

MINUTES

BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 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:
Patrick McFarland, Ex Off, Ch	X			Carole O'Brien	X			BABH: Jackie Kish, Chris Pinter, and Sara McRae
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							
								Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA-Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained

	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 R. Byrne and support of K. Niemiec, S. Mrozinski was excused. The motion passed unanimously. On motion of J. Peters and support of K. Niemiec, L. Van Wert was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public present.	
3.	Unfinished Business 3.1) Policy Training Follow Up: Personal Search, 03-03-09 3.2) NORIX Furniture Follow Up	3.1) J. Kish reported the policy that was presented last month was last reviewed by leadership in December of 2024. The correct version is included in the agenda packet. 3.2) J. Kish reported the furniture that was noticed during the site review at Pal's Place, an autism provider, is NORIX Furniture. The furniture is plastic molded. The website does not give pricing, but quotes can be requested.	3.1) No action was necessary 3.2) No action was necessary

4.	<p>New Business</p> <p>4.1) Executive Summary of Complaints through October of 2025</p> <p>4.2) Policy Training: Services Suited to Condition, 03-03-15</p> <p>4.3) Recent Recipient Rights Site Reviews Summary</p> <p>4.4) Upcoming Site Reviews</p>	<p>4.1) J. Kish discussed reformatting changes to the graphs included in the report, replacing some of the information with graphs, and having the data presented by calendar year versus the fiscal year. The Committee agreed to the proposed changes including the new graph to replace the year-to-date report. J. Kish reviewed the report noting the number of complaints, number of substantiated complaints, trends by allegation, average number of days to solve, source of complaints, fiscal year comparison of complaints for the last five years, report of remedial action, training conducted, and site visits.</p> <p>4.2) J. Kish reviewed the policy as part of the Committee’s continued training. J. Kish reported Service Suited to Condition is the largest recipient rights category that involves disagreements with person centered planning, assessment, evaluations, medications, and diagnoses.</p> <p>4.3) J. Kish reviewed the recently completed site reviews. There were general discussions regarding the Crisis Residential Unit capacity, autism provider capacity, and the process of crisis stabilization versus respite placements.</p> <p>4.4) J. Kish reviewed the upcoming scheduled site visits. There were general discussions about why individuals are placed in Grand Rapids and legal requirements for out-of-county placements.</p>	<p>4.1) No action was necessary</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 of R. Pawlak, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	



Patrick McFarland, Committee Chair