

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY MINUTES
July 10th, 2025

The regular stated meeting of the East Central Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 3:05 pm on Thursday, July 10th, 2025, at the State Office Building Conference Room B, 2125 South First Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

ROLL CALL

Present: Janet Manning, Sandra Dixon, Allison Frees-Williams, Dan McCarthy, and Mary Auth.

Absent: Ingrid Wheeler, Adam Casario, LaVeda Weidner-Cravens, and Paulette Brock

Staff: Lara Davis

Guests: None

Mary Auth stated that there was a quorum present.

Mary Auth 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 2025 paper trainings are available and due by September 1st.

MINUTES

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

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

The January, March and May 2025 HRA Board Executive Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Dan McCarthy mad a motion to keep the minutes confidential. Sandra Dixon seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business:

A. Ratifications:

1. Ratifications:

None

2. New Complaints:

25-060-9029 (Psychiatric Hospital) – Complaint Summary: The complaint states the facility staff refuses to listen and work with the patient. Allegedly, the psychiatrist did not listen to the individual's concerns and prescribed medication that does not work for the individual. Additionally, it is alleged the individual's case manager refuses to work with the individual. The complaint alleges the individual provided written request for discharge and the case manager refused to accept the request. Allegedly, the facility refused to discharge the individual unless he agreed to take the medication the psychiatrist prescribed. The complaint alleges the facility only allows visitation one day a week. Allegedly, the individual was not allowed to see his mother as the facility limits visitation to Thursday only. Sandra Dixon made a motion to accept the case. The motion was properly seconded by Dan McCarthy. Motion carried.

25-060-9031 (School District) – Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the school district failed to provide an accurate notice of the date and time for a students Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meeting to the students' parents. Allegedly, on the day of the IEP meeting, the school changed the time of the meeting. The new meeting time did not work for the parents and the parents notified staff and requested the meeting be changed to a new date which staff agreed to. However, it is alleged staff still held the IEP meeting without the parents involvement or notifying the parents the meeting continued as originally scheduled. Sandra Dixon made a motion not accept the case due to lack of a release. The motion was properly seconded by Dan McCarthy. Motion carried.

25-060-9033 (Psychiatric Hospital) – Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges staff coerced the individual into signing into the behavioral health unit voluntarily. Allegedly, the individual was admitted into the hospital involuntary and the night before the scheduled court date, staff told the individual the only way to be discharged is to agree to voluntary admission. The complaint alleges staff did not explain the voluntary admission process, discharge process or explain the individuals rights to her. Allegedly, staff guaranteed the individual would be released in 3 days. Janet Manning made a motion to not accept the case due to a lack of a release. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

25-060-9034 (Psychiatric Hospital) – Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges staff failed to keep a patient free from abuse by another peer. Allegedly, the individual was beaten by another patient. The complaint alleges staff failed to provide medical treatment to the individual after the altercation. Allegedly, the individual had visible injuries including broken teeth, but staff did not have the individual evaluated or treated. Sandra Dixon made a motion to not accept the case due to a lack of a release. The motion was properly seconded by Dan McCarthy. Motion carried.

25-060-9036 (Psychiatric Hospital) – Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the facility failed to explain the admission and discharge process to the individual. Allegedly, the psychiatrist decided upon the individuals admission that she would not be discharged for 8 days even though the individual was suitable for discharge. Janet Manning made a motion to not

accept the case due to a lack of a release. The motion was properly seconded by Allison Frees-Williams. Motion carried.

25-060-9037 (Psychiatric Hospital) – Complaint Summary: The complaint states the facility is failing to provide the necessary treatment. Allegedly, patients are not receiving individual or group therapy. Allegedly, patients are given medication and told to watch television all day. The complaint alleges the facility does not provide hand soap in bathrooms. Allegedly, the individual was not allowed the slippers that family dropped off at the facility for her. The complaint alleges the facility does not provide patients with the patient bill of rights or explain patient rights to them. Allegedly, the facility does not allow patients to be discharged on the weekends. Sandra Dixon made a motion accept the case. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

25-060-9038 (Psychiatric Hospital) – Complaint Summary: The complaint states the hospital inappropriately admitted the individual into the behavioral health unit. Allegedly, the hospital had the guardian give consent for the individual to be admitted into the behavioral health unit without cause. Allegedly, the guardian was told the individual would only be admitted for 72 hours but was not discharged for 10 days. The complaint alleges the hospital kept the individual admitted to the behavioral health unit when the individual was suitable for discharge. Dan McCarthy made a motion accept the case. The motion was properly seconded by Allison Frees-Williams. Motion carried.

25-060-9039 (Psychiatric Hospital) – Complaint Summary: The complaint alleges the facility refused to allow the individual to inspect or copy his records. Allegedly, staff told the individual records are kept at another part of the facility which the individual is not allowed to go. Additionally, it is alleged staff would not go and copy the records for the individual and staff do not have access to the records via computer. Sandra Dixon made a motion to not accept the case due to a lack of a release. The motion was properly seconded by Allison Frees-Williams. Motion carried.

25-060-9040 (CILA) – Complaint Summary: The complaint states the facility is supposed to assist the individual with cleaning and scheduling medical appointments. Allegedly, staff are refusing to schedule appointments or clean for the individual. The complaint alleges individual asked for a copy of his treatment plan, but the facility is refusing to provide a copy of the treatment plan to the individual. Sandra Dixon made a motion accept the case. The motion was properly seconded by Allison Frees-Williams. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Allison Frees-Williams made a motion to enter executive session at 3:27pm 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: Janet Manning– Yes; Allison Frees-Williams – Yes; Sandra Dixon – Yes; Dan McCarthy – Yes; Mary Auth - Yes. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss preliminary and confidential aspects of cases. The HRA returned to open session at 4:15pm having taken no action in closed session. Executive minutes were recorded. A summary of closed session includes case acceptance details for Case #25-060-9029, #25-060-9037, #25-060-9038, and #25-060-9040; to discuss a draft report for Case #24-060-9014, #25-060-9017, #25-060-9018, #25-060-9027, #25-060-9030, and #25-060-9032; to discuss investigation information for Case #25-060-9028, and to review and discuss provider responses to Case #24-060-9030, #25-060-9002, #25-060-9007, #25-060-9019, #25-060-9020, #25-060-9023, #25-060-9024, and #25-060-9025.

A. Draft Report:

25-060-9014 – St Mary’s Hospital -Allison Frees-Williams motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Dan McCarthy. Motion carried.

25-060-9017 – Marion County Horizon - Allison Frees-Williams motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon Motion carried.

25-060-9018 – St Mary’s Hospital -Sandra Dixon motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Allison Frees-Williams. Motion carried.

25-060-9027 – Pavilion -Allison Frees-Williams motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

25-060-9030 – Riverside Medical Cetner – Sandra Dixon motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Allison Frees-Williams. Motion carried.

25-060-9032 – Shaprio Center- Dan McCarthy motioned to approve the draft report. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

B. Case Closures:

25-060-9030 – Champaign Unit #4 School District – Allison Frees-Williams motioned to table case closure and send a letter requesting the facility follow the recommendation. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

25-060-9002 – Champaign Unit #4 School District – Dan McCarthy motioned to table case closure and send a letter requesting the facility follow the recommendation. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

25-060-9007 – Kankakee County Jail– Dan McCarthy motioned to close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

25-060-9019 – ResCare– Allison Frees-Williams motioned to close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

25-060-9020 – Shapiro – Sandra Dixon motioned to table case closure and send a letter requesting the facility follow the recommendation. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

25-060-9023 – Shapiro– Allison Frees-Williams motioned to close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded by Sandra Dixon. Motion carried.

25-060-9024 – Shapiro– Dan McCarthy motioned to table case closure and send a letter requesting the facility follow the recommendation. The motion was properly seconded by Janet Manning. Motion carried.

25-060-9025 – Pavilion– Sandra Dixon motioned to close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded by Allison Frees-Williams. Motion carried.

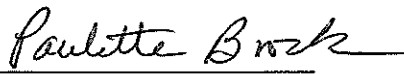
C. Other Business

ADJOURNMENT

Dan McCarthy motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly second by Allison Frees-Williams Motion carried.

Mary Auth adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Secretary