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*Human Rights Committee*

*"Committee was very courteous and knowledgeable about participant's issues."* - HRC Participant

## What does the Human Rights Committee do?

The HRC protects the rights of individuals receiving services from the CCB by:

- ☑ participating in the review of informed consent;
- ☑ monitoring the suspension of rights of persons receiving services;
- ☑ monitoring behavior development programs for customers;
- ☑ monitoring the use of psychotropic medication by customers;
- ☑ monitoring the use of Emergency Control Procedures (ECP);
- ☑ monitoring the use of Safety Control Procedures (SCP);
- ☑ reviewing the investigations of allegations of abuse or neglect in which customers are involved.

*"The meeting went well and I felt HRC was well informed of the consumers needs."* - HRC Participant

## *Who is the Human Rights Committee?*

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The Human Rights Committee (HRC) is a third party review mechanism to safeguard the rights of persons with developmental disabilities (DD) receiving services and supports. The HRC is an advisory and review body to the administration of the community centered board (CCB).

Human Right Committees, as established by Colorado Law, are to serve as third party mechanisms. They provide an independent perspective, separate from that of a service provider, in cases where the individual customer can not or will not exercise individual self-determination.

## *Confidentiality*

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The Human Rights Committee adheres to all Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Colorado State Rules, and Denver Options policies regarding confidentiality. When members join the Committee they are required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement, and renew the agreement each year as part of their membership. If you have questions regarding confidentiality please contact Denver Options.

*"...the morning HRC  
chairman...made us all feel  
welcome."*

- HRC Participant

## *Who makes up the Human Rights Committee?*

The HRC is to be made up of a collection of people with a background in behavioral intervention, or the mental health field, as well as representatives of people receiving services. Those people can be parents, siblings, guardians, or even an individual who is receiving services themselves.



*"Everyone was very nice...."*

- HRC Participant

## Why have I been invited?

You have been invited to what is called your initial review presentation. This is where you and your Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) tell the HRC about you, and answer the HRC's questions. It is your opportunity to tell the HRC anything you feel it is important for them to know.

There are three reasons you could be reviewed by the HRC:

1. Your doctor has prescribed **psychotropic medication** for you.
2. Your IDT has decided it would be the best course of action to put a **Suspension of Rights** in place to protect you or the community.
3. The IDT decided that it has become necessary to implement a **Restrictive Procedure** to regulate your movement or activity in order to change your negative or unsafe behaviors.

In all these situations the HRC reviews your Individual Plan (IP), Comprehensive Life Review (CLR), Individual Services and Support Plan (ISSP), IDT meeting notes, Functional Analysis, Incident Reports (when applicable), Informed Consents (when applicable), and all other documents connected with the situations named above, to ensure that the individual is given due process, is properly informed of his/her options and rights, and that the correct services and supports connected with the above are obtained.

The Human Rights Committees meet the third Wednesday of every month. There are two Human Right Committees advising Denver Options. The morning committee meets from 8:30AM to 12:30PM, and then the committee in the afternoon meets from 4 to 8PM.

The Human Rights Committee is here to protect you and your rights, and their support staff here at Denver Options are always happy to answer questions if you have them. Please call (303) 636-5600.



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