

# MINUTES

## BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5:00 pm

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

<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Others Present:</b> BABH: Melissa Prusi and Sara McRae  Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA-Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained
Patrick McFarland, Ch	X			Toni Marie Reese		X		
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 S. Mrozinski and support of K. Niemiec, T. Reese 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 October 31, 2024	3.1) Committee Chair, P. McFarland, deferred the report.	3.1) No action was necessary
4.	Training 4.1) Photographing, Video Recording, Audio Taping Fingerprinting Recipients, 3-3-6 4.2) Investigation Scenarios	4.1) Committee Chair, P. McFarland, deferred the training. 4.2) Committee Chair, P. McFarland, deferred the training.	4.1) No action was necessary 4.2) No action was necessary
5.	Unfinished Business	There was not any unfinished business presented to the Committee.	
6.	New Business 6.1) November Site Visits	6.1) Committee Chair, P. McFarland, noted the November site visits and advised members to coordinate with S. McRae if they are interested in attending.	6.1) No action was necessary

<p>6.2) Joint Guidance Document</p>	<p>6.2) M. Prusi reviewed the joint guidance document, which identifies potential areas of conflict between the Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) rule requirements enacted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and licensing regulations enforced by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). M. Prusi specifically noted the clarification provided in this document for topics such as locked doors, legally mandated rights, visiting hours, resident agreements and state landlord-tenant law, house rules, use of video cameras, marijuana, choice of providers, freedom of movement, choice of roommate, access to earned and unearned income, access to food, and requirements for modifications. There were general discussions regarding the distinction of marijuana use including smoking, edibles, and CBD, married couples as roommates, food allergies and accommodations, lotto tickets as earned income, earned income from part-time jobs, alcohol use by residents, cable televisions and procedure for individual use including billing, use of cell phone cameras and utilization by staff or residents, and the expectations of privacy in residential group homes.</p>	<p>6.2) No action was necessary</p>
<p>6.3) Recipient Rights/Customer Services Department Moves to Mulholland</p>	<p>6.3) M. Prusi reported the Customer Services/Recipient Rights (CS/RR) Department is relocating to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Mulholland Building. The move is anticipated to be completed in late December or early January. M. Prusi also reported about the level of privacy and confidentiality necessary for the office space and needs for separate equipment such as printers and fax machines for the CS/RR Office. There were general discussions regarding the RR Office hours and the availability for members to stop in anytime.</p>	<p>6.3) No action was necessary</p>
<p>6.4) Reappointment Process for Non-board Committee Members</p>	<p>6.4) Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reviewed the appointment terms and process for appointment of non-Board members by the BABH Board Chair.</p>	<p>6.4) No action was necessary</p>
<p>6.5) New Meeting Schedule for 2025</p>	<p>6.5) S. McRae reviewed the meeting schedule changes effective January 1, 2025 noting the BABH Board voted in September for these changes as part of the Bylaw revisions. This Committee meeting will be on the Monday following the first Thursday of each</p>	<p>6.5) No action was necessary</p>

		month. If the new schedule does not work for a member, please notify the Board Office. There were discussions regarding the changes to current committee structure and the overall full Board meeting schedule.	
7.	Adjournment	On motion of R. Byrne and support of J. Peters, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	



Patrick McFarland, Committee Chair