

## Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Members: Sylvia Clark, Phillip (Jo Jo) Hussey, Elizabeth Martin, Miguel Quintero, Betty Ruoss, Lois Shulman, Judith Summers, Hunter Parker, Amie Kupertovs, Sarah Guadalupe, Ursula Bolton, James Diegel, Renee Neddo, Renee Judkins, Amit Agarawl

<b>Date:</b>	March 6, 2025	<b>Start Time:</b>	4:00 pm	<b>Stop Time:</b>	5:48 pm	<b>Location:</b>	Michigan
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**Absent:** James D., Hunter P., Sylvia C, Lois S

**OCHN Staff:** Vicki Suder, Angie O'Dowd

**Guest:** Trisha Zizumba

<b>Facilitator:</b>	Renee Neddo	<b>Scribe:</b>	Tiffany Craig
<b>1. Member Attendance</b>	Roll call for the RRAC meeting was completed.		
<b>2. Public Comment</b>	Public comments: None		
<b>3. Approval of Agenda</b>	Renee N. motioned to approve the agenda; Amie K. second. Agenda was passed by voice vote.		
<b>4. Approval of Minutes [Feb 9, 2025]</b>	JoJo H. motioned to approve the February meeting minutes; Renee J. seconded. Meeting minutes passed by voice vote.		
<b>5. Election of Chair &amp; Vice Chair- Vicki Suder</b>	<p>CHAIR- James D. was nominated. Amie K. motioned to nominate James as chair, Ursula second. Voice vote taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 yes votes.</li> </ul> <p>CO-CHAIR- Renee N and Ursula B were nominated. Comments were given by both candidates. Renee J. motioned to nominate Renee N and Ursula B as vice chair, Elizabeth second. Voice vote taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 yes votes for Ursula B.</li> <li>• 8 yes votes for Renee N.</li> </ul> <p>James D will be the Chair and Renee N will be the co-chair for the coming year.</p>		
<b>6. Needs Assessment Input- Trish Zizumbo</b>	<p>Trish gave a presentation on Needs Assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every year OCHN does a needs assessment with all stakeholders to help OCHN develop the next fiscal year goals and direction.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone received a hard copy of the Service Delivery Feedback Survey to fill out and return.</li> <li>• Trish will make sure Tiffany receives the online version to email to everyone.</li> </ul> <p>Member Comments &amp; Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Services at TTI have been amazing.</li> <li>2. How do my friends get services?</li> <li>3. Can you explain a little more about the Medicaid spenddown?</li> <li>4. I am going through Spenddown now. My deductible is \$1600 a month.</li> <li>5. I have to meet a Spenddown but going to Clubhouse to do it.</li> <li>6. Is it true the Government is trying to cut Medicaid?</li> <li>7. I couldn't find the Needs Assessment on the website. Can you put it on the Home page?</li> <li>8. Does the case manager have to come out once a month?</li> </ol>
<p><b>7. Goal 2: Review in detail the "Your Rights Handbook"- Angie O'Dowd &amp; Vicki Suder</b></p>	<p>RRAC Members were provided with a hard copy of the Mental Health Code (MHC)Ch. 7, Ch. 7a the Michigan Administrative Rules (AR) Ch.7, and the Your Rights Handbook at the February meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vicki gave a review on pages 4 and 5 of the "Handbook" and how it connects to the Michigan Mental Health Code and Administrative Rules and what it mean. Vicki reviewed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fingerprints, Photographs, Audiotape, Videotape etc.</li> <li>➤ Confidentiality</li> <li>➤ Access to You Records</li> <li>➤ Privileged Information</li> <li>➤ Environmental Rights</li> <li>➤ Civil Rights</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Member Questions and Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can clubhouse take your picture without you signing a release form?</li> <li>2. What would happen if someone took a picture, and you are in and don't want it to be released and it gets released?</li> <li>3. Can churches that do background checks be a part of the confidentiality section in the Your Rights handbook?</li> <li>4. The Mental Health Code was written in 1974.</li> </ol>
<p><b>8. Goal 4: Continue to get to know OCHN/Rights Leadership &amp; Committee</b></p>	<p>Deferred</p>

<b>members- Hunter Parker</b>	
<b>9. Policy Review: RR20.1 Dignity &amp; Respect – Angie O.</b>	Angie gave an update on the policy of Oakland Community Health Network that all individuals receiving public mental health services and their families be treated with Dignity and Respect. Family member is defined in Chapter 1 of the Mental Health Code.
<b>10. Goal 3: Inform the OCHN Board of community concerns as identified to the Board Representative- Chair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah G. mentioned that the board seemed very interested that the RRAC is going through the “Your Rights Handbook” page by page and requested that each board member receives a copy of the booklet.</li> </ul> <p>Concerns identified for Board Rep to inform the Board about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spenddown issue [including it affecting Medicare]</li> <li>2. Being put in the wrong Medicaid category creates big issues.</li> <li>3. Shared about the benefits of good services person has had such as clubhouse and good case manager.</li> </ol>
<b>11. RRAC Member Re-Appointment [Apr 19, 2025] JoJo Phillips: Discussion and Recommendation- Chair</b>	<p>JoJo is ending his first term in April. He is eligible for a second term if he wants to be reappointed. JoJo decide he did not want to be considered for a second term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Betty R will be ending her third term in April.</li> <li>• There will be 2 open positions, spread the word for more applicants.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Rights Update- Angie O/Vicki S</b>	<p>Angie mentioned the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have hired 2 new staff, and in the process of hiring our second rights specialist.</li> <li>• Michele N, who is our new support specialist.</li> <li>• Amber Oliver who is our new rights specialist, she has completed and passed Basic Skills I and will be going to Basic Skills II in a couple of weeks.</li> </ul> <p>Vicki mentioned the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yesterday was OCHN’s Abilities Awareness Event, Vick asked who attended and would like to share their experience.</li> <li>• Josh Landen from Fox 2 news was the MC.</li> <li>• Alex Kimmel did a presentation on Self Determination, Autism, and his life.</li> <li>• PJ Decor from CLS was honored.</li> <li>• Lisa Barger from ES/MORC was honored.</li> </ul>
<b>13. Site Visit Report – Angie O</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angie reviewed the report.</li> <li>• The report indicates 23.8% of service sites requiring a site visit have been completed.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of 2/4/25, 118 out of 496 total number sites that require a site visit have been completed.</li> </ul>
<b>14. Agenda Items for the next meeting [April 3, 2025]</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Appreciation for RRAC Members ending their term</li> <li>➤ Site Visit Report</li> <li>➤ Goal 2: Review in detail the “Your Rights Handbook” [6-8]</li> <li>➤ Goal 4: Continue to get to know OCHN/Rights Leadership &amp; Committee members-Amber Oliver &amp; Michele Nabozny [<i>Rights staff</i>]</li> <li>➤ Policy Review: RR 17.1 Fingerprinting, Photographs, Audio Taping, Use of 1-way Glass</li> <li>➤ Goal 3: Inform the OCHN Board of community concerns as identified to the Board Representative</li> <li>➤ 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of Rights picture book</li> <li>➤ Interview candidates</li> </ul>
<b>15. Public Comment</b>	No public comment
<b>16. Member Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James D. congratulated Renee N on becoming the new Chair.</li> <li>Renee J. encourages everyone to email or call their State Rep and express their concerns and the impact that the Medicaid cuts will have on mental health.</li> <li>Amit asked if Spenddown had been brought up at the OCHN Legislative Breakfast.</li> </ul>
<b>17. Meeting Adjourned</b>	Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 4:00 pm

*Tiffany Craig*      *3/6/2025*