

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
March 13th, 2025

The regular stated meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 3:02 pm on Thursday, March 13th, 2025, at the State Office Building Conference Room B, 2125 South First Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ingrid Wheeler, Janet Manning, Sandra Dixon, Dan McCarthy, Adam Casario, and Mary Auth.

Absent: Allison Frees-Williams, LaVeda Weidner-Cravens and Paulette Brock.

Staff: Lara Davis

Guests: None

Ingrid Wheeler stated that there was a quorum present.

Ingrid Wheeler 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:

The board was provided the Act and Rules that HRA has used regarding provider responses. Three options on how to move forward was provided. The board decided to recommend changing the Act to mirror the Rules and allow providers the option to have their response apart of the public record.

MINUTES

The January 2025 HRA Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Sandra Dixon motioned that the minutes be approved. Dan McCarthy seconded, and the motion carried.

The January 2025 HRA Board Executive Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Janet Manning motioned that the minutes be approved. Sandra Dixon seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business:

A. Ratifications:

1. Ratifications:

25-060-9019 (CILA) – Discrimination based on disability. (Emergency case opening). Mary Auth motioned to ratify the emergency case opening. Sandra Dixon seconded, and the motion carried.

25-060-9020 (Developmental Center) – Inadequate treatment including lack of dental care. (Emergency case opening). Mary Auth motioned to ratify the emergency case opening. Ingrid Wheeler seconded, and the motion carried.

25-060-9022 (Nursing Home) – Inadequate treatment including lack of medical care. (Emergency case opening). Ingrid Wheeler motioned to ratify the emergency case opening. Adam Casario seconded, and the motion carried.

25-060-9023 (Developmental Center) – Inadequate treatment including lack of supervision. (Emergency case opening). Sandra Dixon motioned to ratify the emergency case opening. Mary Auth seconded, and the motion carried.

25-060-9024 (Developmental Center) – Inadequate treatment including lack of dental care. (Emergency case opening). Sandra Dixon motioned to ratify the emergency case opening. Ingrid Wheeler seconded, and the motion carried.

25-060-9025 (Psychiatric Hospital) – Inadequate treatment including not having adequate policies, procedures, and practices in place to protect the safety of patients with disabilities from employees. (Emergency case opening). Ingrid Wheeler motioned to ratify the emergency case opening. Adam Casario seconded, and the motion carried.

2. New Complaints:

25-060-9013 (Hospital psychiatric unit) Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the individual was given medication without consent. Allegedly, staff injected the individual with medication that the individual is allergic to. The complaint alleges the facility is not providing medical care. Allegedly, the individual has a UTI (urinary tract infection) and an ear infection, and the facility refuses to provide medication or medical care to treat the infections. Mary Auth made a motion to not accept the case due to lack of a release. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

25-060-9014 (Hospital psychiatric unit) Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the individual came to the hospital for medical care and instead the individual was involuntary admitted into the behavioral health unit. Allegedly, the individual was never seen or treated for a hip injury that brought the individual to the hospital. The complaint alleges, the individual was involuntary admitted into the hospitals behavioral health unit without cause. Allegedly, after 24 hours, the facility forced the individual to agree to voluntary admission. Sandra Dixon made a

motion to accept the complaint. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

25-060-9017 (CILA) Complaint Summary: The complaint states the facility is not following the individuals treatment plan which states the individual is to be in a home with one other resident and the individual is to be on 1 on 1 supervision. Allegedly, the individual does not have 1 on 1 supervision and is in a home with two peers. The complaint alleges the facility had the individual admitted into a psychiatric hospital for a 72 hour re-set. Allegedly, while the individual was in the hospital the facility discharged the individual from the facility sending all of his personal property to the guardian. The complaint alleges the guardian was not notified of the alleged incident that sent the individual to the psychiatric hospital. Additionally, the guardian has called staff multiple times, but they never return her calls. The complaint alleges the guardian requested records for the individual including an incident report, but the facility ignored the request. Sandra Dixon made a motion to accept the complaint. The motion was properly seconded by Adam Casario. Motion carried.

25-060-9018 (Psychiatric Hospital) Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the facility failed to provide medical care to the individual while on the behavioral health unit. Allegedly, the individual had 4 seizures while staff left him lying on the floor all night covered in urine. Allegedly, staff failed to call a medical code alert in order to get a medical doctor on the unit. Allegedly, staff called the psychiatrist at home, who advised staff to put the individual in his bed. Allegedly, staff was unable to lift the individual, so the individual was left on the floor until day shift staff arrived. The complaint alleges the individual injured his back from this incident which the facility is failing to treat. Mary Auth made a motion to accept the complaint. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

25-060-9021 (Psychiatric Hospital) Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the facility failed to explain to the individual her right to request discharge. Allegedly, the individual was informed she could not request discharge for 5 days. Allegedly, the facility informed the individual she could only request discharge from one staff member, but that staff member was not available. Additionally, the facility failed to provide discharge planning to the individual. The complaint alleges the facility did not allow the individual private, unimpeded telephone calls. Allegedly, the facility turned off the phone when the individual was speaking with IGAC. The complaint alleges the individual was given the wrong medication. Allegedly, the individual was given medication that should not have been combined and staff fail to listen to the individual's concerns about the medication combination. Mary Auth made a motion to not accept the case due to lack of a release. The motion was properly seconded by Dan McCarthy. Motion carried.

25-060-9026 (School District) – Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the school district denied a recipient an ADA accommodation. Allegedly, the recipient asked to record a meeting she was to attend at the school and the request was denied however, the school offered to have a scribe attend meetings and take notes for the recipient. Allegedly, the recipient was denied the scribe when it came time to attend a meeting at the school district. Sandra Dixon made a motion to table case opening to handle informally. The motion was properly seconded by Adam Casario. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Adam Casario made a motion to enter executive session at 3:18pm pursuant to Section 120/2 (c) (4) and Section 120/2 (C) (10) to discuss preliminary case activities of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 20). Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) allows for closed session discussion to protect the confidentiality of eligible persons and Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110) further protects the confidentiality of persons receiving mental health and developmental disability services; the motion was seconded by Janet Manning and carried as follows: Ingrid Wheeler – Yes; Mary Auth– Yes; Dan McCarthy – Yes; Sandra Dixon – Yes. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss preliminary and confidential aspects of cases. The HRA returned to open session at 3:47pm having taken no action in closed session. Executive minutes were recorded. A summary of closed session includes case acceptance details for Case #25-060-9014, #25-060-9017, and #25-060-9018; to discuss a draft report for Case #24-060-9030, #25-060-9002, #25-060-9012, #25-060-9015, #25-060-9016, and #25-060-9022; to discuss investigation information for Case #25-060-9007, #25-060-9019, #25-060-9020, #25-060-9023, #25-060-9024, and #25-060-9025; and to review and discuss provider responses to Case #24-060-9022, #25-060-9001, #25-060-9003, and #25-060-9006.

A. Draft Report:

24-060-9030 – Champaign Unit #4 School District– Mary Auth motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Adam Casario. Motion carried.

25-060-9002– Champaign Unit #4 School District–Sandra Dixon motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

25-060-9012 – Shapiro– Adam Casario motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Ingrid Wheeler. Motion carried.

25-060-9015 – DFI– Sandra Dixon motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Ingrid Wheeler. Motion carried.

25-060-9016 – Fox Developmental Center– Mary Auth motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Ingrid Wheeler. Motion carried.

25-060-9022 – Accolade Healthcare– Sandra Dixon motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Adam Casario. Motion carried.

B. Case Closures:

24-060-9022 – Champaign Unit #4 School District – Mary Auth motioned to close the case and make the report apart of the public record. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

25-060-9001 – OSF –Adam Casario motioned to close the case and make the report apart of the public record. The motion was properly seconded by Ingrid Wheeler. Motion carried.

25-060-9003 – Champaign Unit #4 School District –Sandra Dixon motioned to close the case and make the report apart of the public record. The motion was properly seconded by Ingrid Wheeler. Motion carried.

25-060-9006 – Mahomet Seymour School District –Janet Manning motioned to close the case and make the report apart of the public record. The motion was properly seconded by Ingrid Wheeler. Motion carried.


C. Other Business

ADJOURNMENT

Adam Casario motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly second by Ingrid Wheeler Motion carried.

Ingrid Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 3:51pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Secretary

