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Committee Minutes : Recipient Rights Advisory Committee - April 21, 2026

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting Information	
Meeting Date: 21 Apr 2026	Meeting Location:
	Northpointe Administrative Conference Room
Meeting Time: 12:00	715 Pyle Drive Kingsford, MI 49802

Agenda Item	Minutes																																												
Meeting Called to Order:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M.Negro, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:01</li> </ul>																																												
RRAC Member Roll Call:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V. Bal, Executive Assistant, conducted roll call:</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">RRAC Member</th> <th colspan="2">Present</th> <th colspan="2">Absent</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Onsite</th> <th>Remote*</th> <th>Excused</th> <th>Unexcused</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>William Bouchard</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vickie Knuth</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ann Martin</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mari Negro</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Nord-Grenier</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Wiedenhoeft</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lois Tovar</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">*Remote participation per request for reasonable accommodations under ADA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representing Administration: M. Padget</li> </ul>	RRAC Member	Present		Absent		Onsite	Remote*	Excused	Unexcused	William Bouchard	X				Vickie Knuth	X				Ann Martin	X				Mari Negro	X				Brian Nord-Grenier	X				George Wiedenhoeft	X				Lois Tovar	X			
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<b>2026 RRAC Meeting Schedule:</b>	<p><u>Discussion:</u> State of Michigan Office of Recipient Rights advisory committee training is now offered virtually (no longer provided in person). Members discussed participating together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October session selected as a better fit than July due to summer vacations/holidays.</li> <li>• Proposed plan: training on Wednesday, October 7, 9:30–11:00, followed by a shortened regular meeting.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="500 216 1417 346"> <tr> <td><b>Motion By:</b></td> <td>A. Martin motioned to change October meeting to October 7th at 9:30 for Training</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Supported By:</b></td> <td>V. Knuth</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Outcome:</b></td> <td>Motion Carried unanimously</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Motion By:</b>	A. Martin motioned to change October meeting to October 7th at 9:30 for Training	<b>Supported By:</b>	V. Knuth	<b>Outcome:</b>	Motion Carried unanimously
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<b>Quarterly Report:</b>	<p><u>Discussion:</u> K. Smith reviewed the Quarterly report with group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly report was mailed in packet.</li> <li>• Update provided on new quarterly reporting format/dashboard created by Darcy; described as a work in progress with options to adjust content and reduce/expand pages over time.</li> <li>• Clarifications provided that incident reports (IRs) are not complaints. An IR is completed any time something adversely affects a person's care/course of treatment (examples discussed: injury, refused medication, falls, emergency medical treatment). IRs function as a communication tool for "boots on the ground" staff to inform clinical/treatment providers so services can be assessed and adjusted as needed.</li> <li>• K. Smith reviewed the report page by page for the committee.</li> </ul>						
	<p><u>Discussion:</u> Policies below were provided to committee prior to meeting for review. These policies had no changes</p> <p><b>Policies Reviewed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in type of treatment</li> <li>• Freedom of movement</li> <li>• Guardians and representative payees</li> <li>• Notification of rights</li> <li>• Physical and mental exams</li> <li>• Reporting of a death</li> <li>• Resident labor</li> </ul>						
<b>Miscellaneous/Committee Member Prerogative:</b>	<p><u>Discussion:</u> M. Negro asked if there was any Miscellaneous Committee Member prerogative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>						
<b>Public Comment:</b>	<p><u>Discussion:</u> M. Negro asked if there was any public comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color walk is scheduled for May 16, 2026 in Kingsford</li> </ul>						
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	12:58 PM						

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