

**Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority
RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Committee Requirements**

The Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority Recipient Rights Advisory Committee shall:

1. Consist of 15 members appointed by The Authority Board:
 - An Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority Board Member, who shall represent the Board and not any other category, even if he/she also fits another category
 - Twelve total consumers* and secondary** consumers, with no less than five being consumers.
 - Two community at large members***
 - The Chair of the Committee shall be designated by The Authority Board from among the 15 appointed members
 - Appointments to this Committee shall be made in a manner that provides for the broadest representation possible of the varied perspectives of the Authority's geographic area and of the consumer populations served by the Authority
2. Have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - Meet at least semiannually or as often as necessary to carry out its responsibilities
 - Recommend candidates for Director of the Office of Recipient Rights to the Executive Director, and consult with the Executive Director regarding any proposed dismissal of the Director of the Office of Recipient Rights
 - Maintain a current list of members' names and a separate list of categories represented, to be made available to individuals upon request
 - Protect the Office of Recipient Rights from pressures which could interfere with an impartial, even-handed, and thorough performance of its duties (including assessment of the adequacy of funding available for the Office)
 - Periodically review the operations of the Office and assess rights protection throughout the mental health system, including Oakland County consumers in state-operated services and recommend needed improvements
 - Recommend goals and objectives for the Office, and semiannually assess progress towards goals
 - Review and provide comments on the Annual Report on the current status of Recipient Rights in Oakland County submitted by the Executive Director to the Community Mental Health Services Board
 - Serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Office of Recipient Rights, the executive Director, and The Authority Board.
3. This Advisory Committee is an official committee of the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority and is subject to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of the Public Acts 1976, meeting sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled laws. Minutes shall be maintained and made available to individuals upon request.
4. The Office of Recipient Rights offers assistance and reasonable accommodations to Committee members to ensure participation, i.e., help with transportation and interpreter services if needed.

CONSUMER

Is a resident of Oakland County who:

- *Has a diagnosis of a developmental disability and/or severe and persistent mental illness, and;*
- *Is currently receiving, or has previously received, services supported by The Authority.*

SECONDARY CONSUMER

Is a resident of Oakland County who:

- *Is a parent, guardian, sibling, spouse, or significant other of an individual with a diagnosis of severe emotional disturbance, developmental disability, and/or severe and persistent mental illness, and;*
- *That due to this diagnosis the individual is currently receiving, or has previously received, services supported by The Authority.*

MEMBER AT LARGE

Is a resident of Oakland County who:

- *Demonstrates an interest and a commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities who receive services supported by The Authority.*