

MINUTES

**BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 3, 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: Melissa Prusi, Chris Pinter, and Sara McRae PUBLIC: Paul Niemiec Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA-Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained
	Sally Mrozinski, V Ch	X	_____	_____	Laurie Van Wert	X	_____	_____	
	Robert Bowers	X	_____	_____	Robert Pawlak, Ex Off	X	_____	_____	
	Kathy Niemiec	X	_____	_____	Richard Byrne, Ex Off	X	_____	_____	
	Justin Peters	X	_____	_____					

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Action
1.	Call To Order & Roll Call	Committee Chair, P. McFarland, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.	On motion of K. Niemiec and support of S. Mrozinski, T. Reese was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public present that wished to address the Committee.	
3.	Advisory Committee Report 3.1) Executive Summary of Complaints Through September 30, 2024	3.1) M. Prusi reviewed the complaint activity for September of 2024 noting complaint comparisons, the impacts of COVID on allegations reported, remedial action involving contract action, as well as the fiscal year 2024 total number of complaints and allegations, and how these figures compare to the previous year. There were general discussions regarding trends by allegation data in the graph does not match the data reported. Administration will follow up at the next meeting.	3.1) No action was necessary
4.	Training 4.1) Right to Access, 3-3-7	4.1) M. Prusi reviewed the policy and procedure as part of the Committee's continued training explaining all individuals residing in group homes and/or supported apartments have rights to entertainment materials, information, and news pending the material is lawful. M. Prusi reviewed the limitation exception for	4.1) No action was necessary

	4.2) Investigation Scenarios	<p>items, the requirements for implementing limitations, and the formal process for implementing such limitations. There were discussions relating to some limitations can be court ordered.</p> <p>4.2) M. Prusi reviewed real scenarios where guardians have tried to implement limitations by communicating directly to group home staff. Some group home staff have educated the guardian by informing them of the proper process for implementing limitations and referred the guardian to the Recipient Rights Department. Other group home staff have imposed the limitations as directed by the guardian, which later resulted in recipient rights complaints as the proper process and clinical justifications were not followed. There were general discussions regarding financial limitations and the importance of guardian communication.</p>	4.2) No action was necessary
5.	Unfinished Business	There was not any unfinished business presented to the Committee.	
6.	<p>New Business</p> <p>6.1) October Site Visits</p> <p>6.2) 2024 RR Conference Review</p>	<p>6.1) Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reviewed the upcoming site visits with the Committee. There were general discussions regarding the location of autism providers.</p> <p>6.2) M. Prusi provided a review of the conference noting content reviewed in workshop sessions including analyzing written statement, trauma focused, and guardianships. M. Prusi also reported the conference is the main source of continuing education units (CEUs) for staff.</p>	<p>6.1) No action was necessary</p> <p>6.2) No action was necessary</p>
7.	Adjournment	On motion of J. Peters and support of R. Bowers, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	



Pat McFarland, Committee Chair