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

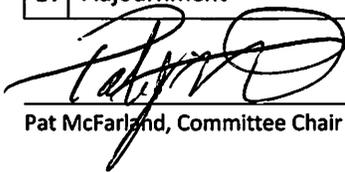
Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5:00 pm

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

Committee Members:	Present	Excused	Absent	Committee Members	Present	Excused	Absent	Others Present: BABH: Melissa Prusi, Chris Pinter, and Sara McRae Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA-Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained
Patrick McFarland, Ch	X			Vacancy	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. All members were present.	
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public present.	
3.	Unfinished Business	There was not any unfinished business.	
4.	New Business 4.1) Executive Summary of Complaints through January of 2025 4.2) Policy Training: Comprehensive Exams, 03-02-02 4.3) Policy Training Investigation Scenarios	4.1) M. Prusi reviewed the report noting the number of complaints filed, the average days to resolve complaints, source of complaints, substantiation rates, remedial action, trainings, and site visits. There were discussions regarding staff filing complaints, targets for substantiated rates, evidence requirements for substantiating a complaint, and examples of abuse class II categories. 4.2) M. Prusi reviewed the training noting requirements of a comprehensive exam being completed. 4.3) M. Prusi reviewed life real scenarios noting complaints have been filed when consumers noted assessments were not completed, assessments were rushed, or dates were just changed to update the assessment.	4.1) No action was necessary 4.2) No action was necessary 4.3) No action was necessary

	<p>4.4) Upcoming Site Visits</p> <p>4.5) Annual Recipient Rights Training</p> <p>4.6) MLive Article regarding Michigan's Mental Health Recipients Rights System</p>	<p>4.4) Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reported the site visits are included and a per diem is provided. Interested members interested in attending should coordinate with S. McRae.</p> <p>4.5) Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reported the annual Recipient Rights training needs to be completed.</p> <p>4.6) C. Pinter reviewed the MLive article claiming the Rights process is not effective. The reported did reach out to BABH prior to publishing the article. BABH did not comment and referred the reporter to the State Office of Recipient Rights. C. Pinter also reviewed the data from BABH regarding 2023 and 2024 abuse and neglect complaints. BABH has significantly higher substantiation rates than the state average. M. Prusi reported community mental health (CMH) agencies do not have jurisdiction over the Recipient Rights system in state inpatient hospitals but, were required to conduct the Recipient Rights system assessment which included policy reviews and on-site review for the necessary standards. However, the lack of authority over the inpatient hospitals and response to correct the assessments citations led to the MDHHS ORR to take over the RR system assessments. The Rights system originated from a hospital-based system, which is why there are policies such as requiring an assessment to be performed or that CMHs cannot pull teeth or sterilize individuals. There were general discussions whether a response was warranted and that an update would be provided at the full Board meeting.</p>	<p>4.4) No action was necessary</p> <p>4.5) No action was necessary</p> <p>4.6) No action was necessary</p>
5.	Adjournment	On motion of J. Peters and support of R. Pawlak, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	



Pat McFarland, Committee Chair