

Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2013

The regular meeting of the Human Rights Authority (HRA) was held at Union County Counseling, board room, 202 South St., Anna, IL. Chair Pam O'Connor called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. and read the confidentiality statement. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Jim Livesay, Kathy Rambeau, Mary McMahan, Sue Barfield, Judy Atherton, Pam O'Connor, Al Farmer and Clarence Russell

Members Absent: Sharon Mumford

Staff Present: Teresa Parks and Kim Conway

Guests: Abby George and Jennifer Shultz from START; Paul Jones from Chester Mental Health

Unfinished Business: A motion was made and seconded to go into closed session at 5:14 p.m. to accommodate guests that were present for Case #13-110-9001. The draft report was reviewed during closed session; guests were invited in for a summary of the draft report. Motion was made and seconded to return to open session at 5:50 p.m. having taken no action in closed session.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 27, 2012 meeting minutes and carried.

Communications: Teresa Parks shared that Kim Conway has been officially hired as the regional Human Rights Authority Coordinator. Kim Conway presented the State of Illinois direct deposit form from the comptroller's office for travel reimbursements. Teresa Parks shared that Paul Jones had turned in an application to join the Human Rights Authority Board when Kathy Rambeau's term expires in June, 2013. Teresa Parks shared that the Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission's annual training will be held April 24, 2013 and board members are welcome to attend as well.

Ratifications: None.

New Complaints:

13-110-9013 - State Operated Mental Health Facility - the complaint alleges medications are administered inappropriately when crushed and put into food without a Court order in place and absent an emergency; there are inappropriate staff interactions with recipients; and recipients' dietary requests are not being honored. Jim Livesay made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. Kathy Rambeau seconded and it carried.

13-110-9015 - State Operated Mental Health Facility - the complaint alleges a recipient was not told the type of emergency medication he was given in spite of inquiries; restraints were used even though the recipient did not meet the restraint criteria; and inappropriate care is provided in that a recipient does not have sufficient clothing. Jim Livesay made a motion to accept the case. Kathy Rambeau seconded and it carried.

13-110-9016 - State Operated Mental Health Facility - the complaint alleges a recipient's family was denied access to information even though a release of information was in the file; the facility doctor is not honoring recipient's right to participate in treatment planning; and a recipient is receiving inadequate medical and dietary care. Jim Livesay made a motion to accept the case. Kathy Rambeau seconded and it carried.

13-110-9017 - State Operated Mental Health Facility - the complaint alleges a recipient was inappropriately restrained and the facility did not honor the recipient's right to refuse. Jim Livesay made a motion to accept the case for investigation. Kathy Rambeau seconded the motion and it carried.

13-110-9018 State Operated Mental Health Facility - The complaint alleges a recipient's privacy has been violated due to the placement of cameras on hallways where showers are located, and there is insufficient means of having a change of clothing inside the shower room, off of the floor and away from the water. Mary McMahan made a motion to accept the case. The motion was seconded and it carried.

13-110-9019 State Operated Mental Health Facility - The complaint alleges the facility doctor has not been attentive to recipient's needs since learning of recipient's history. A release of information has not yet been received. Mary McMahan made a motion to table case acceptance until release is received. The motion was seconded by all and it carried.

13-110-9020 State Operated Mental Health Facility - The complaint alleges a recipient's privacy has been violated due to mail tampering. A release of information has not yet been received. Judy Atherton made a motion to table the case until a release is received. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Community Mental Health Provider - The complaint alleges negative interactions with a staff person. A release of information and complaint form was sent but a signed release has not yet been received. Judy Atherton made a motion to table the case until the release can be obtained. Jim Livesay seconded and it carried. Kathy Rambeau abstained from voting.

Community Hospital - The complaint alleges inappropriate treatment is received by not considering current and past treatment protocol; patient's right to participate in treatment planning is being violated as well as patient's right to refuse treatment. A release of information and complaint form was sent but a signed release has not yet been received. Judy Atherton made a motion to table the case until the release can be obtained. Sue Barfield seconded and it carried.

Review of Executive Meeting Minutes: Executive Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2012; September 25, 2012 and November 27, 2012 were reviewed. Mary McMahan made a motion to keep the minutes confidential due to the contents of the minutes containing identifying information concerning case recipients and complainants. Judy Atherton seconded and it carried.

Other New Business: Paul Jones was present to observe a meeting and had some questions for the board about membership which were discussed. It was also agreed by the board to continue

having meetings every other month instead of monthly to allow more time to investigate open cases and prepare reports.

Unfinished Business: A motion was made to re-enter closed session at 6:51 p.m. to discuss confidential information regarding case progress, draft reports and case closures. The motion was seconded and carried. The HRA returned to open session at 7:55 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. The following summary of items was discussed in closed session: Case progress was reviewed for Cases #12-110-9034, 12-110-9035, 12-110-9038, 13-110-9004, 13-110-9005, 13-110-9007, 13-110-9008, 13-110-9009, 13-110-9010, 13-110-9012 and 13-110-9014. Draft reports were reviewed for Cases #12-110-9017, 12-110-9032, 12-110-9037, 13-110-9001, 13-110-9006 and 13-110-9011. Case closures were considered for Cases # 12-110-9009, 12-110-9025 and 12-110-9028.

Case Progress Reports:

12-110-9034 - Chester Mental Health Center - The case is ready for a report.

12-110-9035 - Chester Mental Health Center - The case is ready for a report.

12-110-9038 - Chester Mental Health Center - Records have been received. Case progress notes were shared with board members for review and comment on restraint use. Case is still under investigation.

13-110-9004 - Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center - The case is ready for a report.

13-110-9005 - Chester Mental Health Center - The case is ready for a report.

13-110-9007 - Chester Mental Health Center - Records have been received. Case is still under investigation.

13-110-9008 - Chester Mental Health Center - Records have been reviewed briefly. Additional information is being obtained to complete the investigation.

13-110-9009 - Chester Mental Health Center - Recipient was transferred from Chester. Records are being obtained from the new facility.

13-110-9010 - Choate Mental Health & Developmental Center - Records have been received. Additional information is needed to complete investigation.

13-110-9012 - Chester Mental Health Center - Records have been received. Case is ready for report.

13-110-9014 - Chester Mental Health Center - Records have been received. Case is still under investigation.

Reports of Findings:

12-110-9017 - Chester Mental Health Center - In progress, additional information is being reviewed and the report is being prepared but is not yet ready for HRA approval

12-110-9032 - Helia Healthcare of Energy - Report reviewed. Mary McMahan made a motion to approve the draft as stated. Sue Barfield seconded and it carried.

12-110-9037 - Chester Mental Health Center - Additional records were received. In progress, report is being prepared but is not yet ready for HRA approval.

13-110-9001 - START - Report reviewed. Judy Atherton made a motion to approve the draft as stated. Clarence Russell seconded and it carried.

13-110-9006 - Chester Mental Health Center - Report reviewed. Jim Livesay made a motion to approve the draft as stated. Mary McMahan seconded and it carried.

13-110-9011 - Pinckneyville Health Care Center - In progress, report is being prepared but is not yet ready for HRA approval.

Case Closures

12-10-9009 - Choate Developmental Center/DHS - Additional information requested has not been received to date. Clarence Russell made a motion to table case closure with a reminder letter to be sent to provider stating that additional information has been requested and HRA is awaiting response. The motion was seconded and carried.

12-110-9025 - Chester Mental Health Center - Provider asked for an extension on sending response. Chester is drafting a policy in response to findings. Clarence Russell made a motion to table case closure until response is received. The motion was seconded and it carried.

12-110-9028 - Chester Mental Health Center - Provider response was received and reviewed. Clarence Russell made a motion to close the case making the findings a part of the public record. Kathy Rambeau seconded the motion and it carried.

The next meetings were scheduled for March 26, 2013 at Shawnee Community College, Metropolis extension, May 21, 2013 at Shawnee Community College main campus in Ullin and July 31, 2013 at Guardianship & Advocacy Commission office in Anna.

Sue Barfield made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Mary McMahan seconded and it carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Rambeau, Secretary