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DIRECTOR

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2025

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Location: 2025 Recipient Rights Conference
Located in the Kalamazoo Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites

Present:	Dr. Robert Lagrou (virtual with medical exception), Angie O'Dowd, David Emmett-Hulet, Lynn TenBrock, Judge Chandra Baker-Robinson (virtual)
Absent:	Tammy Banker, Tina Bertram, Yasmina Bouraoui
ORR Staff:	Karen Currington, Raymie Postema, Edward Wilson, Christina Guerrero Beltz
Guests:	2025 Recipient Rights Conference Attendees

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM by Co-Chair David Emmett-Hulet.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was moved to be accepted by Angie O'Dowd and David Emmett-Hulet.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed and moved to approve as written by Angie O'Dowd and supported by Lynn TenBrock.
Motion carried.

ORR Updates and Reports

Director – Raymie Postema

- OAG audit has been concluded. ORR is awaiting the report.
- ORR has hired a new Executive Administrative Support staff, Crystal Barnes. Crystal will support the ORR director and the Investigation Unit.
- Reminder that Director Hertel will be attending the December 2025 RRAC Meeting.
- API 133-Appeals has been revised. It is now awaiting review and approval.

- All of the recipient rights APFs are being moved to a new policy manual and will be labeled as APIs. ORR will be reviewing and updating these policies with a goal of completion by the end of October 2025.
- The new Northville hospital expected completion date is October 1, 2026. The hospital's name is the Southeast Michigan Psychiatric Hospital and would have 264 beds. The hospital will serve both pediatric and adult patients.
- There was discussion that SB 142 had passed the House with the only change to RRAC Membership was that no member could be an employee of the MDHHS.

Education, Training and Compliance Unit – Edward Wilson

- The training 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.
- Received information on three hospital deaths. The investigations for all three are still pending.

Investigation Unit – Karen Currington

- The report on complaints and remediation submitted to the committee was reviewed.

Unfinished Business

Strategic Goals for the Committee

- The committee's current review of legislative efforts was discussed.

Membership

- The committee welcomed and introduced its newest member, Judge Chandra Baker-Robinson.
- Two new applications for membership, Carla Pretto and Fareeha Nadeem, are still pending and awaiting vetting approval from Director Hertel.

New Business

RRAC Bylaws

- Bylaws will be reviewed and then 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

- The ORR Director reviewed and summarized the following policies: APF 140: *Video Surveillance Monitoring*, APF 141: *Fingerprinting, Photographing, Audio Recording, or Viewing Through One-Way Glass*, and APR 151: *Qualifications and Training for Office of Recipient Rights Staff*

Committee Announcements

The committee discussed the possibility of scheduling the next meeting during the annual Recipient Rights Conference instead of on September, 2026.

Public Comment

None.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Review of the following policies:

- API 142 Disclosure of Confidential or Privileged Information
- API 181 Informed Consent
- API 165 Recipient Labor

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:23 P.M.