

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
May 16th, 2024

The regular stated meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 3:01 pm on Thursday, May 16th, 2024, at the State Office Building Conference Room B, 2125 South First Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sandra Dixon, Janet Manning, Paulette Brock, Mary Auth, Dan McCarthy, Adam Casario, and Allison Frees-Williams

Absent: Ingrid Wheeler.

Staff: Lara Davis and Gene Seaman

Guests: None

Adam Casario stated that there was a quorum present.

Adam Casario read the confidentiality statement reminded everyone 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

None

COMMUNICATION: 2024 trainings are available on OneNet and due by October 1st. Thank you to the members who have completed. Four members still need to complete the trainings. At our July meeting we will vote for chairperson, vice-chair and secretary.

MINUTES

The March 2024 HRA Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Mary Auth motioned that the minutes be approved. Sandra Dixon seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business:

A. Ratifications:

None

B. New Complaints:

24-060-9017 (Hospital Psychiatric Unit) Complaint Summary: Allegedly, the individual found a pen on the floor and turned it into staff, but staff accused the individual of lying about finding the pen. The complaint alleges the facility is retaliation against the individual after the individual

filed a complaint about staff accusing him of lying. Allegedly, the individual is not allowed a menu to choose his food and is forced to get whatever staff decides to give him. Additionally, the complaint alleges the individual is only getting half full cups of coffee while others are getting full cups. Paulette Brock made a motion to not accept the complaint due to lack of a release. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

24-060-9019 (Hospital Psychiatric Unit) Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the facility is allowing visitors onto the behavior health unit to harasses patients. Allegedly, staff are spitting in patient's food. The complaint alleges the individual was given medication he did not consent to. Janet Manning made a motion to not accept the complaint due to lack of a release. The motion was properly seconded by Dan McCarthy. Motion carried.

24-060-9020 (Hospital Psychiatric Unit) Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the facility took away the individual's clothing and had the individual wear paper clothes. Allegedly, the individual was cold, but staff refused to give the individual a blanket or sweater for 3 days. Allegedly, patients are not allowed access to their rooms for 12 hours a day and must use a community restroom that is not supplied with hand soap. The complaint alleges the facility failed to give the individual a copy of her voluntary admission, patient bill of rights or request for discharge papers. Allegedly, patients are not allowed to use the telephone from 9pm-9am and during group therapy as the telephones are shut off during this time. The complaint alleges the facility does not post advocacy agency information and phone numbers as required. Paulette Brock made a motion to table the complaint and wait for a release. The motion was properly seconded by Mary Auth. Motion carried.

24-060-9021 (Mental Health Facility) Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the facility refused to discharge the patient even though the patient was suitable for discharge. Allegedly, the patient requested discharge on a Monday and the facility automatically told the patient they would not discharge him for 5 business days. Allegedly, the facility will not discharge patients on weekends. The complaint alleges the facility does not have advocacy agencies information posted. Allegedly, staff refuse to provide contact information for advocacy agencies. Dan McCarthy made a motion to table the complaint and wait for a release. The motion was properly seconded by Paulette Brock. Motion carried.

24-060-9022 (School District) Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the school district denied the recipient an ADA accommodation request. Furthermore, the complaint alleges the school district's policies discriminate against persons with disabilities. Allegedly, the district policies require individual's to submit ADA accommodation request in advance of any school board meetings. Additionally, the accommodation request needs to include "supporting documentation". Paulette Brock made a motion to accept the complaint. The motion was properly seconded by Dan McCarthy. Motion carried.

24-060-9023 (Mental Health Facility) Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the individual was verbally attacked and threatened by a peer while staff watched. Allegedly, the individual was inappropriate discharged as a result of being attacked by the peer. The complaint alleges the facility failed to keep the individual's personal health information confidential. Allegedly, the individual's medical health papers were left unattended in a vehicle. Mary Auth

made a motion to table the complaint and wait for a release. The motion was properly seconded by Adam Casario. Motion carried.

24-060-9024 (Nursing Home) Complaint Summary: The complaint states the guardian has five individuals that reside at the facility. Allegedly, the facility failed to notify or include the guardian in all of the individual's medication decisions. Allegedly, the facility is making changes to the individual's medication without notifying or obtaining consent from the guardian. Paulette Brock made a motion to accept the complaint. The motion was properly seconded by Dan McCarthy. Motion carried.

24-060-9025 (CILA) Complaint Summary: The complaint states the facility is not following residents preferences when it comes to hair care and styles. Allegedly, the facility is refusing to provide training for staff or hire a professional hair stylist to properly care for residents hair. Dan McCarthy made a motion to table the complaint and attempt to handle informally. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

24-060-9026 (CILA) Complaint Summary: The complaint states the facility is not following residents preferences when it comes to hair care and styles. Allegedly, the facility is refusing to provide training for staff or hire a professional hair stylist to properly care for residents hair. Dan McCarthy made a motion to table the complaint and attempt to handle informally. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

24-060-9027 (CILA) Complaint Summary: The complaint states the facility is not following residents preferences when it comes to hair care and styles. Allegedly, the facility is refusing to provide training for staff or hire a professional hair stylist to properly care for residents hair. Dan McCarthy made a motion to table the complaint and attempt to handle informally. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

24-060-9028 (Town Government) Complaint Summary: The complaint states a town is redeveloping their downtown area. Allegedly, the new design will not be accessible for people with disabilities. The complaint alleges the new design will close the street from vehicle traffic so there will be no parking for people with disabilities to access business in the downtown area. Paulette Brock made a motion to table the complaint and attempt to handle informally. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Mary Auth made a motion to enter executive session at 3:47pm. Pursuant to Section 120/2 (c) (4) and (10) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 20), Section 3955/10 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) and Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110); the motion was seconded by Adam Casario and carried. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss confidential aspects of cases. The HRA returned to open session at 3:56pm having taken no action in closed session. Executive minutes were recorded.

A. Draft Report:

24-060-9015 – Marion County Horizon– Adam Casario motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Mary Auth. Motion carried.

24-060-9018 – Sarah Bush Hospital– Sandra Dixon motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Dan McCarthy. Motion carried.

B. Case Closures:

23-060-9006 – Shaprio – Paulette Brock motioned to close the case and make the report apart of the public record. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

24-060-9010 – Shaprio –Sandra Dizon motioned to table case closure and send a letter requesting the facility follow the recommendation. The motion was properly seconded by Adam Casario. Motion carried.

24-060-9013 – Shaprio –Sandra Dixon motioned to table case closure and send a letter requesting the facility follow the recommendation. The motion was properly seconded by Mary Auth. Motion carried.

23-060-9014 – Citadel – Mary Auth motioned to close the case and make the report apart of the public record. The motion was properly seconded by Paulette Brock. Motion carried.

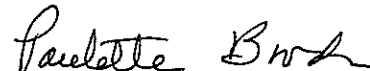
C. Other Business

ADJOURNMENT

Dan McCarthy motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly second by Mary Auth. Motion carried.

Adam Casario adjourned the meeting at 4:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Secretary