



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LANSING

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ELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2023

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

In Person: Dr. Robert Lagrou (Vice-Chair), Dianne Baker, Tammy Banker, Melissa Callison, Patricia Root and David Emmett-Hulet.

Virtual: Vendella Collins, Margaret Stooksberry

Absent: Liz O'Dell and Shaun Thompson

ORR Staff: Raymie Postema, Andrew Silver and Karen Currington

Guests: MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel, Jennifer Gorman, and Paul White

OPENING REMARKS

- ❖ Call to Order – 1:07 PM
- ❖ Approval of Agenda: motion for approval Melissa Callison, 2nd-Patricia Root
- ❖ Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 2023; motion for approval Tammy Banker, 2nd Patricia Root.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Review of 2022 Office of Recipient Rights Annual Report. An overview of the changes for the 2023 Recipient Rights Annual Report were discussed. Once the report is distributed to the legislature, the 2023 Recipient Rights Annual Report will be posted on the MDHHS Office of Recipient Rights website.
- ❖ Director Elizabeth Hertel joined the meeting and discussed the following: access to Behavioral Health services, expanding of Intensive Crisis Transition Services, transitioning back children's programs to PTRF, (Psychiatric Treatment Model), with CMS, Behavioral Health services for foster care children, 2024 additional staff funding for Recipient Rights, Occupational Services in the State's psychiatric hospitals.
- ❖ RRAC vacancies-Chardae Burton has been given an application for RRAC membership. Raymie to follow up with Chardae about status of her application. Seeking an individual that has a child in services. Raymie will reach out to Director Hertel for a referral for the second vacancy.
- ❖ Policy Reviews-the committee agreed to take current meeting to review policies from last meeting and to discuss current policies at following meeting. Introduction to policies include: APF 140-Video Surveillance Monitoring is specific to Part 9 of MHC 330.1724. APF 141-Fingerprinting, Photographing, Audio Recording or Viewing through One-Way Glass and is specific to 1-8 of section MHC 330.1724 . APF 151-Qualifications and Training for Office of Recipient Rights Staff. These are being updated due to language changes.
- ❖ Guest suggestions: Someone from the Legislature/or Subcommittee familiar with Mental Health possibly Representative Brabec or Amy Epkey, Deputy Director of Financial Operations,.

- ❖ Update on Senate Bill 0028, Restraint and Seclusion: Working on rewrites and a legislative analysis. Raymie has proposed to Director Hertel, and Senior Chief Deputy Director, David Knezek that changes need to be made to the Mental Health Code in reference to Consent (Chapter 1) which would allow parent/guardian to give verbal consent.
- ❖ Video Surveillance-can be used in the hospitals currently. Raymie is having AG look at the video Surveillance uses in the following settings: CCIs, PTRFs, and Crisis Stabilization Units.

ORR Updates and Reports

- ❖ Moving patients to the new Caro Center June 6 & June 7, 2023.
- ❖ Hawthorn Center to be demolished and a new facility will be constructed on site. The new facility will be one licensed facility that consists of two separate treatment facilities one for Adult and one for Children. New facility will be completed in 2026. DTMB mandated that all staff/children must be vacated by July 1, 2023. All will be transferred to Walter Reuther.
- ❖ Education, Training and Compliance Unit.
 - Many trainings this quarter, which includes Basic Skills Training Parts I & II, Directors Training, CMH and LPH Quarterly meetings.
 - CMH assessments include CMH for Central Michigan-results Full Compliance. 4 LPH assessments have been completed to date.
 - This quarter 3 notifications of hospital deaths: One of natural causes.
 - Online trainings include Annual Recipient Rights Training, CMH Directors Training, Appeals/Advisory Training, Central Office New Hire Training, and Workplace Essentials-Improving Michigan Practices modules for CMH, Hospital and Physicians.
 - The 30th Annual Recipient Rights Conference updates include Elizabeth Hertel's participation in the conference.
- ❖ Investigation Unit
 - Revision of report discussed. Suggested changes-one report, for allegations that were substantiated, remedial action will be listed as well.
- ❖ Hospital/Community/Investigation Unit Director is occupied by Karen Currington as Interim Director. The permanent vacancy has been posted and will be visible on April 17, 2023. Karen's old position (Rights Specialist) will be posted as soon as Jim's position is filled. Karen is presently working both positions.

Old Business

AFT 104, 105, and 106-brief discussion on mitigating risks ensued.

Additional Business

None

Public Comment

Raymie reached out to Marianne Huff and Michelle Roberts in reference to Out of State inpatient placements. Further discussion is to take place in reviewing the policies of bordering states Michigan residents are being placed for treatment. Conversation on this topic is to be continued.

Additional Items for Next Meetings

July 13, 2023, meeting is to be held in Lansing at Sparrow Hospital

October 12, 2023, the committee is interested in meeting at the new Caro Hospital

Adjournment – 2:47 p.m. motion to adjourn Melissa Callison, 2nd Tammy Banker