## **MINUTES**

## BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Behavioral Health Center, Room 225, 201 Mulholland Street, Bay City, MI 48708

Committee Members:	Present	Excused	Absent	Committee Members	Present	Excused	Absent	Others Present:
Patrick McFarland, Ch		X		Toni Marie Reese	X			BABH: Carole O'Brien, Melissa Prusi,
Sally Mrozinski, V Ch		X		Laurie Van Wert	X			Chris Pinter, and Sara McRae
Robert Bowers	X			Robert Pawlak, Ex Off	X			
Kathy Niemiec	X			Richard Byrne, Ex Off	X			
Justin Peters	X							Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA-
								Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Action
1.	Call To Order & Roll Call	Committee Chair, Pro Tem, R. Pawlak, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.	On motion of R. Byrne and support of J. Peters, P. McFarland was excused. The motion passed unanimously.  On motion of R. Byrne and support of J. Peters, S. Mrozinski was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public present.	
3.	Advisory Committee Report 3.1) Executive Summary of Complaints Through May 31, 2024	3.1) M. Prusi reviewed the complaint activity for May of 2024 noting new graphs included in the report. There were discussions regarding complaints filed by source, and it is typical for most complaints to be filed by staff.	3.1) No action was necessary
4.	Training 4.1) Denial of Services 3-2-7	4.1) M. Prusi reviewed the policy and procedure, which requires second opinions be given when services are denied, as part of the Committee's continued training.	4.1) No action was necessary

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	4.2) Investigation Scenarios	4.2) M. Prusi reviewed real scenarios where a second opinion was not offered, and a complaint was filed. C. Pinter reported the state law changed to require second opinions coordinated by the community mental health director related to services being denied in 1998 because individuals would fall through the cracks when services were denied, and the Recipient Rights Office would not have jurisdiction. This was before the managed care changes in the 2000s. BABH has used second opinions for inpatient hospitalizations.	4.2) No action was necessary		
5.	Unfinished Business	There was not any unfinished business presented to the Committee.			
	New Business 6.1) June Site Visits	6.1) There are not any site visits scheduled for June.	6.1) No action was necessary		
	6.2) Reschedule July 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Due to Holiday	6.2) BABH offices are closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024 in observance of Independence Day. After discussion, the Committee rescheduled the regular July meeting for 5:00 pm on Monday, July 15, 2024.	6.2) No action necessary		
6.	6.3) 2024 Recipient Rights Conference: Wednesday – Friday, September 25 – 27, 2024 at the Westin Southfield Detroit	6.3) Committee Chair Pro Tem, R. Pawlak, conveyed the 2024 Recipient Rights Conference is scheduled for Wednesday – Friday, September 25 – 27, 2024. Those interested in attending should coordinate with S. McRae.	6.3) No action necessary		
	6.4) Special Meeting for Appeals Training at 5:00 pm on Monday, June 24, 2024	6.4) Committee Chair Pro Tem, R. Pawlak, reminded the Committee a special meeting has been scheduled for 5:00 pm on Monday, June 24 2024 for purposes of appeals training.	6.4) No action necessary		
7.	Adjournment	On motion of J. Peters and support of R. Bowers, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm The motion passed unanimously.			

Robert Pawlak, Committee Chair Pro Tem