



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
LANSING

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GOVERNOR

ELIZABETH HERTEL  
DIRECTOR

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2023

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

In Person: Elizabeth O'Dell (Chair), Tammy Banker, Melissa Callison, Vendella Collins, David Emmett-Hulet, and Shaun Thompson.

Virtual: None

Absent: Dr. Robert Lagrou (Vice-Chair), Dianne Baker, Patricia Root (resigned), Margaret Stooksberry

ORR Staff: Raymie Postema, Karen Currington and Sara Claybaugh

Guests: Christina Guerro-Beltz

**OPENING REMARKS**

- ❖ Call to Order – 1:05 PM
- ❖ Approval of Agenda: motion for approval with two additions Shaun Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Melissa Callison
- ❖ Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 2023; motion for approval Elizabeth O'Dell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy Banker.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ Review of 2024 Office of Recipient Rights Budget. Two new positions were initially requested to be added to the Department, then an additional two Rights Advisor positions. Three FTEs were approved in the FY2024 budget. The open Executive Secretary 10 position will be eliminated and filled as a Departmental Specialist 13 position.
- ❖ Patricia Root formally resigned her membership from the committee. Vendella Collins announced that she is retiring from her position as Director of the DD Counsel effective July 21<sup>st</sup>. Vendella has agreed to continue membership on the committee until a replacement is appointed. That leaves the membership at eight of twelve positions required. There is also one vacancy on the Appeals Committee with Patricia Roots resignation.
- ❖ 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 with recommendation pending from Director Hertel.
- ❖ Raymie to reach out to Legislator Brabec with invitation to attend October meeting. Along with David Knezek and Lindsay McLaughlin as possible future guests.
- ❖ Possible 2024 visit to new Caro Center by the committee to be explored.

## **ORR Updates and Reports**

- ❖ 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 have been going well, LPH assessments have been underperforming, discussion ensued.
  - This quarter there were three notifications of hospital deaths: two are currently under review.
- ❖ The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Recipient Rights Conference is Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> at Crystal Mountain Resort. All presenters for sessions have been selected. The Steering Committee is meeting July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Cookie Gant Award request for nominations has been sent; however, at this time we have had no nominations submitted. Discussion on how to readdress members of the community.
- ❖ Investigation Unit
  - Review of reports discussed by Karen Currington, new Director of Hospital and Community Investigations.
  - Enid Reed was selected to fill the vacant Rights Specialist position. Her vacancy at WRPH has been posted and interview are being schedule.
  - Caro Hospital move has been delayed due to physical plant issues.
  - WRPH & Hawthorn Center move has been progressing, school set to open soon.
- ❖ Raymie gave update on:
  - The status of Crisis Stabilization Units; discussion ensued.
  - ICTS (Intensive Crisis Transition Services) is replacing MTPS; discussion of program expansion ensued.
  - Legislative Review & Recommendations were provided; discission ensued.

## **Old Business**

AFT 140, 141, and 151-brief discussion; no questions asked.

## **Additional Business**

Virtual meeting in August to discuss and select Cookie Gant Award winner.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Additional Items for Next Meetings**

Adjournment – 2:46 p.m. motion to adjourn Melissa Callison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shaun Thompson

