

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Members: Sylvia Clark, Elizabeth Martin, Miguel Quintero, Betty Ruoss, Lois Shulman, Judith Summers, Hunter Parker, Amie Kupotivs, Sarah Guadalupe, Ursula Bolton, James Diegel, Renee Neddo, Renee Judkins, Amit Agarawl, Melanie Coffe, Diane S

Date:	MAY 1, 2025	Start Time:	4:00 pm	Stop Time:	5:48 pm	Location:	Michigan
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Absent: Elizabeth (virtual), Judi Summer (virtual)

OCHN Staff: Vicki Suder, Angie O’Dowd, Michelle Nabozny, Dana Lasenby

Guest:

Facilitator:	Renee Neddo	Scribe:	Tiffany Craig
1. Member Attendance	Roll call for the RRAC meeting was completed.		
2. Public Comment	Public comments: None		
3. Approval of Agenda	Ursula B mothed to approve the agenda; Renee J. second. Agenda was passed by voice vote.		
4. Approval of Minutes [March 6, 2025]	Hunter P. motioned to approve the February meeting minutes; Amit A. seconded. Meeting minutes passed by voice vote.		
5. Appreciation to RRAC Members ending their term: Betty R & Jo Jo P	Betty R gave her farewell speech to the RRAC and she will miss everyone. The RRAC gave their thanks and appreciation to Betty and Jo Jo for their commitment to the committee.		
6. Goal 4: Continue to get to know OCHN/ Rights Leadership & Committee members Amber Oliver & Michelle Nabozny	<p>Vicki introduced Amber Oliver, a Rights Specialist, Amber told the members about her background & position at OCHN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber comes from Case Management and has been working in this field for many years. • She is excited about joining the recipient rights team. • She completed her state – required training to be a rights investigator last week. <p><u>Members Questions and Comments:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you find most interesting and most challenging about the job? 2. If there is anything about the system you could change, what would it be? 3. What got you interested in public health and case management? 4. Did you encounter any difference in the rights system as a case manager? 		

	<p>5. Amber has been tackling her training like a boss, with a positive attitude, did a great job on her first rights case. Michelle Nabozny - Deferred to a future meeting.</p>
<p>7. Goal 2: Review in detail the “Your Rights Handbook” (pg 6-8) Angie O’Dowd & Vicki Suder</p>	<p>RRAC members continued the review of the Rights Handbook as well as the relevant Mental Health Code and Michigan Administrative Rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vicki gave a review on pages 6-8 of the Rights “Handbook” and how it connects to the Michigan Mental Health Code and Administrative Rules and what does it mean. Vicki reviewed the following: ➤ Federal Agencies ➤ State Agencies ➤ Treatment and Support <p>Members Questions and Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What if ta 14-year old kid has PTSD? 2. What happens after the child’s sessions (regarding info on page 8 about 14 years and older entitled to services) are over and their parents still will not support them? 3. How does a child at 14 find out about these services? 4. What does the policy say about guardians who are neglecting children? 5. Would it be a violation of their rights if someone from the school disclosed information to the parent?
<p>8. Policy Review: RR 17.1 Fingerprinting, Photographs, Audio.....Angie O.</p>	<p>Angie gave an update on a policy regarding fingerprinting, photographing, audio/videotaping or use of 1-way glass with individuals receiving public behavioral health services of Oakland County Health Network and its contract agencies.</p> <p>Members Questions and Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does fingerprinting include the police department? 2. Does this include the RRAC meeting [videotaping]? 3. How do you document if someone changes their mind and wants to terminate their consent?
<p>9. Feedback on Rights Picture Handbook- Vicki S</p>	<p>Deferred until the next meeting.</p>
<p>10. Goal 3: Inform the OCHN Board of community concerns</p>	<p>The RRAC Members provided the following concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The overriding concern of uncertainty about the future of Medicaid and the changes at the Federal level.

<p>as identified to the Board Representative- Chair</p>	<p>2. In the administration’s decision to transition to fee for service model, some agencies have not been able to meet the standard and have closed. When those things happen it changes people’s lives that is not considered at the administrative level. Like the relationships persons have developed with their staff.</p> <p>3. People who are living self-directed lives, the transportation allotment in their budget is not enough to support the goals in their plan. So how does administration then make sure people get the lives they want? This goes against self direction.</p>
<p>11. Rights Update- Angie O/Vicki S</p>	<p>Angie mentioned the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are still in the process of hiring another rights specialist. <p>Vicki mentioned the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicki acknowledged the following for receiving an Arc Dove Award: Judi Summers received the Advocacy Hall of Fame Award. Elizabeth Martin received the Inspiration Award. • Lois S. will be completing her 2nd term in May 2025.
<p>12. Site Visit Report – Angie O</p>	<p>Angie reviewed the site visit report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31.0% of service sites requiring a site visit have been completed. • As of 3/3/25, 154 out of 496 total number of sites that require a site visit have been completed.
<p>13. Agenda Items for the next meeting [April 3, 2025]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcome New RRAC Members ➤ Site Visit Report ➤ Appreciation to RRAC Member ending their term- Lois Shulman ➤ Goal 2: Review in detail the “Your Rights Handbook” [9-13] ➤ Goal 4: Continue to get to know OCHN/Rights Leadership & Committee members- Hunter Parker ➤ Goal 3: Inform the OCHN Board of community concerns as identified to the Board Representative ➤ RRAC Member for Appeals Committee ➤ Feedback on Rights Picture Handbook
<p>14. Closed Session: Interview RRAC Applicants</p>	<p>Renee J. motioned to adjourn to closed session meeting for interviews, Ursula B. seconded. Roll call was taken to adjourn to closed meeting: 11 yes, 0 no.</p>
<p>15. Return to Open Session: Make</p>	<p>Ursula B. motioned to return to open session, Sylvia C. seconded. Return to open session approved by voice vote.</p>

<p>Recommendation on RRAC Applicants</p>	<p>A roll call vote was taken for candidate Melaine Coffey was an acceptable candidate to be considered for recommendation. 11 yes, 0 no. Approved.</p> <p>A roll call vote was taken for candidate Diane Sansalone was an acceptable candidate to be considered for recommendation. 11 yes, 0 no. Approved.</p> <p>A roll call vote for candidate Melaine Coffey and Diane Sansalone to be recommended for the OCHN Board to appoint each to the RRAC. 11 yes, 0 no. Approved</p> <p>Vicki will present the recommendations to the Board at the next OCHN Committee of the Whole Board meeting on Monday April 7, 2025 and then the Full Board meeting on April 15, 2025.</p>
<p>16. Public Comment</p>	<p>No public comment</p>
<p>17. Member Comments</p>	<p>No member comment</p>
<p>18. Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 4:00 pm

Tiffany Craig 4/3/2025