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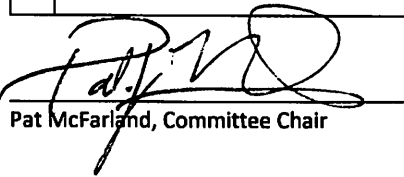
BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 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, 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 the motion by R. Byrne and support by J. Peters, S. Mrozinski 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) Policy Training: a) Denial of Services, 03-02-07 b) Personal Property & Funds, 03-03-10 4.2) Closed Session to Review Mock Appeal #2004	4.1) J. Kish reviewed the policies as part of the Committee's continued training. J. Kish reported there have not been any recent changes to the Denial of Services policy and that all individuals have a right to a second opinion if services are denied. J. Kish also reviewed the policy Personal Property & Funds noting all individuals living in a residential setting are entitled to personal property. If there are any limitations on an individual having personal property they must be stated in the Individual plan of Service (IPOS). 4.2) The Committee was not legally authorized to enter into a closed session for a mock appeal as this was training. The Committee held the entire mock appeal in an open session.	4.1) No action was necessary 4.2) No action was necessary

	4.3) Return to Open Session	The Committee reviewed the process for entering a closed session. Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reviewed reminders for the preponderance of evidence standard, disclosing member conflicts of interest, and the appeal decision considerations. The committee reviewed mock appeal #2004 and deliberated the specifics of the mock appeal. 4.3) The Committee reviewed the process for returning to open session and making a motion for their decision of an appeal in an open session. There were general discussions related to the overall process of an appeal, the individuals permitted in the closed session portion of the appeal, specifics regarding members conflicts of interests, and the documents reviewed to reach a decision of an appeal.	4.3) No action was necessary
5.	Adjournment	On the motion by R. Bowers and support by R. Pawlak, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	


Pat McFarland, Committee Chair