

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

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 13, 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: Denice Virgo, Dr. John Board, Vendella Collins, Margaret Stooksberry, Basil Scott

ABSENT: Kathleen Gross, Abdallah Boumediene, Susan McParland, Michelle Milligan, Wayne Hogan, Pamela Stants

STAFF PRESENT: John Sanford, Dianne Baker, Raymie Postema

PUBLIC: No public

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chair, Basil Scott.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS Margaret Stooksberry from Benzie County, summarized her background. She is a Peer Support Specialist.

Denice Virgo gave her background as the Rights Director at WCHO and involved in rights since 1987.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No quorum

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: No quorum

COOKIE GANT AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2012 RECIPIENT RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Unanimous decision on nominee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Referred members to conference brochure
- Status update since last meeting regarding Northern Lakes CMH – Office of Recipient Rights

Review approved by Director's Office – Andy Silver, Lead investigator, Raymie Postema assisting.

Hope to have final report completed and submitted to Director Haveman in the next week or two.

External review by consultants completed and a copy sent to ORR this week.

As on-going investigation, cannot reveal details at this time.

Denice would like members of RRAC to receive a copy of ORR Special Investigation regarding Northern Lakes CMH. Discussion ensued.

- Meeting with Nick Lyon and power point presentation on ORR's initiative to "Assure Access to Quality and Compassionate Behavioral Health Services" – a (MDCH Strategic Priority)

John would like to do presentation at a future date to the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee.

- Will present to Director Haveman, hopefully, in near the future.

STAFF REPORTS:

Dianne Baker reviewed these with committee members.

AMENDMENTS TO RRAC BY-LAWS – Tabled. No quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2012, Lewis Cass Building, 3rd Floor Large Conference Room, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Lansing.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Criteria for Cookie Gant Awards. Vendella will bring a draft for next meeting.

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