



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

NICK LYON
DIRECTOR

MINUTES
RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 12, 2015
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Cass Building
3rd Floor Conference Room
Lansing, MI

Our Mission

It is the mission of the Michigan Department of Community Health Recipient Rights Advisory Committee to advise the Directors of the Michigan Department of Community Health and the State Office of Recipient Rights in order to ensure that the rights of individuals receiving public mental health services are protected and promoted.

Our Vision

It is the vision of the Michigan Department of Community Health Recipient Rights Advisory Committee that Michigan values a public mental health system in which individuals receiving services are treated with dignity and respect, enjoy full and fair access to the rights accorded them and are free to participate fully in all aspects of their lives.

PRESENT: Sue Witting, Denice Virgo, Darlene Logan, Vendella Collins, Liz O'Dell, Michelle Milligan, Mark Reinstein, Basil Scott, Rosemary Allen

STAFF: Andy Silver, John Sanford, Raymie Postema

Call to Order 1:00 pm by Mark Reinstein, Chair

Approval of Agenda – Correction to Agenda: Next meeting date May 14
(M/S: Liz and Sue)

Approval of Previous Minutes
January 8, 2015 (M/S: Sue and Vendella)

KPH UPDATE

19 Abuse II cases have been substantiated. 46 neglect cases substantiated. 11 more cases still to finish. Prosecutors presented material on 19 cases; decided not to prosecute. Still restrictions on hospital admissions, despite state bed shortages. Pine Rest evaluation of KPH not done yet. CMS visited facility in January and asked for plan of correction.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FROM JOHN SANFORD

ORR is seeking to increase involvement and training of Directors of CMHSPs. Also interested in prevention of rights violations in hospitals, clinical reviews of issues, and grievances.

Announcement of new employee: Cynthia Ward to ORR – start date March 16.

2015 INITIATIVES – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Mark communicated with Tom Renwick; and has expressed RRAC interest in being involved if work is done on the two rights-related recommendations of Governor Snyder's Mental Health Commission.

Mark moves we recommend to DCH leadership for Draft Legislation on ORR involvement with private and community hospitals, as pilot was done (about 6-7 years ago) on this. Second by Liz. Motion Carried

Michelle volunteered to will work with John on draft letter for better resources for the office to be presented to budget powers-that-be this summer.

Setting and monitoring hospital rights policies and procedures have been a long-standing discussion with DCH leadership. Mark seeks strategy for this topic. Discussion ensues. Committee supports writing Nick Lyon, with a response deadline of one week before May meeting. Liz Motions – Rosemary Seconds. Motion Carried

OAKLAND RIGHTS COMMITTEE: REQUEST TO ADVISE

Darlene shares with Committee Oakland Country rights advisory information and concerns.

Oakland Committee seeking more protection for its roles and responsibilities. Mark had previously suggested some steps the Oakland Committee might take, and others, including Denice and John, offered comments and critiques on this situation.

COOKIE GANT AWARD

No Update – Will be on next agenda

STAFF REPORTS

Raymie provided brief update of hospitals and provided handout
Andy shared training update via handouts

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sean Bennett on medication practices violating rights. Mr. Bennett subsequently attempted to interject comments about various issues after public comment period was over. After warning from Chair, Mr. Bennett's conference call participation was terminated.

Gary Welch stated he would like to join Committee and would like application. John said he would provide one.

Dianne Baker was present and provided brief comment on policy topics.

DENICE VIRGO

Announced her retirement and resignation from RRAC. The Committee expressed its great appreciation for and commendation of Denice's contributions over the years.

NEXT MEETING

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ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING & FUTURE

Cookie Gant Award
Additional Training for RRAC
Committee Involvement in Annual Report

ADJOURNMENT

3:10pm