9017 - Both are intermediate care facilities for developmentally disabled (ICFDD) owned by the same corporation - These complaints included 6 pages regarding both ICFDD's listing 15 main complaints for the HRA to consider for investigation. The complaints are from a former complainant who is in a judicial battle over retaining co-guardianship against the other co-guardian. The facilities are supporting the co-guardian who is not the complainant and appear to be retaliating against the complainant for making a HRA complaint. Both co-guardians have either had limited access or no contact orders from the individual who has lived in these facilities by the court. Both the Director and the Chairperson reviewed these complaints with the Coordinator and it was determined that there are only 3 potential complaints that could be investigated because the rest are tied to the court case regarding guardianship and/or would be out of the scope of what the HRA could investigate. The 3 possible complaints are inappropriate transfer, missing property and inadequate grievance process.

The Coordinator obtained a release to talk to Equip for Equality and has been in contact with an attorney from that agency. The attorney is considering providing representation for the individual in the guardianship case to protect his rights. It was decided by the HRA to table to the next meeting because of the court's involvement.

13-060-9002 - Long Term Care for Mental Health Facility - The complainant alleged that a resident did not receive their belongings when he was transferred to a different facility. After the resident signed the release, the coordinator called the facility and the administrator agreed to send the individual's belongings to his new facility. This is not the first complaint the HRA has received regarding personal belongings not being returned to residents who had resided at this facility. George Roth made a motion to send a letter to Public Health alerting that agency of the issues involving this facility regarding the return of personal belongings to an individual after discharge. The motion was seconded and carried.

13-060-9003 - Mental Health Hospital - The complaint alleges that a physician was rude to her and did not talk to her enough. The coordinator has only the complainant's phone number. She has called her twice and left two messages. The complainant returned her call and said she would get back to coordinator in a couple days. It has been about 45 day since that phone call and there has been no response. At this time the coordinator cannot send a release because no address has been provided. Sandra Kopels made a motion to not accept; the motion was seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CASE PROGRESS REPORTS:

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

12-060-9006: Crosspoint - The report is in progress.

REPORT OF FINDINGS:

11-060-9009: Veteran's Administration - The report is almost complete.

12-060-9005: Crosspoint - Annette Becherer made a motion to approve the report; the motion was seconded and carried.

13-060-9001: The Pavilion - Sandra Kopels made a motion to approve the report pending some editing which included the removal of a suggestion and a sentence in another suggestion; the motion was seconded and carried.

CASE CLOSURES:

10-060-9004: Decatur Memorial Hospital - George Roth made a motion to close the case and make the report public; the motion was seconded and carried.

12-060-9012: Champaign School District - Annette Becherer made a motion to close the case and make the report public; the motion was seconded and carried.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

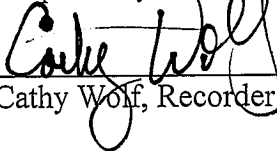
None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Larry Phillips made a motion to adjourn at 4:44 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted


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