



**PINES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

*"Life should be enjoyed...not endured"*

## Pines Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Minutes for 10/12/2021

- I. **Call to Order:** 12:05pm
- II. **Attendance:** Bing Johnson, Wendy Sayler, Kelli Nettleman, Jay Gallagher  
**Others:** Tom Schmelzer, Jason Porter (RRO), Sue Germann (CEO)
- III. **Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** June minutes approved as written
- IV. **Public Comment:** No public comments
- V. **Members Report:** No members reports
- VI. **RRO Report:**
  - a. RR Conference and Site Reviews

Jason stated that he attended the Recipient Rights Conference last month from September 21 through September 24. He described the different types of trainings and roundtables he attended, including techniques on how to better interview individuals, updates from Lansing and current legislative proposals regarding mental health in the State of Michigan, and how to become a more rights focused environment. Jason told the committee if anyone would like to see documents or training materials from the conference to let him know so he can distribute them.

Jason also discussed the yearly site reviews involving providers that Pines contracts with. He conducted site reviews from October 1 through October 8 for providers in Branch County. Jason assured the committee that our providers and their group homes were in compliance and if they were missing something from the check list, those documents and materials were distributed to the homes to ensure they were in compliance.

### VII. **Committee Topics:**

- a. Recipient Rights Budget

The committee went over the recipient rights yearly budget to ensure it was still sufficient. The committee concluded that it was.

- b. Update on Trends

Jason went over trends that were taking place as it relates to Pines and the Rights Office. Jason assured the committee that nothing would be abnormal in the annual report and will be similar to the semi-annual report with a few more cases added. The current trend is consistent with past years with Dignity and Respect and Mental Health Services Suited To Condition being the top to violations in 2021, with a few abuse and neglect allegations. More will be discussed in December when the annual report has been written and an in-depth analysis will be presented to the committee once the report is ready to be presented.

**VIII. Next Meeting:** December 14<sup>th</sup> at noon (Annual Report)

**IX. Adjournment:** 12:40p.m.