



RECIPIENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE
IN PERSON “HYBRID” MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 4, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present In-Person:

Paul Palmer (Chair), Tina Bertram, Dale Copedge, Maxine Thome, Lori Gorbis

Committee Members Present Via Zoom:

Francisco Vaca

Committee Members Absent:

Paul Palmer

Other Board Members Present:

None

Staff Present In-Person:

Greg Fox, Elise Magen

Staff Present Via Zoom:

Ashlee Bailey

Public Present:

Jacob Sewell

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Maxine Thome at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Tina Bertram, Dale Copedge, Maxine Thome, Lori Gorbis, Frank Vaca

Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2025:

MOVED by Francisco Vaca and SUPPORTED by Tina Bertram to approve the meeting minutes of June 5, 2025 MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

MOVED by Lori Gorbis and SUPPORTED by Tina Bertram to approve the agenda for September 4, 2025. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

No public in attendance

Recipient Rights Office Budget:

Ms. Magen read through the budget fact sheet to the committee. The preliminary steady state budget for FY 2026 is \$760,574.

ACTION:

MOVED by Lori Gorbis and SUPPORTED by Dale Copedge to approve the Budget for FY25. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Recipient Rights Quarterly Report: April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

Elise Magen, Director of Quality, Customer Service, Recipient Rights presented the Recipient Rights Quarterly Report for the period of April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025. Mr. Fox and Ms. Bailey guided the committee through the detailed summary report of allegations and outcomes and answered questions from meeting attendees.

ACTION:

MOVED by Dale Copedge and SUPPORTED by Francisco Vaca that the Recipient Rights Committee recommends that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties accept the Recipient Rights Quarterly Report for April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Recipient Rights Semi Annual Report: October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Elise Magen, Director of Quality, Customer Service, Recipient Rights presented the Recipient Rights Annual Report for the period of October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025. Informational purposes only.

Review of Policies and Procedures

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Office of Recipient Rights (MDHHS-ORR) requires that education and training in Recipient Rights policies and procedures is provided to the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee (RRAC). The RRAC reviewed the following policies

and procedures for education and training purposes: 3.6.01 Recipient Rights Policy with an emphasis on Interference and Retaliation. This agenda item was for informational purposes only.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Updates:

Elise Magen let the committee members know that Al Platt has resigned, effective 8/8/2025. The CMHA-CEI Board of Directors will be appointing a new board member soon. Once a new board member is named to the committee we will be able to vote for a new Co-chair.

Public Comment:

No public attending

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Recipient Rights Committee meeting is December 4, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Lynn McLaughlin

Clinical Services and Recipient Rights Administrative Assistant