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JANET OLSZEWSKI
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MINUTES

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 8, 2008

3rd Floor Conference Room, Lewis Cass Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913

ATTENDANCE

Michelle Esterbrook, Basil Scott, Pamela Stants, Mark Reinstein, John Board, Vendella Collins, Cindy Lepard, Adballah Boumediene (via telephone)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Patton, Susan McParland, Kathleen Gross and Wayne Hogan

STAFF PRESENT

John Sanford, Dianne Baker, Raymie Postema and Andy Silver

PUBLIC PRESENT

Shane Ray, WCHO; Elke Meek, Monroe CMH;
Tom Masseau, MPAS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Basil Scott, Chair

AGENDA APPROVAL

Pamela Stants moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by John Board. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Michelle Esterbrook moved to approve the March 13, 2008 minutes. Cindy Lepard seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ORR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

John Sanford formally introduced Dr. John Board as the new committee member. He described Dr. Board's background and involvement in mental health and the Department of Community Health.

Michigan Protection and Advocacy (MPAS) partnership in voter registration initiative. Will be developing a DVD on voting and voter registration.

Tom Masseau, MPAS, described status and focus on state hospitals, D.D. Centers, AFC homes. Tom explained new voting machine "Auto-Mark" for persons with sensory or physical disabilities. All polling locations currently have an "Auto-Mark". Discussion ensued regarding need for picture I.D. to vote.

Waiting for meeting to be scheduled with Ed Dore regarding hiring additional staff within ORR.

Community Rights Unit

Field Unit

- **Mt. Pleasant** – Leadership announcements
- **Kalamazoo** – Grant update – Information on Peer Support Partnership Project – WRAP facilitation and project will begin in September. WRAP training in July.
- **Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital** – Still have an acting director
- **Center for Forensic Psychiatry** – Meeting coming up between ORR and CFP administration facilitated.
- **Caro** – Met with Protection and Advocacy regarding Freedom of Movement. Need to work together to abolish the DCH directive requiring NGRI community approval for grounds access and ensure Freedom of Movement is equal across facilities.
- **Hawthorn Center** – N/A

One Level I Request for Review received – Caro received training for Director.

Meetings with Cindy Kelly to resume in June and monthly thereafter.

Addition of 0003 category. Want to review not only policies, but nursing or other department protocol.

Training Unit

Basic Skills – March – 15 attendees – writing of Basic Executive Director Training. Content suggestions provided by Community Rights Unit.

Any new training for seasoned rights officers/advisors? Have talked about some and need to work out details. Looking at an on-line training. Discussion ensued.

John Sanford added that changes have been made to the web site.

Added new page on Director's Awards from the Recipient Right Conferences. Also related Disability Links. Would like to also add new web page on DCH – Recipient Rights Advisory Committee, the membership, agendas and minutes, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS

Topics to discuss with Janet Olszewski:

1. (Pamela) The disparity in disciplinary action in DCH Disciplinary Guidelines.
 - Abuse II – ICF/MR – dismissal
 - Neglect II – ICF/MR – dismissal
 - Remainder of facilities – Reassignment and/or demotion and or 5 day suspension.
2. Request meeting at least once a year with Janet.
3. Response to report and recommendations on LPH/U assessments done by DCH-ORR. What policy direction will she be considering in the next year?
4. Freedom of Movement across the facilities – rescission of UOGM Guideline.
5. ORR needs enforcement authority with facility directors.
6. ORR budget process and assurances of sufficient resources.
7. Appropriations and alternatives for state facility funding. Where is the will to do this?

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is June 9th at 1:30 at the Capital View Building starting at 1:30 p.m. where we will meet with Janet Olszewski.