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LANSING, MICHIGAN 48913

RICK SNYDER, GOVERNOR

OLGA DAZZO, DIRECTOR

MINUTES

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2011
3rd Floor Conference Room, Lewis Cass Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913

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, Abdallah Boumediene (2:10 p.m.), Mark Reinstein, Pamela Stants, Vendella Collins (via telephone) Kathleen Gross, Michelle Milligan

STAFF PRESENT

Dianne Baker, Alma Staton, Andy Silver

PUBLIC PRESENT

Denise Virgo, WCHO; Elizabeth Holcomb, CEI; Chad Witcher, OCCMHA; Roanne Bonney, KCMHSAS; Maria Kulich, SCCMHA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Chair, Basil Scott.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Pamela Stants, seconded by Abdallah Boumediene to approve the agenda as written. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Abdallah Boumediene and seconded by Michelle Milligan to approve the minutes of January 13, 2011. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS

FIELD

Facility Allegation Report was distributed and briefly discussed.

There has only been one rights advisor at Walter Reuther Psychiatric since January as a result of the retirement of the other rights advisor.

Carla Coleman will be our new rights advisor starting at Hawthorn Center on March 21, 2011. Carla is from Civil Rights. Raymie Postema and Karen Currington (RA at CFP) have been filling in since the retirement of the only rights advisor at Hawthorn Center.

TRAINING

Andy Silver distributed the report for the activity of the Training Unit during the previous 2 months. Also reported that he will be doing new employee rights training with Olga Dazzo, new DCH Director, on April 21.

ESTABLISHING MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH MDCH DIRECTOR

As there has been no response to the RRAC introductory letter to Olga Dazzo in January, the Committee decided it would be appropriate to send a follow-up letter to her. Basil will draft and Committee members may send in suggestions for the letter to him.

RESTRAINT/SECLUSION PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE – STATUS UPDATE

Has an established Mission/Vision Statement and Core Values. Standard core measurements of utilization of restraint/seclusion/physical management has been established based on the NRI databases. Beginning in January 2011, data reports, physical management and mechanical restraint can be reported separately. Aggregate data will be provided to the Task Force to establish a baseline.

The Department Task Force submitted the SAMHSA National Center on Trauma and Justice Technical Assistance Application on 2/24/2011. Response was received on March 2, 2011, indicating that our application would be prioritized due to Michigan's involvement in the Learning Collaborative (CFP/ORR). A Planning Call between the Task Force and MASMHPD OTA is scheduled for March 20, 2011. Raymie Postema and Dianne Baker are meeting with Cindy Kelly on March 23 to determine who should participate in the on-site technical assistance. Probably the department leadership

Administration, facility leadership (clinical and administrative) including Nurse Managers should be involved.

Discussion ensued.

ROLE OF RECIPIENT RIGHTS IN SELF-DETERMINATION

Dianne Baker discussed the hand-out for the power point presentation she did for CMHSP Self-Determination Coordinators a few months ago entitled "Self-Determination and the Role of the Rights Office." Discussion ensued.

It was noted that rights language from the Choice Voucher System Technical Advisory was not included in the Self-Determination Policy and Practice Guideline, Attachment C 3.4.4 of the FY11 MDCH/CMHSP Contract.

The Committee requested that Dianne follow-up with Ellen Hyman, author of the Policy and Practice Guideline to see if the language from the Choice Voucher could be added.

It was suggested that RROAM pursue getting more specific rights language into the Self-Determination Policy and Practice Guideline. Denice Virgo, the Chair of RROAM and guest at the RRAC meetings indicated she would take this to the RROAM membership.

Discussion ensued.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Reinstein stated that DOC (Department of Corrections) is taking over the Corrections Mental Health Program for which it previously contracted with DCH. Mark was concerned whether, and if so how, the rights of prisoners established in Chapter 10 of the Mental Health Code are being protected. Dianne Baker will follow up with Bill Vette who is now with DOC and was previously the grievance/appeal officer for the program when it was under contract with DCH.

NEXT MEETING

May 12, 2011, 3rd Floor Large Conference Room, Lewis Cass Building, Lansing

July 14, 2011 – Meeting location Hawthorn Center, Northville, Michigan

September 8, 2011 – Walter P. Reuther Psychiatric Hospital – Westland, Michigan

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Attendance and By-laws (attached)

Status of Rights Protection in the DOC Mental Health Program

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mark Reinstein and seconded by Kathleen Gross to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Motion passed.