

**MINUTES
RECIPIENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
AUGUST 13, 2025 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190**

PRESENT: Lisa Sawyer, Joan Williams, Cym Winiecke, Jill Armentrout, Deb Nagel

VIRTUAL:

ABSENT: Jacob Kern, Jaime Huffman, Robert Woods, Tracey Raquepaw

STAFF: Ryan Mulder, Kentera Patterson, Judy Sausedo

GUESTS:

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

Lisa Sawyer, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:51p.m. A quorum was established, and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment.

III. APPEALS TRAINING

Kentera Patterson, Officer of Recipient Rights/Compliance trained the committee on:

- Categories of Rights Violations (black & white Mental Health Rights – Categories)
- Complaint Investigation Process (Color Flow Chart)
- Types and Weighing of Evidence
- Explanation of the Preponderance of the Evidence Standard Used by Rights Office in Determining Whether a Rights Violation Has Occurred
- Statutory Definition of “Appropriate Remedial Action”
- Agency Disciplinary Guidelines
- Agency Policy/Procedures on the Appeals Process and Functions of the Appeals Committee

Motion was made by Deb Nagel with support from Joan Williams to receive and file the Appeals Training. Motion carried.

IV. OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Kentera also noted that the SCCMHA Office of Recipient Rights received another Request for Appeal from Kaitlyn Haney on 8/12/25. The SCCMHA Recipient Rights Committee has until 8/19/25 to decide whether or not to hear this appeal. Kentera distributed copies of the appeal letter and committee was able to review/ask questions. Members of the ORR Committee present Lisa Sawyer, Joan

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Williams, Cym Winiecke, Jill Armentrout and Deb Nagle decided to hear the Appeal on August 25 immediately following the Ends Committee meeting that night (5 of 9 which is majority).

V. NEXT MEETING – November 19, 2025, AT 5:15PM

Kentera noted the next meeting is November 19th.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business a motion was made by Deb Nagel with support from Joan Williams to adjourn this meeting at 6:29 p.m. Motion carried.