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ROBERT GORDON
DIRECTOR

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 12, 2019

1:00 – 3:30 PM

Lewis Cass Building
3rd Floor Large Conference Room

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Jennifer Gorman.

Attendance

Present: Jennifer Gorman, Vice Chair; Vendella Collins; Basil Scott (via phone); Dr. Robert John Lagrou (via phone); Margaret Stooksberry (via phone); Norman G. DeLisle, Jr. (via phone)

Absent: Shaun Thompson*; Elizabeth O'Dell*; Darlene Logan

MDHHS Representatives: John T. Sanford, Director, Office of Recipient Rights; Raymie Postema, Director, Hospital / Community Investigations, Office of Recipient Rights; Kimberly Saterlee-Fink, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of Recipient Rights.

Guests: Margaret Tietze, Recipient Rights Advisor, HealthWest; Lawrence Spataro, Recipient Rights Advisor, HealthWest; Kathy Homan, Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda: V. Collins, N. DeLisle. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 10, 2019: V. Collins; Dr. R. Lagrou. Motion carried.

New Business

- The nominating committee needs to be formed for the Chair and Co-chair positions. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please send an email to Shaun Thompson at thompsonsm@washtenaw.org or Jennifer Gorman at gormaif@stjoeshealth.org. If anyone is interested in serving in either one of these positions, please also contact Shaun or Jennifer. At this time, Shaun will not be reapplying as Chair.
- Committee membership update – At the last meeting it was discussed that Michael McCue is not returning to the RRAC committee and there are currently 3 vacant positions to be filled (1 application is currently pending approval from the MDHHS Directors office). A list of current / vacant positions will be sent to the committee.

Director's Report – J. Stanford presented the Director's Report from the Office of Recipient Rights.

- UPDATE: HB 5625 – The bill passed the House but quickly died in the Senate.
- John has a meeting scheduled for April 10, 2019 to meeting with the new MDHHS Director, Robert Gordon. This meeting has been rescheduled from a previous date. Harbor Oaks will be discussed during this time.

- Reciprocity – John had a meeting with the PIHPs within the state along with Andy Silver regarding reciprocity. CMHs have one contract with the department, the PIHPs have a second contract with the department, two separate contracts. The PIHP contract with the department involves Medicaid money and the CMHs manage said money. One area of concern for the PIHPs is assessments. A second area of concern is consistency across the board in terms of rights training. Andy Silver will have a meeting with the Directors of the right offices to try to manage and address these concerns.

Staff Reports

Andy Silver – Education, Training and Compliance Director

- The Education and Training Unit update spreadsheet was provided by Raymie.

Raymie Postema – Hospital and Community Investigations

- Currently the Caro Center census is down to 88 due to discharge / transfer and continuing to go down.
- The new Caro Center may possibly open in 2021. Currently, there are no on staff Psychiatrists and two Psychiatrists from CFP (Center for Forensic Psychiatry) are rotating on two-week intervals. Dr. Mellos is providing direct services at Caro a few days a week, as well as running treatment and clinical staff. Dr. H. Bandla from Walter Reuther has been moved to Caro to assist as well.
- Raymie and Andrea Rizor, Director of Abuse and Neglect, from MP&AS are having monthly meetings. Andrea replaces Michelle Roberts who is now Director of MP&AS. Raymie met with all of Andrea's staff to answer any questions they may have, and Andrea will be attending the ORR staff meeting to answer any questions that we may have as well.
- Raymie is continuing to work with the Bureau on policies from 752 to create uniformity within all the state hospitals.

Old Business –

- Goals Update –
 - Jennifer sent an email to two representatives including Representative Rebekah Warren, in which she received a response from. Jennifer and Representative Warren met and discussed what RRAC does and how ORR is not being listened to and that impacts our job. Representative Warren provided Jennifer with feedback and information on how to get a seat at the table. Jennifer will send the committee the email which she received from Representative Warren which includes resources.
 - Norm speaks with Michelle Roberts on a regular basis regarding 298 and Home and Community Based Services, Community Rule Implementation.

Additional Business – None

Public Comment – None

Next Meeting – Thursday, May 9, 2019, Lewis Cass Building, 3rd Floor Large Conference Room at 1:00pm.

Adjournment – J. Gorman adjourned at 2:48pm.

***Excused absence**

ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- **Please be mindful of the meeting time and be ready to start at 1:00pm**
- Jennifer to send to the committee the email from Representative Warren with the resources that were provided.
- Continue to brainstorm regarding goal setting and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.
- Anyone interested in serving on the RRAC committee please fill out an application and have returned to Julie Markham at MarkhamJ@Michigan.gov as soon as possible.
- Anyone interested in serving on the Appeals Committee please fill out an application and have returned to Kimberly Saterlee-Fink at SaterleeK@Michigan.gov as soon as possible.