



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

ELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED MINUTES

March 11, 2021

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

via Microsoft Team meeting due to Pandemic

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Gorman (Chair); Norman DeLisle (Vice-Chair); Dianne Baker; Liz Healy; Dr. Robert Lagrou; Price Pullins; Margaret Stooksberry; Shaun Thompson; Tish Watson.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vendela Collins (excused); Liz O'Dell (excused)

GUESTS

ORR Staff: Carla Coleman, Karen Currington, Walter Hebert, Jr., Kim Saterlee-Fink, Michelle Wills, Raymie Postema, Julie Markham (recorder); CMH Staff: Ashlee Bailey; Public: Sean Bennett, Gina Fournier.

OPENING REMARKS

Jennifer Gorman

- ❖ Call to Order
 - ✓ The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM.
- ❖ Approval of Agenda
 - ✓ Approval of Agenda was motioned by Dianne Baker and seconded by Dr. Lagrou.
 - ✓ A roll-call vote of present members approved the agenda as written.
- ❖ Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - ✓ January 2021 meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Margaret Stooksberry and seconded by Dianne Baker.
 - ✓ A roll-call vote of present members approved the meeting minutes, as written, with exception of Liz Healy, who abstained voting due to not being present at the prior meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Mr. Allen Jansen, Senior Deputy Director of BHDDA 1:30-2:00
 - ✓ Oversees intensive services for adults and children throughout the state. States relationship with ORR is essential and encourages ORR to pay attention to details out there and what needs to be changed in policy.
 - ✓ Transformation is not going to be worked on until the COVID-19 crisis is over.
 - ✓ Behavioral Health Centers have 20 sites that receive grants directly from the federal government. Fourteen demonstration sites will be created by the State of Michigan.

- ❖ Dr. George Mellos, M.D., Senior Executive Psych Director of SHA 2:00-2:30
 - ✓ Senior Deputy Director for State Hospital Administration (SHA). Behavioral Health and DD Administrations were combined to create the new SHA administration. Dr. Mellos is Mr. Jansen's counterpart in Behavioral Health.
 - ✓ Behavioral Transformation. State hospitals have been carved out of administration for behavioral health as patient transition to behavioral health is managed by other entities. Fully managed by Community Mental Health, who authorizes admission, utilizes review for continued stay and discharge and placement.
 - ✓ The Caro Compromise. New 100 bed facility to be built at Caro with old Caro buildings torn down.
 - ✓ Transition program from MDHHS to community. Completed statements of work, standard operating procedures, contracts with Beacon Hope and Turning Leaf. MDHHS has placed 15 individuals so far with capacity to increase to 50 to 100 individuals.

ORR Updates and Reports

Raymie Postema

❖ **Director**

- ✓ MDHHS Director Robert Gordon has left; Elizabeth Hertel was appointed as the new director. David Kneczk has taken Elizabeth Hertel's position as Chief Deputy Director of Administration. Raymie still reporting to Elizabeth Hertel.
- ✓ LARA Memo of Understanding (MOU) regarding assessments of LPH. Still on track according to Larry Horvath, has been discussed with Elizabeth Hertel. Raymie is to meet with CMHA and directors to discuss the MOU.
- ✓ Implementation of PA 318 of 2020. New section of MHC revised in Chapter 7, specifically section 720 which created section 721. Section 721 Indicates legislature will be notified of investigations being completed for any cause of death of suicide or cause unknown, including reporting of deaths 48 hours after discharge.
- ✓ Mediation grant has been awarded. Contract to be signed. Needs work on infrastructure to get program up and running. Goal is to be operationalized by September 2021.

❖ **Education, Training and Compliance Unit**

Raymie Postema

- ✓ ETU report provided regarding training activities.
- ✓ Finalizing annual report. Goal is to give to Communications by next week. Report is due to the federal government by end of March.
- ✓ Training modules for CMH, LPH and physicians improving MI practices are available now.

❖ **Investigation Unit**

Raymie Postema

- ✓ Director's Report went to Director Hertel. These reports are done quarterly. Another report is due April 1st and will be available for May's meeting.
- ✓ ORR hired a new rights advisor at KPH (Kelli Jones). Current grievance person at KPH, internal employee. Starts 3/22/21. Sue to train.

❖ **Old Business**

Jennifer Gorman

- Pursue additional invitations to MDHHS leadership.
 - ✓ Emily Schwarzkopf's, Director of Legislative Affairs, invitation to future RRAC meeting.

- ✓ Subcommittee's work will be reviewed one more time before sending to Emily and inviting Emily to a RRAC meeting. A subcommittee meeting will be set up in the next couple of weeks. Talk will be about specific recommendations and what should replace the current code. Raymie to send proposed code amendments that were looked at from 2008 to committee members.
- ✓ HB 4057 Seclusion & Restraint is currently being looked at. Raymie meets with Dr. Pinals and Mary Brennan from LARA tomorrow regarding bill. Bill is well on its way to meet compliance with CMS.
- ✓ SB 191. Alternative authorizers. Discussion ensued.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Committee

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Gina Fournier

- ✓ Read statement regarding experience with recipient rights. Request reopening of previous recipient rights complaint. Will send copy of her statement to Raymie.

2. Sean Bennett

- ✓ Sent statement to Jennifer.
- ✓ Interested in MHC revisions, specifically for electric shock therapy. States there never should be a situation where electric shock is forced on a recipient.
- ✓ Issue of psychotropic medications. States quality of current drugs is poor.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- ✓ Subcommittee report
- ✓ New Director's Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting to be adjourned was motioned by Liz Healy; Jennifer ended the meeting at 2:45 PM.