

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Members: Sylvia Clark, Phillip (Jo Jo) Hussey, Liz Janovits, Donna Lowe, Elizabeth Martin, Miguel Quintero, Nancy Ristich, Betty Ruoss, Lois Shulman, Judith Summers, Tali Flam Wendrow, Dr. Bijaya Hans

Date:	August 3, 2023	Start Time:	4:05 pm	Stop Time:	5:35 pm	Location:	Michigan
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Absent: Miguel Quintero, Sylvia Clark, Betty Ruoss, Nancy Ristich, Tali Wendrow

CMH Staff: Vicki Suder, Angie O’Dowd

Guest:

Facilitator:	Liz Janovits	Scribe:	Tiffany Craig
1. Member Attendance	Roll call for the RRAC meeting was completed.		
2. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public comments: None 		
3. Approval of Agenda	Lois S. motioned to approve the agenda; Donna L. seconded. Agenda was passed by voice vote.		
4. Approval of Minutes	Donna L. motioned to approve the July minutes and Dr. Han supported. Minutes were passed by voice vote.		
5. Goal 2: Members get to know each other and be understood- Sarah Rupkus	Deferred until next meeting		
6. Review OCHN ORR Semi Annual Report – Angie O’Dowd & Vicki Suder	<p>Vicki reviewed the FY23 Semi Annual Rights Report with the RRAC. This report was submitted on time to MDHHS-ORR, the deadline was July 30, 2023.</p> <p>The full report was provided to members prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Members Questions & Comments:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is all of this information based on the fiscal year? 		

<p>7. Review Dan Moran Award Nominations – Liz Janovits</p>	<p>RRAC members were provided with the three nominees information. Nominees were discussed at the meeting. Vicki gave some brief background information on each nominee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amit A. made a motioned to approve Kristin Koppen as the Dan Moran award winner and Phillip (JoJo) Hussey seconded. • A Roll Call Vote was taken: 8 yes, 0 no. Approved. <p><u>Members Questions and Comments:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is not enough information on the nominees to make a voting decision. 2. Who designs the request for the nominations? Maybe they can redesign it. 3. It's hard to vote for someone you don't know. 4. Will it be helpful to interview the nominees? 5. It will be helpful to get a reminder of the criteria for the Dan Moran award. 6. Have the nominees check a box if they receive services or have ever received services. 7. Its challenging to make a voting decision when you do not know the individuals. 8. Can the nominees give maybe 3 things that is significant about themselves? 9. We should really encourage the people who are nominated to resubmit next year. 10. Have the nomination form include some leading questions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List things the nominee has done to promote rights for individuals. • List things the nominee has done to promote self advocacy. • List things the nominee has done to raise awareness. <p>Vicki will share the items in #10 with Communications Team.</p> <p>Awards will be given out on August 17, 2023 at the Your Voice Your .</p>
<p>8. Rights Update – Angie O’Dowd & Vicki Suder</p>	<p><u>Angie mentioned the following</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 3 new rights specialists have completed their basic skills training • The ORR department will be hiring for Darlita Paulding’s position. • There was a request made for additional staff due to the increase in the workload, the request was granted. One new position has been added to the rights team. <p><u>Vicki mentioned the following</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rights conference will be held September 19-22, 2023, in Crystal Mountain. Vicki asked if

	<p>anyone from the RRAC was interested in attending. No members will be attending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards will be given out at the Your Voice Your Value conference on August 17, 2023, Vicki encourages everyone to attend. • Everyone received a flier to the Walk a Mile in My Shoes rally in Lansing, Vicki encourages everyone to attend if you can.
9. Site Visit Report – Vicki Suder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicki reviewed the Site Visit report. 62% of service sites requiring a visit have been completed. • As of 7/6/23, 294 out of 472 total number of sites that require a site visit have been completed.
10. Agenda Items for the next meeting [Sept 7, 2023]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Site Visit Report</i> ➤ <i>Goal 2: Members get to know each other and be understood – Sarah Rukus</i> ➤ <i>Manager of Rights Update</i> ➤ <i>Director or R&A Update</i> ➤ <i>Rights sessions experience from the conference [Oct]</i> ➤ <i>FY24 Rights Team budget review</i>
11. Closed Session to Interview Candidates	<p>Phillip (JoJo) Hussey motioned to adjourned to closed meeting for interviews, Judi Summers seconded.</p> <p>Roll call was taken to adjourn to closed meeting: 8 yes, 0 no. Approved.</p>
12. Return to Open Session – Vote on recommendation of candidates- Liz Janovitz	<p>Amit A. motioned to return to open session to vote on recommendations of candidates, Donna L. seconded. Roll call was taken to return to open session: 8 yes, 0 no. Approved.</p> <p>Lois S. motioned to consider both candidates, Ursula Bolton and James Diegel, for recommendations, Elizabeth M. seconded.</p> <p>A voice vote was taken for each candidate interview to determine if they were an acceptable candidate to be considered for recommendations.</p> <p>Ursula Bolton: 8 yes, 0 no. Approved.</p> <p>James Diegel: 8 yes, 0 no. Approved.</p> <p>Amit A. motioned to consider both candidates be recommended to the board, Phillip (JoJo) seconded. A voice vote was taken.</p> <p>Ursula Bolton: 8 yes, 0 no. Approved.</p> <p>James Diegel: 8 yes, 0 no. Approved.</p>

	Vicki will take the recommendations to the August OCHN Board meeting.
13. Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comments
14. Member Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No member comments
15. Meeting Adjournment	Phillip (JoJo) motioned to adjourn, and Elizabeth M. seconded. Approved to adjourn by voice vote.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 4:00 pm OCHN Facilitator – Liz Janovits, Chair

Tiffany Craig

9/7/2023