

**Northern Michigan Regional Entity  
Substance Use Disorder Policy Oversight Board  
May 7, 2018**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Carolyn Brummund, Brenda Fournier, Melissa Zelenak, Coury Carland, Joel Evans, John Wallace, Terry Newton, Chuck Welch, Jay O'Farrell, Gwenne Allgaier, Richard Schmidt, Roger Frye, Ron Quackenbush, Larry Wilson, Terry Larson, Gary Stefanko, Gary Taylor

**Board Members Excused:** Rick Anderson, Duane Switalski

**Board Members Absent:** David Comaii, Dean Vivian

**Staff in Attendance:** Eric Kurtz, Heidi Serven, Sara Sircely, Christina Pudvan, Brandon Rhue, Dee Whittaker

**Public in Attendance:** Lynda Rutkowski, Chip Cieslinski, Trooper Ashley Simpson

- I. Call to Order – Let the record show that Chairman Roger Frye called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- II. Roll Call – Let the record show that Rick Anderson and Duane Switalski were excused with notice. The board welcomed new Antrim County representative Melissa Zelenak. Terry Larson requested that the board send something to Don Schuiteman, the past Antrim board member for his years of service.
- 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 MARCH 5, 2018. SECOND BY LARRY WILSON. MOTION CARRIED.**
- V. Approval of Agenda – **MOTION MADE BY LARRY WILSON, TO APPROVE THE SUD POLICY OVERSIGHT BOARD AGENDA FROM MAY 7, 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 following:

- Rate Changes that were approved by the board have been implemented, effective 4/1/2018. Updated contracts have been sent out to providers. Changes have been made in the RECON system.
- LARA – Looking at SUD administrative rules. NMRE staff will be attending the meeting on 5/9/2018 to discuss a draft of changes.
- Opioid Health Home – NMRE is moving forward with implementation of the Opioid Health Home Project, with implementation scheduled for 10/1/2018. NMRE staff are meeting regularly to discuss.
- Gary Stefanko asked about the status of the Angel Program. Sara indicated that most of the issues that were initially occurring have been ironed out and Dee Whittaker reported that things are going smoothly in the Access Center. Concern was voiced that the program is not being utilized. Trooper Simpson from Alpena reported that they have been seeing alcohol more frequently than opioids. Discussed increasing awareness of the program. Program is being utilized more frequently downstate. Alpena has had 12-15 people participate in the Angel Program because they have volunteers that are connecting participants to the program who are in need of treatment services.

IX. SUD Numbers Report

- a. Screenings and Calls - Sara reviewed access center call report.
- b. Admissions - Sara reviewed the admissions report. Melissa Zelenak inquired about a breakdown of ages and gender. Alcohol continues to remain primary with opioids being second. Board inquired on comparative data. It was indicated by staff that previous data system did not have reliable data. NMRE was sited by the state for incomplete data, due to the previous data system not capturing or reporting the information appropriately. Beginning FY 2017, NMRE implemented the RECON data system from PCE.
- c. County Specific Admission Report – Providers received admission reporting information specific to their county.

Gary Stefanko asked about quality standards in the NMRE contract. Sara indicated that the state looks at three outcome measures; 1) Employment, Housing and Substance Use. NMRE does not have quality measures in the contract. Gary indicated that average direct contact hours are a reasonable quality standard that can be put into place.

Sara explained the difference in low intensity/high intensity residential services based on ASAM levels of care.

Eric Kurtz explained that the purpose of Request For Information process was to gather the services/codes being performed by the provider to maintain a budget for SUD services. He explained that the state is requiring all PIHP's to implement a standard assessment tool, the (GAIN) and are moving to a standard set of protocols so that we can assure state and federal government that we are offering individualized services and not just putting individuals into residential services. He indicated this is part of 1115 waiver requirements to ensure that we are not putting all individuals into high intensity residential services.

Chuck Welch asked NMRE to send a letter communicating the low intensity/high intensity changes for residential services to the law enforcement and judges within the region.

## X. Finance

### a. Financial Report

- i. SUD Administrative – Sara reviewed the report for the period October – January 31, 2018.
- ii. Summary by Funding - Sara reviewed the report.
- iii. Provider Report – Sara reviewed expenditures by provider by February 28, 2018.
- iv. Level of Care Report – Sara reviewed expenditures by each level of care.

### b. Liquor Tax

- i. Expenditures, Revenues – Sara reviewed the report. Coury Carland asked for column to be added on revenue received from previous fiscal year. Project list will be provided as part of the report.

## XI. New Business

### a. Liquor Tax Requests

- i. Dann's House – Grand Traverse – Sara reviewed the request from CHS for \$30,000 liquor tax funding in Grand Traverse county. The program addresses the issue of homeless and works with individuals to get into SUD treatment. NMRE has funded this project for two years. Sara indicated Dann's House is partnering with Goodwill and HUD. Chip Cieslinski indicated HUD assures more stable funding and the group is looking at purchasing the house, which would be more cost effective. He indicated that group is doing good things to line themselves up for the future. This is a wet house, where drinking is allowed, but they have noted substantial decrease in resident's substance use and linking individuals up with services. **MOTION MADE BY CHUCK WELCH TO APPROVE \$30,000 OF LIQUOR TAX FUNDING FROM GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY TO CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICE FOR DANN'S HOUSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018. SECOND BY RICHARD SCHMIDT. MOTION CARRIED.**
- ii. Hidden in Plain Sight – CHS - Sara reviewed the request from Catholic Human Services in partnership with MSP for Alcona, Alpena, Oscoda, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties for \$2,112 per county. Trooper Ashley Simpson from MSP 7<sup>th</sup> district explained that trailer will available

to teach the general public on drug education and paraphernalia. Program is based on Hidden in Plain Sight information presented to the board. The trailer will be focused on educating parents, care givers and teachers. The trailer will be available for use at community events throughout the region.

**MOTION MADE BY BRENDA FOURNIER TO APPROVE \$10,560 IN LIQUOR TAX FUNDS SPLIT BETWEEN THE COUNTIES OF ALCONA, ALPENA, OSCODA, MONTMORENCY AND PRESQUE ISLE TO CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT TRAVEL TRAILER FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018. SECOND BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

iii. Keith Graves Training – NMRE Region – Sara reviewed the request from Catholic Human Services for \$335.00 liquor tax from each of the 21 NMRE counties for a drug education training. Lynda Rutkowski shared the training is geared toward law enforcement, educators and social workers on current drug trends in northern Michigan and what to look for in the home, school and with students to identify high-risk choices. Keith Graves conducts drug training throughout the United States. Lynda shared that CHS sees this as an opportunity to provide a training that would be helpful in their jobs. CHS has partnered with law enforcement on other projects such as the Naloxone training and kits, which has resulted in 70 lives saved in the NMRE region.

**MOTION MADE BY CHUCK WELCH TO APPROVE \$7,035 OF LIQUOR TAX FUNDS, WITH EACH COUNTY TO BE CHARGED \$335.00 TO CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE KEITH GRAVES TRAINING FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018. SECOND BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.**

iv. CADCA Coalition Training – NMRE Region – Sara reviewed the request. Christie Pudvan explained the request came out of the Community Awareness task force meeting. Goal is to get a coalition in every county in the NMRE region and begin a 21-county coalition collaborative, which will help with coalitions networking and consistent prevention messaging across the region. Training is tentatively scheduled for August.

**MOTION MADE BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE \$381 OF LIQUOR TAX FUNDING PER COUNTY TO CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE CADCA TRAINING FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2018 – OCTOBER 1, 2018. SECOND BY GARY STEFANKO. MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. SUD Policy Oversight Board Members Reappointment
- i. Alcona County – Carolyn Brummund has been re-appointed to the board.
  - ii. Antrim County – New member Melissa Zelenak has been appointed to the board.
  - iii. Missaukee County – Dean Vivian has been re-appointed to the board.
- c. STING Narcotics Team – Gary Stefanko requested this item be added to the agenda. He indicated the Roscommon Board of Commissioners participate in the STING program, with five other counties and that Roscommon county is only county providing funding. Commissioners would like to see funding and

partnership with other counties and other sources. Jay O'Farrell indicated that Iosco County does provide an Officer and funding for STING through the State Police. Members shared that there is STING board that can provide additional information and confirmation on funding. Gary will contact for more information.

XII. Old Business

- a. Liquor Tax Fund Balance Policy - Table

XIII. Public Comment - VIP Program State Police Program – Carolyn reviewed

Vulnerable Impaired Program (VIP) is an initiative by the State Police that individuals can be utilizing to help an elderly person or other impaired person get back home. Ashley Simpson from MSP indicated that it's in the southern portion of the state and in the process of being implemented up north.

Gary Stefanko shared information on new facility in Roscommon County, in previous DHS location. The Lion's Den is a last resort program that provides alternates for individuals (8 – 9 months), with a success rate 70%. Sara indicated it's a religious based program with SUD treatment and the goal is to create disciples, with very good success.

Terry Newton asked about GAINS assessment and if it's paid per use. Eric indicated state will cover first year or two under federal program grant.

XIV. Next Meeting – June 25, 2108 (due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday)

**MOTION BY RON QUACKENBUSH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:40 A.M.  
SECOND BY BRENDA FOURNIER.**