



ORR NEWS

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Community Health
Office of Recipient
Rights

We must scrupulously guard the civil rights and civil liberties of all our citizens whatever their background. We must remember that any oppression, any injustice, any hatred, is a wedge designed to attack our civilization.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Michelle,

September is always a busy time, and when we aren't off on furlough, we are working hard to get ready for the conference and assessments. Here are some updates to what's going on in the world of rights.

2009 Rights Conference

There is lots to be excited about at the upcoming Recipient Rights Conference. There truly will be sessions for all on some of the hottest topics relating to rights. Whether it's "Gentle Teaching" or Training, "Statement Analysis" or "Rights and Recovery", or hearing Alex Dukay offer advice on running a hospital Rights Office, you will find a number of sessions to make you a more effective rights staff - as well as having the opportunity to complete all this year's continuing education credits. So don't wait - the early-bird deadline is fast approaching. And don't forget - there are discounts for registering five or more from one agency and for registering for both the pre-con and the full conference. [Click the logo below to register now.](#)



Hotel Reservations for Rights Conference

The cut-off date for reservations at the Radisson Kalamazoo is **September 14**. Make your reservations by close of business that day to avoid higher rates. To reserve your room call 800-395-7046 and let them know you are

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Upcoming ORR Trainings

The next **Basic Skills** series will be held on the following dates:

October 28, 29, 30
November 18, 19, 20
Location:
Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel

with the rights conference of logon to the [Radisson Kalamazoo website](#) and enter group code 0910MR.

and Conference Center
Mt. Pleasant

Featured Conference Session: Rights and Recovery

"The recovery train has left the station. are you on board?" *Rights staff will want to be involved* in this session that focuses on the recovery movement in Michigan and how "rights" can assist in protecting and promoting an individual's recovery. Learn how ingrained institutional attitudes and treatment practices create obstacles to recovery, how recovery-oriented practices such as hope, trauma-informed care, and peer-support promote rights protection, and find out how efforts to create recovery-oriented treatment and support cultures provide an opportunity to get the mental health system on the "rights" track. Join the discussion and help reinvigorate the rights protection system in order to help consumers live meaningful integrated, self-determined lives.

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Training will be held at Chelsea Hospital in Chelsea on September 30. This training is open to all agencies in the surrounding area. Please call the Training Division office at 888-505-7007 to register. Space is limited.

The presentation on **Civil Rights** is still available online. Viewing the entire presentation will count for 1.5 ORR-CEU

[Click this link to login and view](#)

Nominations Deadline Extended



There is still time to nominate a person, program or rights office that you feel has provided exceptional rights service during the past year for the **DCH Director's Award**, or to nominate a consumer for the **Cookie Gant Award** or for a **conference consumer scholarship**. Deadline for all of these nominations has been extended to **September 14th, 2009**. You can download nomination forms from the Conference website by clicking below. MDCH Deputy Director, Kurt Krause, will be on hand Friday, October 9, prior to the general session to present the awards.

Basic Skills Resource Manual

Haven't been to Basic Skills in a while? Those of you who have a Resource Manual can now download updates to the various manual sections from the "Training Updates" section of our website. Don't have a Basic Skills Resource manual? Maybe it's time to come back for a refresher!

[Rights Conference Website](#)

[Click here for updates](#)

Rights Book as a Podcast



With the financial backing of a grant from the [Michigan Family-to-Family Health Information & Education Center](#) and the very special assistance of **Dick Estell**, NPR's "[Radio Reader](#)", we now have a podcast version of the English language version of the "You're Rights" book available on our website. You can download these mp3 files for your agency's use. We have also posted the printed Arabic

version, which can be download from the same web page. [Click here for the rights book page](#)

ORR-CEU News

Two of the conference general sessions have been added to the approved CEU list. They will count for 1.0 CEU each enabling all to receive 12 credits for attending the full conference. All courses which have been approved for CEU's are listed on the ORR website.

[Click here to view approved courses](#)

New Rights Specialist joins ORR team

It is ORR's pleasure to inform you that Janice Terry has accepted the position of Community Rights Specialist with the Community Rights Unit. Janice will be taking over Mark Mishal's assigned CMHSPs due to his departure to Macomb CMH. Janice is not "new" to DCH-ORR. She has been the Rights Advisor at Mt. Pleasant Center since December 2003. Prior to this, Janice was an Isabella County Assistant Prosecutor. She can be reached at terryjan@michigan.gov and (517) 335-1936. Please join us in welcoming her!

Here is a list of upcoming assessments:

- 9/15 - 9/17 Macomb County CMH
- 10/20 - 10/22 West Michigan CMH
- 11/17 - 11/19 Washtenaw Community Health Organization
- 12/15 - 12/17 Kalamazoo County CMH



Recipient Rights
Officers

Welcome New Rights Staff

When you're at the Conference or a RROAM meeting make sure you say "Hi" to the new members of the Rights community.

Janet Dietsch, Director, ORR, and Lori Boeskool
Network 180

Julie Borowski
McLaren Regional Medical Center

Julie Hantman
Providence Park Hospital

Steve Emery and Kimberly Thornton
Detroit Wayne CMHSP

Bridgette Shepard
Oakland County CMHSP

Shaun Thompson
Rose Hill Center

Christina Bowker
Doctor's Hospital of Michigan

Lynette Nevins
Kalamazoo CMH and SA Services

Association of Michigan

The next Recipient Rights Officers Association of Michigan (RROAM) meeting will be on November 6, at the [Marina Grand Resort, New Buffalo Harbor](#). RROAM members, or persons interested in joining, can pay their annual dues at the rights conference or at the November meeting.