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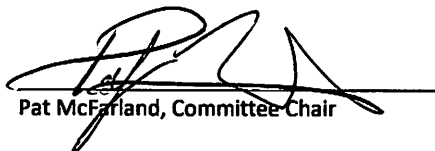
BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, August 10, 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	The Committee Chair, P. McFarland, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.	On the motion by J. Peters and support by K. Niemiec, R. Bowers 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 was not any unfinished business.	
4.	New Business 4.1) Executive Summary of Complaints through July 31, 2026 4.2) Policy Training: a) Freedom of Movement, 03-03-11	4.1) J. Kish reviewed the report noting it is a three-month overview for months of May, June, and July. J. Kish reported the number of complaints, the substantiation rate, the trends of substantiated complaints from allegation categories, average days to resolve, source of complaints, fiscal year comparison of substantiated complaints, remedial action, training activity, and completed site visits. J. Kish also reported there is outstanding remedial action with providers that is still pending and that the interpreter services information is being updated. There were general discussions related to the choice of mental health provider allegation category, impacts of this allegation as well as telehealth and insurance requirements. 4.2a) J. Kish reviewed the policy as part of the Committee's continued training noting the purpose is to protect individuals in services and allow them to move freely by only restricting movement when necessary for safety.	4.1) No action was necessary 4.2) No action was necessary

	b) Statutory Establishment, 03-01-01 4.3) Upcoming Site Reviews 4.4) Recent Recipient Rights Site Reviews Summary 4.5) Regular September Meeting Rescheduled to Tuesday, September 8, 2026 due to Labor Day 4.6) The 33rd Annual Recipient Rights Conference is Wednesday – Friday, September 16 – 18, 2026 at Crystal Mountain Resort 4.7) Schedule a Mock Appeal	4.2b) J. Kish reviewed the policy as part of the Committee’s continued training noting this policy defines the structure of the Recipient Rights Office and outlines the investigation and appeals processes. There were general discussions regarding co-employment issues explaining why BABHA cannot direct network providers what happens specifically for remedial actions; BABHA can only ensure consumers are protected. 4.3) The Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reported the upcoming site reviews are included in the packet and interested members should coordinate with S. McRae. 4.4) J. Kish reviewed the recently completed site reviews with the Committee. 4.5) The Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reported the regular September meeting has been rescheduled to September 8 due to Labor Day. 4.6) the Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reminded the members that the Recipient Rights Conference is scheduled for mid-September. hotel rooms on locations are sold out. Interested members should coordinate with S. McRae. 4.7) The Committee Chair, P. McFarland, suggested having the mock appeal in lieu of the regular September meeting agenda items apart from necessary policy training. The Committee concurred. The Committee scheduled the mock appeal for Tuesday, September 8, 2026.	4.3) No action was necessary 4.4) No action was necessary 4.5) No action was necessary 4.6) No action was necessary 4.7) No action was necessary
5.	Adjournment	On the motion by J. Peters and support by C. O’Brien, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	



Pat McFarland, Committee Chair