

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
 10:00AM – JULY 8, 2024
 GAYLORD CONFERENCE ROOM & MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Alcona	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Brummund	Kalkaska	<input type="checkbox"/> David Comai
Alpena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burt Francisco	Leelanau	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
Antrim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pam Singer	Manistee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Schmidt
Benzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Markey	Missaukee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Smallegan
Charlevoix	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Marie Conway	Montmorency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Edwards
Cheboygan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Wallace	Ogemaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Quackenbush
Crawford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sherry Powers	Oscoda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Varner
Emmet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Newton	Otsego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Johnson
Grand		Presque Isle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dana Labar
Traverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Freedman	Roscommon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darlene Sensor
Iosco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay O'Farrell	Wexford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Taylor
Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bea Arsenov		Clinical Services Director
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodie Balhorn		Prevention Coordinator
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Balousek		Executive Administrator
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Hartley		Claims Assistant
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Kurtz		Chief Executive Officer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pamela Polom		Finance Specialist
	<input type="checkbox"/> Brandon Rhue		Chief Information Officer/Operations Director
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denise Switzer		Grant and Treatment Manager
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deanna Yockey		Chief Financial Officer
Public	Samantha Borowiak, Chip Cieslinski, Nichole Flickema, Lou Gamalski, Donna Hardies, Susan Kramer, Pam Lynch, Lt. Mike McDaniels, Laruen Reed, Marjie Rich, Kara Steinke, Ellen Templeton, Sharon Vreeland		

CALL TO ORDER

Let the record show that Committee Chair, Richard Schmidt, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that David Comai was absent for the meeting on this date; all other SUD Oversight Committee Members were in attendance either in Gaylord or virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Let the record show that the Pledge of Allegiance was recited as a group.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

The May minutes were included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

MOTION BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2024 NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Let the record show that no additions or revisions to the meeting Agenda were proposed.

MOTION BY DOUG JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JULY 8, 2024 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New SUD Oversight Committee Member, Dean Smallegan, representing Missaukee County, was introduced. Mr. Smallegan is also a member of the Northern Lakes CMHA Board of Directors.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Let the record show that Mr. Schmidt called for any conflicts of interest to any of the meeting agenda items. Rev. Wallace noted that his granddaughter is working for Bear River Health. The Committee agreed that this poses no conflict with any of the agenda items for the meeting on this date.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Admissions

The admissions report through March 31, 2024 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Fiscal year 2024 admissions were down 4.7% from the same period in FY23, likely due to individuals losing Medicaid and Healthy Michigan (HMP) after the resumption of redeterminations. The data showed that outpatient was the highest level of treatment admissions at 48%, and alcohol was the most prevalent primary substance at 59%, all opiates (including heroin) were second at 18%, and methamphetamine was the third most prevalent primary substance at 17%. It was noted that stimulant use is rising sharply throughout the 21-county region.

County-specific reports were also included in the meeting materials. The county-specific reports are intended to be shared with Boards of Commissioners and other community stakeholders.

It is likely that liquor tax funds will be needed to supplement SUD Block Grant Funding in FY24. It may be necessary to dip into county fund balances in excess of one year’s receivables.

Ms. Singer requested that the colors in the charts and graphs be consistent throughout the reports.

April Financial Report

All SUD funding showed revenue of \$17,567,743 and \$16,033,218 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$1,534,525. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$4,908,762. Last year at this time, HMP had a \$1.2M surplus, and currently has a \$90K deficit.

PA2/Liquor Tax was summarized as follows:

Projected FY24 Activity			
Beginning Balance	Projected Revenue	Approved Projects	Projected Ending Balance
\$5,220,509	\$1,794,492	\$2,595,550	\$4,419,450

Actual FY24 Activity			
Beginning Balance	Current Receipts	Current Expenditures	Current Ending Balance
\$5,220,509	\$656,798	\$968,545	\$4,908,762

Due to the rapid decline in HMP enrollment (approximately 20%), the NMRE will likely have to rely on liquor tax funds to supplement SUD Block Grant funding in FY24.

Mr. Freedman raised the possibility of the state’s portion of opioid settlement funds coming to the PIHPs. Mr. Kurtz responded that he would oppose the plan, as the managing entities were not parties to the lawsuit; he would prefer that the funds remain with the counties. Because the parameters for using opioid settlement funds have been loosely defined, Mr. O’Farrell noted that most counties have the funds sitting in an account. Ms. Singer asked whether the NMRE can help educate the counties or share NMRE processes; much of this has been done through the NMRE’s Prevention Coalitions.

LIQUOR TAX PARAMETERS

The Liquor Tax funds parameters approved by the NMRE Board of Directors on April 24, 2024 were included in the meeting materials to inform the SUD Oversight Committee’s decision whether to recommend approval of the liquor tax requests brought before the Committee on this date.

Ms. Singer referenced the eighth bullet point, which states: “Applications that include any purchase of buildings or automobiles, renovations of any kind, or any other capital investments will not be considered.” “Capital investment” were defined as “funds invested in a company or enterprise to further its business objectives. Capital investments are often used to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as property, buildings, or equipment to expand or improve long-term productivity or efficiency. (Source: Nasdaq).” Ms. Singer questioned the upcoming liquor tax request from Wexford County for the purchase of a “TEK84 body scanner that would help law enforcement identify individuals attempting to sneak or smuggle contraband into the jail, putting the individual and others in danger of substance abuse or possible overdose,” as it may be viewed as a capital purchase.

It was noted that the body scanner would not be creating any revenue for the jail. Mr. Freedman suggested setting an amount under which capital investments may be considered, such as \$5K. More discussion will take place under the next agenda item.

Per the Liquor Tax Parameters, “Requests for liquor tax funds should be coordinated with area stakeholders (CMHSPs, SUD Oversight Committee Members, County Commissioners, courts, law enforcement, SUD services providers) whenever possible.” Providers commented that they do not always have the contact information to meet this requirement.

MOTION BY PAM SINGER TO ALLOW THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY TO ADD SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ EMAIL ADDRESSES IN A CLICKABLE FORMAT TO THE NMRE.ORG WEBSITE; SUPPORT BY TERY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

FY25 LIQUOR TAX REQUESTS

1. Catholic Human Services Alcona County Students Leading Students Alcona \$12,100.00 Continuation
- Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

Donna Hardies, Prevention Supervisor with Catholic Human Services, clarified that funding will be used to enhance the existing programming with youth training and outreach events and incentives, a motivational speaker, and coalition branding.

MOTION BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR ALCONA COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (12,100.00) TO FUND THE ALCONA COUNTY STUDENTS LEADING STUDENTS PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY DANA LABAR. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Centra Wellness Network Benzie Area Youth (BAY) Initiative Benzie \$7,790.00 Continuation
- Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

MOTION BY TIM MARKEY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK FOR BENZIE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$7,790.00) TO FUND THE BENZIE AREA YOUTH INITIATIVE; SUPPORT BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND. MOTION CARRIED.

3. BASES Charlevoix County Jail Groups Charlevoix \$22,000.00 Continuation
- Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

MOTION BY ANNE MARIE CONWAY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM BAY AREA SUBSTANCE EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$22,000.00) TO FUND GROUP THERAPY SERVICES IN THE COUNTY JAIL; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Catholic Human Services Generations Ahead Grand Traverse \$79,827.00 Continuation
- Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

Mr. Freedman noted that indirect costs total 10% of the budget. The application states that indirect costs may not exceed 9% of the budget. Ms. Arsenov responded that the application should state that indirect costs may total up to 10% of the budget; the application will be corrected.

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$79,827.00) TO FUND THE GENERATIONS AHEAD PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Munson Recovery Coaching Engagement Grand Traverse \$68,497.00 Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

Mr. Freedman asked how many individuals are likely to be impacted. Munson Healthcare Behavioral Health Manager, Susan Kramer, responded that she reports numbers to NMRE quarterly, though they are tracked weekly, monthly, and annually.

Calendar Year	Number of Individuals seen by a Peer
2024 (first six months)	371
2023	608
2022	432

Ms. Kramer said she is hopeful that the recovery coach staff can be included in the Crisis Team and otherwise funded.

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM MUNSON HEALTHCARE FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$68,497.00) TO FUND A RECOVERY COACHING ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Catholic Human Services Peers Project with Dr. Best Grand Traverse \$49,627.00 Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

Mr. Labar asked how many individuals are served by the program. Catholic Human Services Chief Executive Officer, Chip Cieslinski, responded that it varies though the average is roughly 40 individuals per month.

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$49,627.00) TO FUND A PEER SUPPORT PROJECT WITH DR. DAVID BEST; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Catholic Human Services SFCNM Opioid Prevention and Medication Safety Grand Traverse \$155,000.00 Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

Catholic Human Services Substance Use Prevention Specialist, Sharon Vreeland, clarified that the application was originally for Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties; however, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties did not have fund balances to support the request.

A request was made that renewals/continuations include the number of years the project has been funded with liquor tax.

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$155,000.00) TO FUND THE SUBSTANCE FREE COALITION OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN OPIOID PREVENTION AND MEDICATION SAFETY CAMPAIGN; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Catholic Human Services Leelanau County SUD Youth Prevention Leelanau \$36,740.00 Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

A request was made that Leelanau Investing for Teens (LIFT) be a future SUD Oversight Committee meeting Presentation

MOTION BY PAM SINGER TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR LEELANAU COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$36,740.00) TO FUND THE LEELANAU COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER YOUTH PREVENTION PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Catholic Human Services Ogemaw Drug Free Coalition Ogemaw \$8,213.00 Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

MOTION BY RON QUACKENBUSH TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR OGEMAW COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS (\$8,213.00) TO FUND THE OGEMAW COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION; SUPPORT BY JAY O'FARRELL. MOTION CARRIED.

Let the record show that Ms. Singer's vote was recorded as an abstention due to a reported conflict of interest.

10. Wexford County Sheriff Jail TEK84 Body Scanner Wexford \$75,000.00 New

Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

This request was discussed, in part, under "Liquor Tax Parameters." Wexford County Jail Administrator, Lt. Mike McDaniels, explained that the request is to fund a portion of the total

\$187,500 cost. The decision was made to proceed with voting and leave the capital expense determination and/or a potential revision to the liquor tax parameters to the NMRE Board of Directors.

MOTION BY GARY TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE WEXFORD COUNTY SHERRIF'S DEPARTMENT FOR WEXFORD COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) TO PURCHASE A TEK84 BODY SCANNER; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. ROLL CALL VOTE.

"Yea" Votes: C. Brummund, D. Edwards, B. Francisco, D. Johnson, D. Labar, T. Markey, T. Newton, J. O'Farrell, S. Powers, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, D. Smallegan, G. Taylor, C. Varner

"Nay" Votes: D. Freedman, D. Sensor, P. Singer, J. Wallace

It was noted that the four "nay" votes recorded were due to it being a capital expense which breaches the established NMRE liquor tax parameters.

MOTION CARRIED.

- 11. Catholic Human Services Jail-Based SUD Program Wexford \$102,956.00 Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR WEXFORD COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$102,956.00) TO FUND THE WEXFORD COUNTY JAIL-BASED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY RON QUACKENBUSH. MOTION CARRIED.

- 12. Health Dept of Northwest MI DFNM 21-County Alliance Media Campaign Multi County \$60,000.00 Continuation

Alcona	\$	1,225.00	Leelanau	\$	2,563.01
Alpena	\$	3,368.36	Manistee	\$	2,890.83
Antrim	\$	2,756.51	Missaukee	\$	1,774.95
Benzie	\$	2,079.69	Montmorency	\$	1,094.70
Charlevoix	\$	3,093.44	Ogemaw	\$	2,483.01
Cheboygan	\$	3,002.31	Oscoda	\$	980.73
Crawford	\$	1,645.83	Otsego	\$	2,903.97
Emmet	\$	3,928.25	Presque Isle	\$	1,513.76
Grand Traverse	\$	10,864.97	Roscommon	\$	2,827.87
Iosco	\$	2,977.82	Wexford	\$	3,938.07
Kalkaska	\$	2,086.91	Total	\$	60,000.00

Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

Ellen Templeton, Project Coordinator for RISE Otsego Substance Free Coalition, explained that in PhotoVoice, participants take photographs and provide narratives to translate their experiences into a visual representation. For the 2024 project, youth were asked to comment on the positive and negative influences on youth substance use. A regional media campaign was then created by MacDonald Garber Broadcasting based on the contents of the submissions. These were shown as advertisements on prominent webpages.

MOTION BY JAY O’FARRELL TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FOR LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) TO FUND THE DRUG FREE NORTHERN MICHIGAN TWENTY-ONE COUNTY ALLIANCE; SUPPORT BY JOHN WALLACE. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: C. Brummund, D. Edwards, D. Freedman, B. Francisco, D. Johnson, D. Labar, T. Markey, T. Newton, J. O’Farrell, S. Powers, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, D. Sensor, P. Singer, D. Smallegan, G. Taylor, C. Varner, J. Wallace

“Nay” Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

13.	Harm Reduction Michigan	Supplies to Combat the Opioid Epidemic	Multi County	\$120,000.00	New
	Emmet	\$	21,801.28		
	Grand Traverse	\$	60,299.17		
	Manistee	\$	16,043.74		
	Wexford	\$	21,855.80		
	Total	\$	120,000.00		

Meets PA2 Parameters? Yes No

Lou Gamalski from Harm Reduction Michigan reported that funding will be used to support prevention activities, with the goal of reducing opioid overdose, increasing access to wound care support, and promoting health.

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM HARM REDUCTION MICHIGAN FOR LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS FROM EMMET, GRAND TRAVERSE, MANISTEE, AND WEXFORD COUNTIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) FOR SUPPLIES TO COMBAT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC; SUPPORT BY DAVE FREEDMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

County Overviews

The impact of the liquor tax requests approved on this date on county fund balances was shown as:

	Projected FY25 Available Balance	Amount Approved July 8, 2024	Projected Remaining Balance
Alcona	54,743.00	13,325.00	41,418.00
Alpena	267,481.00	3,368.36	264,112.64
Antrim	205,581.00	2,756.51	202,824.49
Benzie	261,193.00	9,869.69	251,323.31
Charlevoix	164,888.00	25,093.44	139,794.56
Cheboygan	106,015.00	3,002.31	103,012.69
Crawford	123,352.00	1,645.83	121,706.17
Emmet	475,227.00	25,729.53	449,497.47
Grand Traverse	947,757.00	424,115.14	523,641.86
Iosco	146,340.00	2,977.82	143,362.18
Kalkaska	49,762.00	2,086.91	47,675.09
Leelanau	97,214.00	39,303.01	57,910.99
Manistee	263,089.00	18,934.57	244,154.43
Missaukee	32,817.00	1,774.95	31,042.05
Montmorency	61,312.00	1,094.70	60,217.30
Ogemaw	75,005.00	10,696.01	64,308.99
Oscoda	37,919.00	980.73	36,938.27
Otsego	120,616.00	2,903.97	117,712.03
Presque Isle	36,787.00	1,513.76	35,273.24
Roscommon	555,146.68	2,827.87	552,318.81
Wexford	332,879.00	203,749.87	129,129.13
Total	4,415,123.68	797,749.98	3,499,661.67

The "Projected Remaining Balance" reflects funding available for projects while retaining a fund balance equivalent of one year's receivables.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pam Lynch from Northern Lakes CMHA reported that Harm Reduction Michigan also received funding from the Michigan State Police and the Department of Justice for the TEK84 Body Scanner.

Marjie Rich, Executive Director of Generations Ahead thanked the Committee for its liquor tax approval recommendation.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2024 at 10:00AM.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:56AM.