

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Members: Amie Kupovits, Amit Agrawal, Diane Sansalone, Elizabeth Martin, Hunter Parker, James Diegel, Judi Summers, Melanie Coffey, Miguel Quintero, Renee Judkins, Renee Neddo, Sarah Guadalupe, Ph.D, Sylvia Clark, Ursula Bolton

Date:	Sept. 4, 2025	Start Time:	4:00 pm	Stop Time:	5:30 pm	Location:	Troy Michigan
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Absent: Amie Kupovits, Elizabeth Martin, James Diegel, Sylvia Clark

OCHN Staff Present: Vicki Suder, Michelle Nabozny

Facilitator:	Vicki Suder	Scribe:	Michelle Nabozny
1. Member Attendance	Roll call for the RRAC meeting was completed.		
2. Public Comment	Public comments: None		
3. Approval of Agenda	Amit motioned to approve the agenda; Hunter seconded. Agenda was passed by voice vote.		
4. Approval of Minutes -Aug 7 th	Hunter motioned to approve the minutes; Ursula seconded. Minutes was passed by voice vote.		
5. Goal 4: Continue to get to know OCHN/Rights. Leadership & Committee members – Greg Szopo	Greg Szopo could not attend today due to illness. He will be rescheduled for next month		
6. Rights Budget Review – Eddie Brown	<p>Eddie shared the Office of Recipient Rights planned budget for FY26. This is an annual review by the RRAC as required by the Mental Health Code.</p> <p><u>Members' Questions and Comments:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was the Director of Rights involved in developing the budget? 2. Eddie, what are your core values and role at OCHN? 3. What are the changes in the near future? 		

<p>6A CEO – Update Added to Agenda during meeting</p>	<p>Dana Lasenby, attended the RRAC meeting and agreed to provide an update regarding OCHN’s PIHP FY26 contract, the MDDHS PIHP Request for Proposal [RFP] and direct contracting of the CCBHC’s with MDHHS rather than a pass through OCHN.</p> <p>OCHN PIHP Contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCHN’s PIHP contract has some changes for FY26. • There could be cuts at the state level (not OCHN) of direct care workers (DCW). They voted to have an increase and now it is on the chopping block for FY26. • Federal Medicaid cuts are an issue. <p>PIHP RFP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDHHS has issued an RFP to bid out the current PIHP system. Currently there are 10 regions. This would reduce it to 3 regions. Oakland, Macomb and Wayne would be one of the regions. • Lawsuit has been filed by some PIHPs and CMHSPs for a temporary restraining order on the RFP going forward. The lawsuit indicates it is illegal to bid out the system as the current system is based on law. <p>CCBHC Transition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently the two CCBHCs in Oakland, Easter seals MORC and CNS Healthcare, are paid through OCHN. Beginning Oct 1, 2025, the CCBHC’s will contract directly with MDHHS. This means OCHN has no legal connection to CCBHC. According to CCBHC materials and information from MDHHS ORR the CCBHC’s are suppose to have an agreement with that county’s CMHSP Rights office. Vicki shared we have no way by law to provide services to individuals for recipient rights, due process or customer service for CCBHC without some sort of agreement or contract. <p>Members’ Questions and Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does our community really know what is going on in the public system? 2. Are we getting our community involved and the news on these issues?
<p>7. Goal 2: Review in detail the “Your Rights Handbook” [pg 15 beginning with Freedom of Movement – pg 16] –Vicki Suder</p>	<p>Vicki reviewed pages 15 beginning at Freedom of Movement – Page 16 Section IV Rights in a Residential or Inpatient Setting (Privacy) & Section V Forensic Rights (Incompetent to Stand Trial & Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity) of the Your Rights Handbook.</p> <p>Members’ Questions/Comments on pg. 15 regarding when can Freedom of Movement be restricted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is a timeout considered a seclusion?

	<p>2. If there's a complaint about seclusion how does that work? What happens to the staff person who does the seclusion?</p> <p>3. What about when someone is told they can't sit here and locked in room? Member stated I didn't know rights at the time. What could I have done differently.</p> <p>4. If you are told to turn your back on others in the room that is restriction and seclusion</p> <p>5. A member shared a time when rights were violated during the introduction to a group home.</p> <p>Members' Questions/Comments from page 16 regarding privacy:</p> <p>1. What does resident mean?</p> <p>Member Questions/Comments from page 16 on the terms used in Forensic Rights:</p> <p>1. Can someone be court ordered to the hospital?</p>
<p>8. Goal 3: Inform the OCHN Board of community concerns as identified to the Board Representative – Renee Neddo</p>	<p>Members' comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situation of an individual was discussed whose transportation provider has indicated after September 30th they will no longer transport the person. They had been providing transportation for the past year. The provider indicated they no longer wanted to transport persons using a wheelchair because van needs work and doesn't want to invest in the van. It doesn't seem right that the provider uses this as an excuse. Can the owner of the company deny transporting an individual even if they are under contract? • Member commented they struggled with transportation for years when living in Ortonville. So glad now WOTA became available as well as NOTA and LYFT can provide transportation. <p>Additionally, it was asked who oversees MDOC homes rights violation?</p>
<p>9. Rights Updates –Vicki S</p>	<p>Vicki Suder, Director of Rights shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder Sept 17th is the Walk a Mile in Lansing and a good opportunity to advocate. Please consider attending. • Reminder Sept 19th is the OCHN Recovery Celebration SUD (artist, food truck) at the Troy building. Please consider attending. • Reminder there are 2 vacant positions for RRAC. One is for Community Member at Large. We currently have no applications. Vicki encouraged members to spread the word. Hard copies of the application were available.
<p>10. Site Visit Report – Vicki S</p>	<p>Vicki shares the data from the OCHN Contracted Sites Reviewed FY25 June RRAC Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 8/6/25 76.3% of service sites requiring a site visit have been completed • There are currently 506 sites.

11. Agenda items for the next meeting [Oct 2, 2025]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on MDHHS Rights Conference Information • Goal 2: Review in detail the “Your Rights Handbook” [pg. 16 beginning at Section VI– pg. 19] • Goal 4: Continue to get to know OCHN/Rights Leadership & Committee members- Greg Szopo • Goal 3: Inform the OCHN Board of community concerns as identified to the Board Representative • Site Visit Report • Begin Discussion on FY26 RRAC Goals • Appreciation for Sylvia Clark Service [ending 3rd term] <p>Vicki will bring hard copies of the OCHN FY26 Annual Plan.</p>
12. Public Comment	No public comment.
13. Member Comment	Hunter congratulated Renee N for doing a great job at her first office meeting as Chair.
14. Meeting Adjourned	Meeting Adjourned - Amit motioned to approve the agenda; Ursula seconded. Agenda was passed by voice vote.

Next Meeting: Thursday October 2, 2025, at 4:00 pm

Minutes completed by Michelle Nabezny 9/4/2025