

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

RICK SNYDER, GOVERNOR

OLGA DAZZO, DIRECTOR

MINUTES

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 13, 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, Cindy Lepard (via telephone), Wayne Hogan

STAFF PRESENT

Dianne Baker, Andy Silver

PUBLIC PRESENT

Denise Virgo, WCHO; Tim Ninemire, Saginaw CMH; Phyllis Mitchell, MDCH Appeals Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Tabled - No quorum

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tabled - No quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF UPDATES

- Baker informed the Committee that John Sanford was in Burcham Hills Rehab Center and scheduled for surgery on his back on January 17, 2011.
- Field Unit - Interviews are being scheduled at this time with candidates to fill the vacant Hawthorn Center Rights Advisor position.
- Community Unit – Assessments completed in November and December:
 - Van Buren CMH - 272.5, 2 repeat citations – Less than Substantial Compliance
 - Clinton-Eaton-Ingham CMH - 274 – Substantial Compliance
 - Barry CMH - 274 – Substantial Compliance

ESTABLISHING FUTURE AGENDAS

After lengthy discussion and reference back to the minutes of the November 23, 2010 planning meeting, it was determined that a priority agenda item for future meetings is establishing and maintaining an on-going meaningful dialogue with Department Director, Olga Dazzo.

Additional future items discussed included:

The role of the rights office in self-determination arrangements

Scheduling RRAC meetings at state facilities and offering patients the opportunity to speak to their concerns regarding the rights protection system

Refresher training for the RRAC on various chapters and sections of the Mental Health Code

Update on the status of the Restraint/Seclusion/Physical Management Reduction Task Force (this will be included as an item at each RRAC meeting)

Since the RRAC itself will be establishing the agendas, 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting, Chair Basil Scott, will send out a reminder for members to submit agenda items to him in order that he may let the ORR know if there are materials that should be gathered and sent to the members prior to the meeting.

INTRODUCTORY LETTER TO DIRECTOR DAZZO

RRAC members reviewed and approved for submission a draft letter of introduction to the RRAC and its roles and responsibilities to MDCH Director Olga Dazzo. In furtherance of its priority, the letter requests a meeting with her in the near future in order that a viable ongoing dialogue between the RRAC and her may be established and maintained.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

March 10, 2011, 1:00 p.m., Lewis Cass Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Lansing