MINUTES
RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 11, 2018
Lewis Cass Building

Members Present: Norm Delisle, Shaun Thompson, Jennifer Gorman, Basil Scott, Michael McCue
Phone: Vendella Collins, Margaret Stooksberry, Darlene Logan Members Absent: Michelle Milligan
Others Present: Raymie Postema, John Sanford, Dianne Baker, Chad Witcher, Janice Terry, Cynthia Shadeck

Call to Order: 1:07pm
Approval of Agenda: Michael motion – Basil second
Approval of Minutes: Basil motion – Jennifer second

Director's Report John shares update on personnel; two new student positions have been requested for Field Unit hospital locations under the supervision of Raymie Postema. Budgeting talks is still ongoing to fill additional positions within ORR based upon the funding remaining in the budget. John shares that the approval process is not easy and his continuing his efforts to get additional positions filled in ORR.

Educational and Strategic Planning John and Shaun begins discussion as to their request to have the Committee attend a day long strategic planning session. Shaun states his views to move the agenda forward for the Committee to more effective as Advisors. Meetings with Nick and Nancy have been hard to get, and committee should be more informed of what’s going on and have an opportunity to voice concerns. John speaks to the purpose of ORR and its benefit is to protect legal rights of recipients. Discussion ensues. Norm states that the apparatus has become money and policy driven and makes it harder to get attention to the matters of ORR. John reiterates that the function of ORR is to protect the recipient not the Office. John and Shaun dually speak to the strategy meeting as a focused session on ways to bring issues to the forefront to the Department. Basil states that now is a good time with the media and tv largely speaking on issues with people with disabilities. John says he can’t speak to media without approval of Communications office.

Bylaws: Section 5 Article 3 Membership – Motion to accept new bylaws: Basil motion – Margaret seconds
Wayne has been absent for four years his term has expired; he is no longer a member; no further communications needed with this membership concern

Staff Reports Raymie: provided a Field Unit update.
Public Comment: Diane Baker greats and acknowledges the Committee need to have a voice and states that establishing a retreat will be helpful
Adjournment: 1:55pm Motion to adjourn: Michael, Second Jennifer