

State of Michigan
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48913

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 12, 2012

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.

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.

- ATTENDANCE:** Basil Scott, Pamela Stants, Mark Reinstein, Wayne Hogan
- ABSENT:** John Board, Vendella Collins, Kathleen Gross, Abdallah Boumediene, Susan McParland, Michelle Milligan
- STAFF PRESENT:** John Sanford, Dianne Baker, Raymie Postema
- PUBLIC:** Chad Witcher, OCCMHA; Denise Virgo, WCHO; Eunice Howard, DWCMHA; Robert Gilbreath, DWCMHA; Roanne Bonney, KCCMHSAS; Frances Hogan, OCCMHA; Mary Swift, via telephone; Tom Dundon, Member of the public, via telephone; Valerie Moran, Guardian, via telephone; Samantha Garcia, (Tom Dundon's Office), via telephone
- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Chair, Basil Scott.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** No quorum
- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** No quorum
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

John Sanford updated the committee on ORR staffing issues. Discussed activity thus far.

- Requested three positions will not be approved by State Budget Director no funding available. Tim Becker, Senior Deputy Director, Operations Administration will see if there is an alternative funding source. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Director's Report
Continued:

The ORR Annual Report FY11 is done and under review by Communications/Publications Office. Will mail all rights offices a copy and be placed on ORR website.

Strategic Priorities

John discussed ORR priorities based upon MDCH Strategic Priorities.

1. Ensure access to excellent and compassionate behavioral health services
2. Ensure a uniformly high standard of rights protection throughout the state.

Will do a power point presentation to Director Dazzo next week laying out priorities.

Reinstein asked if John wanted input from committee on priorities. If ORR can't do anything up North, can't meet priority #2.

Northern Lakes Concerns

John discussed background. There have been several requests to DCH Director and John for ORR to directly intervene. MDCH-ORR has no authority to intervene in CMH matters unless directed by the Director of the department.

The only thing John can do is bring it to the Director's attention.

Director Dazzo reviewed letters, etc., and determined not to send ORR into NLCMH – wait to review final Assessment Report by consultants under contract with NLCMH – and see what, if any, recommendations are made that adversely affect integrity of the rights system. If any, she will direct us in. Discussion ensued.

Code amendment proposed that Director of ORR could determine if need to intervene when the rights system of a provider was not in compliance with standards.

Pamela Stants wanted a copy of the letter from members of CMHSP rights offices.

Basil Scott FOIA'd contract between NLCM and consultants Mary Bedikian and Edward Hartfield.

Amendment requested Bedikian and Hartfield to review random Reports of Investigative Findings. DCH-ORR will contact NLCMH-CEO ASAP to determine purpose. Only ORR has authority to assess the integrity of the rights protection system, including investigative reports.

Reinstein asked for copy of Letter of Engagement and Amendment – Basil will email to members.

Reinstein asked anyone who gets a response from Olga to send to committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion ensued from various public attendees regarding NLCMH and their concerns.

The meeting adjourned unofficially (no quorum) at 3:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2012, Lewis Cass Building, 3rd Floor Large Conference Room, Lansing.

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