



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

ROBERT GORDON  
DIRECTOR

**RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

**January 9, 2020**  
**1:00 PM – 2:34 PM**  
**TELECONFERENCE ONLY**

**PRESENT:** Jennifer Gorman, Tish Watson, Norman DeLisle, Shaun Thompson, Liz Healy, Dr. Robert Lagrou, Vendella Collins, Basil Scott, and Liz O'Dell

**ABSENT:** Price Pullins, Margaret Stooksberry

**STAFF:** Raymie Postema, Andy Silver, Julie Markham

**GUESTS:** Margaret Tietze, Larry Spataro

**Opening Remarks**

Jennifer Gorman

- ❖ Call to Order at 1:05 pm. We are not going to be discussing the candidates. That meeting was a closed meeting and not an open meeting. The notes are a confidential document within the committee and will not be published with regular minutes.
- ❖ Approval of Agenda
  - No additions or changes. Motion to approve Shaun Thompson; seconded by Liz Healy. Shawn suggested the committee might want to look at number of rights officers on the committee. Jennifer will research and have a conversation about this at the next meeting.
  - Acceptance of agenda: Liz Healy motioned to accept, and Basil Scott seconded. Liz Healy, Vendella Collins, Norman DeLisle, Basil Scott, Liz O'Dell, Shaun Thompson, Jennifer Gorman and Dr. Lagrou all accepted the agenda.
- ❖ Approval of Meeting Minutes (November 2019): Jennifer Gorman, Tish Watson, Norman DeLisle, Shawn Thompson, Liz O'Dell, Liz Healy, Dr. Lagrou, Vendella Collins, and Basil Scott approved the November 2019 meeting minutes.

**New Business**

Jennifer Gorman

- ❖ 2020 Goals for RRAC. We talked about goals in the past. This is a good time to discuss the fact that we are obviously going to have some changes before the next meeting. Jennifer Gorman was part of the interview process. Final decision for fill of director position is planned for next week. Now is the time as a committee to think about the goals of our committee for what we want going forward. We could have something to present to the new director, what has been worked on, what we have been a part of and some other ideas. Jennifer Gorman would love to see this done differently and know more about this. The committee has a lot of great voices and great ideas, let's get those documented, compiled, and ready for the new director.

**What Do We Love?**

- Shaun Thompson would love to get someone to come to the group regarding the new plans Director Gordon has in mind for MDHHS. Mr. Thompson is curious to see if RR has been considered in the director's plans. Director Gordon's presentation to the legislature informed there were not going to be any loss of rights. It is difficult how rights will operate in all these specialty, integrated plans.

- Norman DeLisle has been involved with Sarah Esty, a group of advocates, and MP&A. He stated whoever came up with recommendations for 298 wouldn't find any big surprises. The biggest issue of concern is the consensus of financial assessment – how much money will be available. The current view is that there isn't a lot of general fund money. 600 million General Fund (GF) were committed to work on the roads, which they haven't done anything with yet. Other stuff that would normally require GF to operate will be short-changed and offices have been asked how they will cut. Commitment to funding Recipient Rights (RR) is generally before the spring. Norman has had less and less contact with hospitals.
- Raymie Postema. There will be statewide transformation meetings for public comment in Detroit and tonight in Grand Rapids. Other meeting dates to come with a virtual meeting as well. Raymie can get date information to Julie Markham to pass out. Vendella Collins stated she was at Director Gordon's meeting which was on the website today.
- Jennifer Gorman: My thoughts and feelings are similar to Shaun's. I'd love more information and presentations from other people from the state. Maybe someone from state hospitals and leadership from Kalamazoo within the hospital and how RR is being involved in things. RR has had to shove its way into being helpful in different circumstances. The recipient rights advisory committee should be the same way. We could try to engage other staff from hospital leaders. Raymie Postema - it would be really good to start with Dr. Mellos, Bureau Director of Hospitals, and Jeff Weifrigh, in top leadership, for RR and customer service.
- Dr. Robert Lagrou – we should look at rights guidelines and updates. (MHC last updated in 1996.)

- ❖ Larry Spataro's application for RRAC membership Jennifer Gorman
  - Roll call vote. Although the committee can go ahead with vote today, the committee members would prefer to look into the construction of the committee to see if we are meeting the law's mandates for membership.

**Staff Reports**

ORR Staff

- Raymie Postema – presented report last time and will do so at every other meeting; no updates; things talked about are ongoing.
- Andrew Silver – in addition to the report provided, there are a couple of things being worked on: revising CMH assessment process for next year (documents going out next week); having an ORR director's conference call January 24<sup>th</sup> for CMH directors, (going forward scheduling four times during the year-this worked out well recently, so will continue); having LPH rights staff meeting quarterly,(call in with agenda items and ask questions), undergoing review of Basic Skills and talking about what that means and what we haven't overhauled (with Raymie Postema, Janice Terry, and Cindy Shadeck giving input). The Basic Skills training will be the same format but have different content as to assessments.

**Old Business**

Committee

None

**Additional Business**

Jennifer Gorman

None

**Public Comment**

- Larry. Wants to wish the best to John in his retirement, which wraps up a very valuable career, and states John will be missed.

**Additional Items for Next Meeting**

None

**Adjournment**

Next meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM, same place as in January. Meeting adjourned 2:34 pm (Norman moved to adjourn the meeting and Jennifer Gorman seconded and adjourned).

Anyone interested in serving on the RRAC committee please fill out an application and have returned to Julie Markham at [MarkhamJ@Michigan.gov](mailto:MarkhamJ@Michigan.gov) as soon as possible.

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