

## Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Members: Amit Agrawal, Sylvia Clark, Harriet Cooper, Dr. Bijaya Hans, Phillip Hussey, Liz Janovits, Donna Lowe, Elizabeth Martin, Hunter Parker, Miguel Quintero, Nancy Ristich, Betty Ruoss, Lois Shulman, Judith Summers, Tali Wendrow

<b>Date:</b>	June 1, 2023	<b>Start Time:</b>	4:00 pm	<b>Stop Time:</b>	5:10 pm	<b>Location:</b>	Superior & Via Conference call
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**Absent:** Amit Agrawal, Harriet Cooper, Liz Janovits, Miguel Quintero, Judi Summers

**CMH Staff:** Vicki Suder, D'Angela O'Dowd

<b>Facilitator:</b>	Lois Shulman (Temporary)	<b>Scribe:</b>	Andrea Fisher
<b>1. Member Attendance</b>	Both the Chair and Vice Chair were absent at the meeting. Vote was taken for this acting chair of this meeting. Voice vote taken & approved for Lois Shulman to be the acting chair of the meeting.  Roll call for the RRAC meeting attendance.		
<b>2. Public Comment</b>	No Public comments made		
<b>3. Approval of Agenda</b>	Sylvia C. motioned to approve the agenda and Hunter P. seconded. Agenda was approved by voice vote.		
<b>4. Approval of Minutes</b>	Elizabeth M. motioned to approve the May 4, 2023, minutes, and Phillip H. supported. May minutes were approved by voice vote.		
<b>5. RRAC Goal #2: Members get to know each other &amp; be understood – Michele McCormick</b>	<p>Michele McCormick shared about her role in Rights and about herself.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michele has been a Rights Specialist for 24 years, 12 of which she has lived in Georgia and works remote for the Rights office.</li> <li>• Michele covers all investigations outside of Oakland County and she oversees any investigations concerning Common Ground and Oakland Family Services children's program at the RCC. She also helps other Rights Specialists with their workloads.</li> <li>• She is married and has two grown sons living in other states.</li> </ul>		
<b>6. Getting to know Your Rights Handbook –</b>	<p>Member received a copy of the OCHN Rights Booklet and Angie reviewed items in the booklet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angie explained that anyone involved in the mental health system receives a Rights</li> </ul>		

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<p><b>Angie O’Dowd</b></p>	<p>Handbook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She pointed out highlights and gave examples in the handbook regarding the Mental Health Code of Michigan.</li> </ul> <p>Members questions/comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What happens to a person who has physical issues; does rights cover medical services from physician outside the public mental health system?</li> <li>2. Page 5 of the booklet Civil Rights says it is Mental Health Code Section 740, is that the correct reference? Vicki will let Communication know to make a correction to Civil Rights section. It should be 704 instead of 740.</li> <li>3. What does redact mean?</li> <li>4. Do people get more of their Social Security when Social Security goes up or are they still getting \$44 per month?</li> <li>5. Minors 14-18 who ask for services without parents’ permission, could you clarify that the insurance is not billed?</li> </ol>
<p><b>7. Manager of Rights Update - Angie O’Dowd</b></p>	<p>3 candidates were chosen for the open Rights Specialist positions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Shepherd will be starting on June 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Amanda Clasman will be starting on June 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Third person hired start date is TBD</li> </ul> <p>Basic Training for all three will be held in July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evan George has started as a Contract Rights Specialist for OCHN</li> <li>• A second Contract Rights Specialist will be coming to OCHN in the next few weeks</li> </ul> <p>The rest of the Rights Specialists are doing a wonderful job handling the cases that are coming in.</p>
<p><b>8. Director of Rights &amp; Advocacy Update – Vicki Suder</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your Voice, Your Value conference will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> at OCHN.</li> <li>• OCHN Achievement Awards and Peer Awards will be given out at this conference. Vicki provided members with hard copies of the nomination forms as well as via email.</li> <li>• The Dan Moran Award is part of the Achievement Awards and is a Recipient Rights award.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Nominations will be reviewed by the RRAC, who will determine the winner. Vicki encouraged members to nominate persons for the awards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Rights Conference will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Crystal Mountain. OCHN will sponsor a few committee members to attend this conference.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Site Visit Report – Vicki Suder</b>	Vicki reviewed the Site Visit Report. As of the end of April 2023, 47% of sites have been completed. 222 out of 476 total number of sites that require a site visit have been completed.
<b>10. Agenda items for the next meeting (8-3-23)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dan Moran Award Nomination review</li> <li>➤ Closed session: RRAC applicant interviews</li> <li>➤ Site Visit Review</li> <li>➤ Goal #2: Members get to know each other and be understood – Sarah Rupkus</li> <li>➤ Review OCHN ORR Semi Annual Report</li> <li>➤ Manager of Rights Update</li> <li>➤ Director of R &amp; A Update</li> </ul>
<b>11. Public Comment</b>	None
<b>12. Member Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunter Parker announced he is resigning from the RRAC. The June meeting is his last meeting.</li> <li>• Vicki shared Harriet Cooper has resigned from the RRAC as of June 1, 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>13. Meeting Adjournment</b>	Phillip H. (Jo Jo) motioned to adjourn, and Sylvia C. supported. Verbal vote taken to adjourn.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 4:00 pm OCHN Facilitator – Nancy Ristich, Chair**

*Andrea Fisher*

Scribe Signature

6/20/2023

Date