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

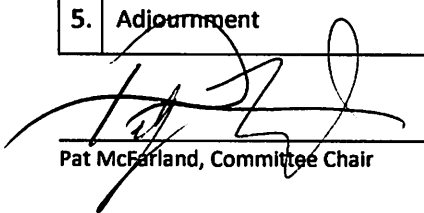
Monday, June 8, 2026 at 5:00 pm

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 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 the motion by J. Peters and support by R. Pawlak, K. Niemiec was excused. The motion passed unanimously. On the motion by R. Pawlak and support by S. Mrozinski, C. O'Brien was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 5 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public present.	
3.	Unfinished Business	There were not any members of the public present.	
4.	New Business 4.1) Appeals Training	4.1) The Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reported this is the first step in training for an appeal. A mock appeal will be scheduled for the fall for further training. J. Kish reviewed the training materials noting the purpose of the appeals committee and referenced the requirements from the Mental Health Code (MHC). J. Kish also reviewed who can appeal, what can be appealed, timeframes in the appeals process, sample letters requesting appeals and acknowledgement letters, what the committee reviews and documents they receive if an appeal is accepted, closed session items, the committee's decision options for an appeal, and the state level appeal process. There were general discussions related to the follow up process if a complaint is re-investigated because of an	4.1) On the motion by R. Bowers and support by R. Pawlak, the appeals training was accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

	4.2) Save the Date: 33 rd Annual Recipient Rights Conference is Wednesday – Friday, September 16 – 18, 2026 at Crystal Mountain Resort	appeal, BABHA’s board meeting policy does not allow the confidential appeals materials to be reviewed prior to the closed session meeting, and assisting consumers with the state level appeals process. The Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reminded members of the upcoming conference.	4.2) No action was necessary
5.	Adjournment	On the motion by J. Peters and support by R. Bowers, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	



Pat McFarland, Committee Chair