

**Northern Michigan Regional Entity
 Substance Use Disorder Policy Oversight Board
 March 5, 2018**

Board Members in Attendance:	
	Carolyn Brummund, Cameron Habermehl for Brenda Fournier, Don Schuiteman, Coury Carland, Joel Evans, John Wallace, Rick Anderson, Chuck Welch, Jay O’Farrell, Gwenne Allgaier, Richard Schmidt, Roger Frye, Larry Wilson, Duane Switalski, Terry Larson, and Gary Taylor
Board Members Excused:	Terry Newton, Dean Vivian, Gary Stefanko
Board Members Absent:	David Comai, Ron Quackenbush
Staff in Attendance:	Eric Kurtz, Sara Sircely, Heidi Serven, Denise Switzer, Jessica Davis, Christina Pudvan, Deanna Yockey
Public in Attendance:	Sue Winter, Grant Card, Heather Diggs, Donna Hardies, Susan Pulaski

- 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 Terry Newton and Dean Vivian were excused with notice and that David Comai, Ron Quackenbush and Gary Stefanko were absent.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – Let the record show that the Pledge of Allegiance was recited as a group.
- IV. Approval of Past Minutes - **MOTION MADE BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND, TO APPROVE THE SUD POLICY OVERSIGHT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2018. SECOND BY LARRY WILSON. MOTION CARRIED.**
- V. Approval of Agenda – **MOTION MADE BY DON SCHUITEMAN, TO APPROVE THE SUD POLICY OVERSIGHT BOARD AGENDA FROM MARCH 5, 2018, SECOND BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND. MOTION CARRIED.**
- VI. Acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest – Let the record show that no conflict of interest was offered.
- VII. Public Comment – Let the record show that no public comment was offered.

VIII. SUD Coordinator Report - Sara Sircely reported on the Opioid Health Home Project, Recipient Rights Complaints, LAARA Licensing Requirement Changes, and SUD Provider Rate Changes.

IX. SUD Numbers Report

a. Calls by type – Sara reviewed Access Center call report through January.

b. Screenings and Calls – Sara reviewed Access Center call report through January.

c. Admissions – Sara reviewed the admission report for FY 2018 through February 20, 2018. Board Packets included county specific admission data. Sara reported total admissions for FY 2018 are 1,908 which is down from 2,302 at the same time frame in FY 2017. Sara indicated 1,761 unique client admissions. Discharges in the RECON system total 919, which is down from 1,952 at the same time in FY 2017. NMRE is working with providers to stress the importance of entering discharge in the data system. Gwenne Allgaier asked if a discharge means that an individual has completed treatment. Sara indicated that they have completed treatment at that specific provider for that service. Sara indicated that discharges are required once a client is not continuing in treatment at that location. Carolyn Brummund asked what accounted for the difference between 2017 and 2018 as numbers are close to 1,000. Carolyn said that just accepting the numbers is not acceptable as the board needs answers. She asked what is the answer and how do we find it? Sara Sircely indicated that we have presented information on open clients at all the SUD meetings and that we are working with providers on a data integrity project and that discharges will be added, as it's important that the information be entered timely and accurately. Rick Anderson asked about movement of transient clients and if it would impact these numbers. Gwenne Allgaier asked if there's a way to keep people connected in Northern Michigan and the importance of folks remaining connected after treatment. Sara indicated that when clients change to less intense levels of care they continue to remain engaged. She also shared that NMRE is conducting a Recovery Supports needs assessment to identify what can be done with services. NMRE will continue to supply the county specific reports at each board meeting.

Don Schuiteman asked about Angel Project in region. Sara indicated she has not heard any recent issues.

X. Finance

a. Financial Report

i. SUD Administrative - Sara reviewed the report through November 30, 2017.

ii. Summary by Funding – Sara reviewed the report through December 31, 2017.

iii. Provider Report – Sara reviewed the report through December 31, 2017.

iv. Level of Care Report – Sara reviewed the report through December 31, 2017.

b. Liquor Tax

i. Expenditures, Revenues (2017, 2018) – Sara reviewed the report on liquor tax revenues and expenditures.

- ii. Projects (2017, 2018) - Sara reviewed liquor tax projects approved by the board.

XI. New Business

a. Liquor Tax Requests

- i. Talk Sooner – Sara reviewed request for liquor tax funding for Talk Sooner application which gives parents a resource to access information about substance use prevention. The request is for all 21 counties. Christina Pudvan indicated that 32 counties in Michigan are participating in the project and provided an overview of the campaign. Donna Hardies shared that CHS is using this campaign in their counties and that you can get county specific information to present results. It is very detailed about discussion talking points for parents. CHS said it's a great tool that has all the information and makes it easier to share region wide. The liquor tax request is to purchase the tool for 7 remaining counties in the NMRE region and promotional materials to support it. Cost for all counties are \$2,000 with exception of Grand Traverse and Manistee which are \$2,500.

MOTION MADE BY DON SCHUITEMAN, TO APPROVE LIQUOR TAX FUNDING REQUEST TO IMPLEMENT THE TALKSOONER APPLICATION IN THE NMRE REGION, SECOND BY CHUCK WELCH. MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. MIPHY – Sara reviewed the liquor tax request for MiPHY (Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth) survey for 7, 9 and 11th graders to gather data on the impact of prevention services and health risk behaviors including substance use. The request would provide an incentive for schools in the region to participate in the survey. This request would cover all 21 counties in the region and be approximately \$1,000 for schools to participate. Terry Larson noted that Presque Isle Academy was not included in the list. Richard Schmidt indicated he would like to talk with CMH to see if they are using the tool in the schools. It was indicated that Centra Wellness is using the information from the survey for prevention planning. There is no cost for participating in the survey except for the staff time to sit students down at computers to complete. It was noted that the money would help defray costs and provide schools an incentive to participate. The MiPHY survey is offered to students every other year. **MOTION MADE BY RICK ANDERSON, TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUEST TO PROVIDE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE NMRE REGION TO IMPLEMENT THE MIPHY (MICHIGAN PROFILE FOR HEALTHY YOUTH) SURVEY, SECOND BY COURY CARLAND. MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. SUD Policy Oversight Board Members Reappointment – Sara reviewed that the following counties have board terms up for re-appointment the end of March; Alcona, Antrim, Grand Traverse, Missaukee, Ogemaw and Roscommon. Letters will be sent to the counties asking for re-appointment, with copies sent to board members.

- c. Prevention Services – Sara reviewed current contract requirements for prevention. NMRE is looking to revise the prevention contract requirements for FY 2019. NMRE is looking at moving away from performance-based contracts and moving towards allowing more individualized services per county with set rates for each service being provided. Changes would also be made to payments at NMRE from providers invoicing to paying providers from the data that is entered into the statewide prevention data system.

Carolyn asked about evaluating the different approach. Sara indicated that NMRE would review the prevention plans by county versus the services provided. Sara indicated that this is different than the performance measures that are required by contract.

Donna Hardies from CHS shared that the county needs assessment and county coalitions will be an important part in this new contracting process.

Jay O'Farrell asked about collecting data from sources such as alcohol related crashes and other avenues, as he questioned the accuracy and validity of the survey data.

Sara said that in addition to MiPHY, counties will be required to look at other areas of data that can be used to create the prevention plans for each county. Sara will require that that data sources are identified for prevention proposals.

MOTION MADE BY CORY CARLAND TO SUPPORT THE REVISED CONTRACTING MECHANISM FOR NMRE PREVENTION SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM A PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACT AND IMPLEMENTING AN INDIVIDUALIZED PREVENTION PLAN TO MEET SPECIFIC COUNTY/COMMUNITY NEEDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2019, SECOND BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND. MOTION APPROVED.

XII. Old Business

- a. Liquor Tax Fund Balance Policy – Sara reviewed that a draft policy was created based on conversations from the last board meeting, with input from Richard Carpenter.

Recommendation is to have liquor tax fund balance that would be able to cover the amount of expenditures for the Healthy Michigan Plan for the amount of one year.

Terry Larson asked how this would apply to county, by amount or percentage?

Eric Kurtz indicated that we need further conversations about this policy and the established amounts, as the dynamics of funding requirements continue to change.

More information to follow.

b. STR Grant Update – NMRE provided updates on the State Targeted Response Grant projects. Christie Pudvan presented on 1) Strengthening Families – it was noted this project has not been feasible for NMRE region due to staffing and other requirements. BASES has committed four staff to receive training and NMRE is waiting for this training to be held. Implementation of the project will occur once the training has been completed. 2) Red Project – Naloxone Training Distribution. NMRE has partnered with CHS and had the first training on February 15, 2018. Laurie Ames from CHS provided the training. The focus was training for jail staff, with 20 counties agreeing to participate. Benzie County has previously received training. Christie shared training had 32 attendees and 13 counties participated. All counties will receive two double dose kits of nasal Narcan and resource documents.

Project Assert – Jessica Davis reviewed that OMH is interested in participating in the project and that NMRE will be setting up a meeting to further discuss. NMRE has also contacted Alpena Regional Medical Center to discuss. Twelve Recovery Coaches were trained in February.

Motivational Interviewing – Denise Switzer reported clinicians from NMRE will be attending training. NMRE will provide incentives when the training has been completed. MAT Incentivization – NMRE is providing gas cards to block grant clients identified as meeting criteria for reimbursement. NMRE is issuing \$10 and \$20 gas cards to provide further incentive for clients to attend treatment.

Denise reported that NMRE is issuing incentive payments to NMRE provider for MAT services.

XIII. Public Comment - Sue Winter thanked SUD Policy Oversight Board for allocating funding for EMDR training for trauma. She said that NMSAS sent one clinician and results have been significant and provided an additional service to clients. Richard Schmidt shared information on Opiate Symposium in Manistee, scheduled for April 5th from 6:30 – 8:00. NMRE will distribute flyer to board members.

Duane Switalski from Otsego County read article in local newspaper about sheriff department pulling over individuals and issuing tickets for traffic violations when they leave local methadone clinic. Duane talked to the sheriff about his concerns targeting individuals in treatment and the response received was that sheriff's department patrols the entire county. Duane shared that we want people to get to and from the clinic safely and he does not like that deputies are sitting outside in visual range. Rick Anderson asked to have someone explain to Crawford County Commissioners how treatment is done, as there was an incident in his county where an individual took more doses than required. Sara shared that methadone doses are administered on an individual bases and that certain clients can qualify for “take home” doses. She said that diversion may be possible but that the clinic would be monitoring this and identifying folks at risk. Sara indicated that legal action center has information on driving under methadone. Rick asked for more education on

methadone services and how this is monitored so that when something happens in a community that board members can help to explain and educate.

Eric Kurtz shared that NMRE has a good relationship with the methadone provider and that more education needs to take place with local law enforcement. He noted that NMRE is partnering with State Police with Angel Program and that we need to get everyone together to have a discussion on MAT services being one pathway to treatment.

XIV. Next Meeting – May 7, 2018 at Cross Street, Gaylord