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## RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**

**1:00 – 3:30 PM**

**Lewis Cass Building  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Lansing, MI**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:16pm by Shaun Thompson.

### **Attendance**

**Present:** Shaun Thompson, Chair; Jennifer Gorman, Vice Chair; Margaret Stooksberry (via phone); Vendella Collins (via phone); Elizabeth O'Dell (via phone)

**Absent:** Basil Scott\*\*; Norman G. DeLisle, Jr.; Darlene Logan; Dr. Robert John Lagrou; Michael J. McCue

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

**Guests:** Chad Witcher, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, Office of Recipient Rights

**Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda: M. Stooksberry, J. Gorman.  
Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes –** The minutes were not readily available at the time of the meeting and will be approved at the next meeting in November.

**New Business –** There was no new business to be heard.

**Nomination Committee Report –** E. O'Dell reported that S. Thompson and J. Gorman were nominated to hold the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. S. Thompson agreed to uphold as Chair and J. Gorman agreed to hold the position of Vice Chair.

**Motion to approve the nominations: E. O'Dell, M. Stooksberry. Motion carried.**

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

- Theresa Randleman has been promoted to Rights Grant Analyst.
- Interviews for a new Executive Secretary will take place shortly to replace Theresa.
- The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Recipient Rights Conference was held at Crystal Mountain Resort September 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It was recorded that **299** individuals were in attendance. The Office of Recipient Rights has formed a partnership with the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHAM) and they will be handling the conference going forward.
- An investigation of Harbor Oaks Hospital was performed early in the week by the Office of Recipient Rights Investigation Unit.
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has gone through some significant administrative changes since July which include:

- Lynda Zeller, Deputy Director for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration, resigned from her position and went to the private sector;
- Tom Renwick, Director for Bureau of Community Based Services, resigned to further his career as an attorney;
- Cindy Kelly, Director for Bureau of Hospitals and Administrative Operations, has taken another position working closely with Nancy Vreibel, Chief Deputy Director for MDHHS;
- Dr. George Mellos is currently interim Deputy Director for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration, replacing Lynda Zeller. Dr. Mellos is the past Director of the Hawthorn Center in Northville.

### **Staff Reports**

- R. Postema stated that she will have the Director's report completed and sent to the committee soon.
- R. Postema (for Andy Silver) reported that the highest assessment scores are:
  - 175 with appeals
  - 194 without appeals
- S. Thompson asked the committee if there were any concerns regarding the assessment processes provided by Roann from Kalamazoo Community Mental Health (CMH) at the meeting in July. It was asked that everyone review the information provided by Roann so that it may be discussed at the November meeting.

**Vacancies** – Currently there are 2 open positions for the RRAC committee, as well as open vacancies for the Appeals committee. If anyone is interested in serving on either of the committees, they must fill out an application per committee. Kim Saterlee-Fink has these forms. Currently there are a few individuals interested.

**Old Business** – There was no old business to be discussed.

**Additional Business** – The tentative schedule for the 2019 RRAC Meeting dates was provided to the committee.

**Motion to approve the 2019 schedule: J. Gorman, M. Stooksberry. Motion carried.**

### **Public Comment** –

- Chad Witcher from DWMHA asked that the members of the committee read and consider Roann's information that was provided at the last meeting.
- A good discussion was had at the RR conference during the Director's meeting.
- Thank you for selecting Wayne Hogan for the Cookie Gant award at the RR conference. He presented said award to Wayne's family on behalf of ORR.

**Next Meeting** – Thursday, November 8, 2018, Lewis Cass Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room at 1:00pm.

**Adjournment** – S. Thompson adjourned at 2:23pm.

**\*\*designates excused/expected absence**

## **ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Please be mindful of the meeting time and be ready to start at 1:00pm
- Review the information provided by Roann from Kalamazoo CMH prior to the November meeting and be prepared to discuss.
- Raymie will get the Director's report completed and sent to the committee members.
- Anyone interested in serving on the RRAC or Appeals committees please fill out applications and have returned to Kim Saterlee-Fink at [SaterleeK@Michigan.gov](mailto:SaterleeK@Michigan.gov) as soon as possible.
- Focus on rebuilding RRAC
- All previous meeting minutes not officially approved by the committee need reviewed for approval at the next meeting.