MINUTES
RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 9, 2017
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Cass Building
3rd Floor Conference Room
Lansing, MI

Members Present: Norm Delisle, Darlen Logan, Shaun Thompson, Jennifer Gorman, Basil Scott, Liz O’Dell, Margaret Stooksberry
PHONE: Vendella Collins

Members Absent: Michelle Milligan, Wayne Logan, Michael McCue

Others Present: Raymie Postema, Andy Silver, John Sanford

Call to Order: 1:10pm

Approval of Agenda: Liz motion – Basil second
Approval of Minutes: Basil motion – Margaret second
Request to change of September meeting date: Basil Motion – Jennifer Second; new date September 20.

Director’s Report  John: ORR Guidance 17-01 new policy was emailed to CMHs addressing official position of ORR.
An official mailbox was created to address questions or concerns. This was developed to add a way of better communicating with the community. John has been invited to partake in the 298 Pilot program; currently they have had only one meeting. Based on his interpretation of the initial meeting, nothing will change with CMH; they will only be involved in coordination. Discussion ensues.

Staff Reports  Raymie: Meeting with ORR and Raymie concerning Kalamazoo restraints, types of restraints and usage. Staff has concerns of bringing issues to table due to harassment; staff to staff retaliation. This issue has been addressed with Department Directors. Issues are at three locations not just Kalamazoo. (Conversations have taken place with legal also.) We are not asking them to proceed with court order treatment but stay within the policy. John stated the system does not want to follow the law; rights is being used as an escape goat. Department and clinicians should be held to the law. This Admin is there to protect recipient; we are not the enemy. What ORR is doing is legally correct and has not been challenged of its legal process in all attacks.
Restrain and Seclusion training session is completed by Sue and Raymie and ready to move forward.
Dr. Mello work at Hawthorne is great and deserves kudos. Andy: Assessment process is being reevaluated from the bottom up. October 1 changes were made to the curriculum. Appeals technical requirements updated. Handbook for appeals committee members is being worked on currently by Beverly Sobolewski.

ByLaws are reviewed by Committee.

Adjournment: 2:45pm