

# HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE & WHAT IT ENTAILS.

## About Me:

Hi my name is Kathleen Moriarty and I am the Human Rights Officer for the Cape Cod & Island Community Mental Health Center located in Pocasset, MA. I am also the Human Rights Coordinator for the DMH state group homes on the Cape and Islands.

My job is to advocate, listen for the best treatment of our clients and to work with their team to help ensure a fair, clean comfortable environment, that's less restrictive to work on treatment plan goals while in the inpatient unit. I also as the coordinator assist the group homes with conflicts that may arise with clients and staff as well as trying to make living arrangements the best, they can be for all.

## Looking for Human Right Committee Members

I also coordinate a Human Rights Committee which consist of myself, the Human Right's Officers from the Community and the Partial Hospitalization Program. The Committee also consists of volunteers in the community. Former clients, Families of clients, Attorneys, Clergy, anyone that has had some mental health experience.

These members are the only members that listen to the incidents that occur on the inpatient unit, to be sure the client received treatment that was handled humanely, with respect and dignity. Our open meeting section of the meetings are where both community and inpatient complaints are reviewed and discussed.

Our mission statement for the Human Rights Committee is to uphold, protect and ensure the rights of clients who reside or participate in DMH funded or operated programs. This committee is a valuable part of client care.

Our meetings are held once a quarter for about an hour, 4x a year. They have been held on Wednesdays between 11-12, this time slot is not etched in stone and can adjusted if need be. We are also looking at doing the meetings virtually if it will help our members attend.

If anyone has interest or would like to talk about the committee please feel free to contact me. I'd love to talk to you about becoming a member.

Thank you so much for your time and considering the membership.

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