

**Northern Michigan Regional Entity
Substance Use Disorder Policy Oversight Board
January 8, 2018
Diocese of Gaylord, Pastoral Center**

Board Members in Attendance:

Carolyn Brummund, Don Schuiteman, Joel Evans,
Rick Anderson, Terry Newton, Chuck Welch,
Jay O'Farrell, David Comai, Gwenne Allgaier,
Dean Vivian, Richard Schmidt, Roger Frye,
Ron Quackenbush, Larry Wilson, Duane Switalski,
Terry Larson, Gary Stefanko, Gary Taylor,
Cameron Habermehl for Brenda Fournier

Board Members Excused: Coury Carland

Board Members Absent: John Wallace

Staff in Attendance: Eric Kurtz, Sara Sircely, Heidi Serven, Denise Switzer,
Jessica Davis, Christina Pudvan

Public in Attendance: Chip Cieslinski, Kara Steinke, Sue Winter, Susan Pulaski
and Lynda Rutkowski

- I. Call to Order – Let the record show that Chairman Roger Frye called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Roll Call – Let the record show that Coury Carland was excused with notice and John Wallace was absent.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – Let the record show that the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group.
- IV. Approval of Past Minutes - A handout was distributed. **MOTION MADE BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND, TO APPROVE THE SUD POLICY OVERSIGHT BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2017. SECOND BY TERRY LARSON. MOTION CARRIED.**
- V. Approval of Agenda – **MOTION MADE BY DON SCHUITEMAN TO APPROVE THE SUD POLICY OVERSIGHT BOARD AGENDA FROM JANUARY 8, 2018, SECOND BY LARRY WILSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

- VI. Acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest – Carolyn Brummund noted conflict with RFI information and will abstain from voting.
- VII. Public Comment – Let the record show no public comment was offered.
- VIII. SUD Coordinator Report- Sara Sircely reported on status of STR Grants. Eric Kurtz reported on Health Home Status, OROSC is going to be taking the policy lead and start discussions with Medicaid and CMS to develop policies. NMRE SUD providers who are most ready to participate will receive a site visit. Target date for implementation October 2018.
- IX. SUD Numbers Report
- a. Calls by type - Sara reviewed FY 2017 calls by the NMRE Access Center from November – September 2017. Total calls 13,624, total SUD calls 4,139. Total SUD calls for FY 2018 are 593.
 - b. Screenings and Calls – Sara reviewed FY 2017 SUD screenings at 1,468 and FY 2018 are 236.
 - c. Admissions -Sara reviewed FY 2018 admission report. Don Schuiteman asked about large numbers of single people in treatment and asked if we have treatment programs aimed at the population. Sara indicated that individual treatment services would address their needs. Board suggested a break down of admissions for unmarried and never married group.
Sara will look into the admissions information and report back to the board.
- X. Finance
- a. Financial Report
 - i. Summary by Funding - Sara reported on SUD funding through September 30, 2017.
 - ii. SUD Administrative - Sara reviewed report for FY 2017. She reported for FY 2018 NMRE has received an increase in Medicaid funding in November by \$80,000.
 - iii. Provider Report - Table
 - iv. Level of Care Report - Table
 - b. Liquor Tax - Table

XI. New Business

a. Liquor Tax Requests

- i. Health Department NW MI – SAFE Coalition - Sara reviewed liquor tax request for Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties for the SAFE coalition. Susan Pulaski from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan described the project and shared information regarding the request. After discussion, **MOTION MADE BY DON SCHUITEMAN TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FOR THE SAFE IN NM COALITION FOR**

Antrim County \$23,428

Emmet County \$27,165

Charlevoix County \$23,745

for the time period January 1 – December 31, 2018, SECOND BY TERRY LARSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Terry Newton congratulated the Health Department of Northwest Michigan for a job well done.

Joe Evans expressed his concerns regarding marijuana proposal and asked why the state is allowing this to get on the ballot and how we can stop it. Susan Pulaski shared that we need to educate as many people as we can and they need to understand how much has changed with marijuana and how damaging it is. Susan said that there are states that have defeated it, so it is possible that it will not be passed through.

- ii. Catholic Human Services – Cheboygan Coalition - Sara reviewed liquor tax request for Cheboygan county for January - September 2018. Kara Steinke from CHS described their project and shared information regarding the request. **MOTION MADE BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUEST FROM CHS FOR THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY SUBSTANCE FREE TASK FORCE FOR CHEBOYGAN COUNTY FOR \$58,900 FOR THE TIME PERIOD JANUARY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, SECOND BY GARY STEFANKO. MOTION CARRIED.**

- iii. Catholic Human Services – Crawford Coalition - Sara reviewed liquor tax proposal for Crawford county coalition. **MOTION MADE BY RICK ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUEST FROM CHS FOR THE CRAWFORD PARTNERSHIP FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION \$59,058 FOR THE TIME PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 – JANUARY 1, 2019, SECOND BY RICHARD SCHMIDT. MOTION CARRIED.**

Gary Stefanko expressed concern about depleting a large number of liquor tax resources from Crawford County and asked about a formalized process for releasing the funds. Sara indicated that she will come up with a draft process on establishing a threshold for liquor tax funds.

XII. Old Business

- a. Request For Information Results – A handout was distributed. Sara reviewed power point presentation on Request for Information results. It was determined that NMRE board approved rates and contracts in December. Power point presentation will be shared with the board.

- XIII. Presentation – Drug Free Northern MI Task Force – Christie Pudvan shared power point presentation that was presented to the task force in October. Power point will be shared with the SUD board.

- XIV. Public Comment – Jay O’Farrell noted movement on holding pharmaceutical companies responsible for the opioid crisis. County Board of Commissioners are being approached by law firms and are making individual presentations to counties and cities requesting that they join in the lawsuits.

Don Schuiteman asked about statistics on the regional Angel Project. Sara will report on status of referrals at next meeting.

- XV. Next Meeting – March 5, 2018