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Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Hybrid – Virtual and In Person at MDHHS South Grand Building

Present:	Dr. Robert Lagrou, Tina Bertram, Melissa Callison, Angie O’Dowd, David Emmett-Hulet (virtual), Lynn TenBrock (virtual)
Absent:	Tammy Banker, Yasmina Bouraoui
ORR Staff:	Karen Currington, Raymie Postema, Edward Wilson, Christina Guerrero Beltz, Robin Vican (virtual), Jennifer Gorman (virtual), Janice Terry (virtual)
Guests:	Dr. George Mellos

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Chair Dr. Robert Lagrou.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was moved to be accepted by Melissa Callison and supported by Angie O’Dowd.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting were reviewed and moved to approve as written by Angie O’Dowd and supported by Lynn TenBrock.
Motion carried.

SHA Presentation

Dr. Mellos presented the SHA Presentation with ORR Investigation updates and state facilities updates.

ORR Updates and Reports

Director – Raymie Postema

- OAG audit still has not concluded. So far there have been four findings, and a few more are anticipated.

- Save the Date. The 32nd Annual Recipient Rights Conference is from September 16, 2025 through September 19, 2025. The Pre-Conference Institute is on September 16, 2025. The Main Conference is on September 16, 2025. Contact Raymie to let her know if you plan on attending and need a hotel room.
- Raymie will look into the possibility of holding the September RRAC Meeting during the Conference.
- Director Hertel will be attending the December 2025 RRAC Meeting.
- The ORR will be hiring a new Administrative Support staff. The position was posted today, June 18, 2025.
- Discussion about MDHHS' future requests for proposals for PIHPs.
- SB 142 which calls for membership changes in the recipient rights advisor committee is moving forward.

Education, Training and Compliance Unit – Edward Wilson

- Written report submitted to the committee was reviewed.
- Enhancements and improvements have been made to Basic Skills training I and II for new rights staff and will be provided on a bi-monthly basis.
- Building Blocks training will be provided on a quarterly basis.
- Chapter 4 training will be offered to LPHs and CMHs.
- Received information on four hospital deaths: two death investigations are open for review and two are closed because they were reported as deaths due to natural causes. If a death is listed as unknown or a suicide, ORR opens an investigation.
- 15 requests for CEU credits were made this quarter and all 15 were approved.

Investigation Unit – Karen Currington

- A new Rights Advisor, Mignon Strong, has been hired for the C&A position at WRPB.
- The new written report regarding complaint investigation activities and remediations submitted during the meeting were reviewed.
- RRAC members reviewed the new report and approved the changes made.

Unfinished Business

Strategic Goals for the Committee

- The committee's current review of legislative efforts was discussed and continues to be the ongoing focus.

Membership

- The committee now has three vacancies. Members discussed individuals to contact to see if there is an interest in joining the RRAC.

Cookie Gant Awardee Selection

- Members reviewed Cookie Gant Award nominations and discussed nominees and their qualifications. Members voted and two nominees will be provided awards at the recipient rights conference in September.

New Business

RRAC Bylaws

- Bylaws will be revisited during next RRAC meeting. There was discussion about making a change to the section defining the length of term for members, i.e. members not having term limits.

Training on Recipient Rights Policies

- Raymie reviewed and summarized the following policies: APF 104: *Least Restrictive Setting*, APF 105: *Careflow*, and APF 106: *Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity Committee & Processes*.

Committee Announcements

The committee discussed the possibility of scheduling the next meeting during the annual Recipient Rights Conference instead of on September 10, 2025.

Public Comment

None.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Review of the following policies:

- APF 140: *Video Surveillance Monitoring*
- APF 141: *Fingerprinting, Photographing, Audio Recording, or Viewing Through One-Way Glass*
- APR 151: *Qualifications and Training for Office of Recipient Rights Staff*

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 P.M.