

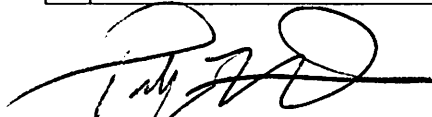
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**BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5:00 pm
Room 225, Behavioral Health Center, 201 Mulholland Street, Bay City, MI 48708**

Committee Members:	Present	Excused	Absent	Committee Members	Present	Excused	Absent	Others Present: Paul Niemiec BABH: Jackie Kish, Chris Pinter, and Sara McRae
Patrick McFarland, Ex Off, Ch	X			Carole O'Brien	X			Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA- Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained
Sally Mrozinski, V Ch		X		Justin Peters	X			
Robert Bowers	X			Laurie Van Wert	X			
Richard Byrne	X			Robert Pawlak, Ex Off	X			
Kathy Niemiec	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 J. Peters and support by C. O'Brien, S. Mrozinski was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public present who wished to address the Committee.	
3.	Unfinished Business	There was not any unfinished business.	
4.	New Business 4.1) Executive Summary of Complaints through September of 2025	4.1) J. Kish reviewed the report noting the number of complaints, substantiation rate, average days to resolve, source of complaints, remedial action, training activities by the Recipient Rights staff, and site reviews conducted. J. Kish also reported the continuing education credit requirements for Recipient Rights Officers and staff have recently changed. There were discussions regarding the legal requirements for complaints to be resolved in 90 days, the internal goal for complaint resolution is as soon as possible, BABHA has staffing challenges related to master's level clinicians, staffing turnover is a struggle for provider group homes, and the year-to-date totals of all complaint categories.	4.1) No action was necessary

	<p>4.2) Policy Training: Personal Search, 03-03-09</p> <p>4.3) Recent Recipient Rights Site Reviews Summary</p> <p>4.4) Upcoming Site Reviews</p>	<p>4.2) J. Kish reviewed the policy noting if a search is conducted it must be entered in the record including the reasons for the search, names of individuals performing the search, and the result of the search including a description of any property seized. There were discussions related to the approval and updated dates recorded in the policy. Administration will double check and follow up.</p> <p>4.3) J. Kish reviewed the site review summary. There were discussions related to the furniture at Pals Place and that facilities in Flint are utilized for out of county placements when there is not a suitable arrangement in Bay or Arenac Counties.</p> <p>4.4) Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reviewed the list of site reviews noting each members encouraged to attend two visits per calendar year per the committee goals. Interested members should coordinate with S. McRae.</p>	<p>4.2) No action was necessary</p> <p>4.3) No action was necessary</p> <p>4.4) No action was necessary</p>
5.	Adjournment	On motion of J. Peters and support by C. O'Brien, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	



Pat McFarland, Committee Chair