

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING
10:00AM, MARCH 4, 2019
NMRE BOARD ROOM, GAYLORD**

SUD OVERSIGHT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Gwenne Allgaier, Carolyn Brummund, Bob Draves, Jr., Linda Farrell, Brenda Fournier, Roger Frye, Terry Larson, Tim Muckenthaler, Terry Newton, Jay O’Farrell, Sherry Powers, Ron Quackenbush, Duane Switalski, Gary Taylor, John Wallace, Chuck Welch, Melissa Zelenak
SUD OVERSIGHT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Richard Schmidt, Dean Vivian, Larry Wilson
NMRE STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:	Eric Kurtz, Christie Pudvan, Sara Sircely, Carol Balousek
PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:	Chip Cieslinski, Kara Steinke

CALL TO ORDER

Let the record show that Chairman Roger Frye called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that Gwenne Allgaier, and Carolyn Brummund attended the meeting via conference call, and Richard Schmidt, Dean Vivian, and Larry Wilson were absent for the meeting on this date; all other SUD Oversight Board Members were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the January meeting were included in the materials sent to SUD Board Members on February 26th.

MOTION MADE BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2019 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT BOARD, SECOND BY MELISSA ZELENAK. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Let the record show that no additions or changes were proposed to the agenda for the meeting on this date. Finance report moved to later in the agenda.

MOTION MADE BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 4, 2019 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT BOARD; SECOND BY CHUCK WELCH. MOTION CARRIED.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Let the record show that Mr. Frye called for any conflicts of interest to the meeting agenda items; none were indicated.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Admissions

The admissions report through January 31, 2019 was included in the meeting packet. The report shows how FY19 numbers compare with FY17 and FY18. Alcohol continues to be the most abuse substance accounting for 55.29% of admissions. After the responses to the NMRE's RFI, Low and High Intensity Detox were revised, effective April 1st. Stricter adherence to ASAM criteria has been implemented. Mr. Newton asked why money paid out to programs was not included this month (Report by Provider). Sara Sircely responded that is available on request. Ms. Brummund asked how length of stay and intensity determinations are made. Ms. Sircely answered that face-to-face assessment are conducted with beneficiaries by Providers; the NMRE does a through its Access Center staff (Master's degree professionals).

Finance

The Finance Report through December 2018 was included in the meeting packet. SUD Revenue was reported as \$3,475,853 and expenses were reported as \$3,753,739, for a net deficit of \$277,886. Mr. Kurtz acknowledged Medicaid expenditures are exceeding revenue. NMRE is developing a report showing how liquor tax dollars are being used for services by county. Deanna Yockey noted that Quarter 1 PA2 distributions are lower due to Cobo Hall payments. Ms. Yockey clarified PA2 cannot be used to cover Medicaid deficit; carry forward or ISF must be used. NMRE is working to curtail expenses. Mr. Kurtz noted the NMRE received no rate increase from the Department for FY19.

Data Discussion

This topic was placed on the Agenda as a follow-up from the January meeting. Mr. Kurtz asked whether the data reports being brought forward are what SUD Board Members want to see. He added that some new reports will be added in the coming months.

RECENT NMRE CHANGES

Mr. Kurtz stressed that, because of current spending and the lack of a rate increase this year, NMRE is preparing for how services will look with the implementation of the 1115 waiver for SUD. Services need to be tied tightly to ASAM criteria and medical necessity. He acknowledged some "bumps" have been incurred with providers during process changes and the required "learning curve". Exploration has shown some service areas lacking in the region; not a full continuum. Mr. Newton asked what, specifically, is lacking. Mr. Kurtz replied that current services are very heavy on residential. The ability to step down to low intensity and intensive outpatient services is lacking. The region is increasing its use of peer recovery supports. Mr. Newton asked whether there has been any talk of paying for sober living. Ms. Sircely responded that certain grants can offer funding for prevention licensing and certification. Mr. Kurtz has been meeting regularly with SUD providers to gather input. Ms. Allgaier commented that the reliance on residential services was evident in the Admission Report graphs. She added it would be great to see more use of Intensive Outpatient, half-way homes, etc. Providers are on board to add to their spectrum of services.

RECOMMENDATION ITEMS

PA2 Funds Use Requests

- Centra Wellness Network

A request for \$14,560 Benzie and \$9,152 Manistee County liquor tax fund dollars was received from Centra Wellness Network for a Human Services Collaborative Coordinator in each county. The Benzie Manistee and County liquor tax balances were provided as \$127,379 and \$168,883 respectively.

MOTION MADE BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE USE OF BENZIE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$14,560.00) AND MANISTEE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$9,152.00) FOR THE PROVISION OF A HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE COORDINATOR IN EACH COUNTY, SECOND BY CHUCK WELCH. MOTION CARRIED.

- District Health Department 10 Coalition

A request for \$2,250 Wexford and \$2,250 Missaukee County liquor tax fund dollars was received from District Health Department 10 to continue the Safe and Healthy Communities Coalition. The Wexford and Missaukee County liquor tax balances were provided as \$270,900 and \$38,755 respectively.

MOTION MADE BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE USE OF WEXFORD COUNTY LIQUOR TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$2,250.00) AND MISSAUKEE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$2,250.00) TO CONTINUE THE SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION, SECOND BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

- Catholic Human Services Coalition

A request for \$65,660 Ogemaw County liquor tax fund dollars was received from Catholic Human Services to fund the Drug Free Coalition of Ogemaw County through September 30, 2020. The Ogemaw County liquor tax balance was provided as \$233,426. Kara S. explained how the budget was calculated.

MOTION MADE BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE USE OF OGEMAW COUNTY LIQUOR TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$65,660.00) TO FUND THE DRUG FREE COALITION OF OGEMAW COUNTY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, SECOND BY RON QUACKENBUSH. MOTION CARRIED.

- Catholic Human Services Keith Graves Training

A request for liquor tax funds was received from Catholic Human Services/Up North Prevention for Keith Graves training to law enforcement agencies in the Region. The cost would be split evenly among the 21-counties in the NMRE region at \$423.80. The region's liquor tax balance was provided as \$5,435,631. Ms. Zelenak commented that she attended the training last year and strongly encouraged others to do so.

MOTION MADE BY MELISSA ZELENAK TO APPROVE THE USE LIQUOR TAX FUNDS TO BE SPLIT AMONG EACH OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY'S TWENTY-ONE COUNTIES AT FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$423.80) PER COUNTY TO PROVIDE KEITH GRAVES TRAINING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN THE REGION, SECOND BY JAY O'FARRELL. MOTION CARRIED.

- Project ASSERT MidMichigan West Branch

A request for \$39,800 Ogemaw County liquor tax fund dollars was received from Ten 16 Recovery Center to implement Project Assert in MidMichigan Medical Center in West Branch. Project Assert utilizes peer recovery coaches in local emergency departments to assist patients with substance use disorder and addictive disorders. \$19,800 was requested for the remainder of fiscal year 2019; \$20,000 was requested to continue the project through fiscal year 2020. The Ogemaw County liquor tax balance was provided as \$233,426. Ms. Sircely noted the project began with funds from a State Targeted Response (STR) grant. If additional STR funding is obtained, the PA2 funds will not be used

to fund this initiative. Efforts are being made to expand the project to additional Emergency Departments in the region.

MOTION MADE BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE USE OF OGEMAW COUNTY LIQUOR TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$19,800.00) IN FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 FOR A TOTAL OF THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS TO IMPLEMENT PROJECT ASSERT PEER RECOVERY PROGRAM IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF MIDMICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER IN WEST BRANCH, SECOND BY RON QUACKENBUSH. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Allgaier commented that a lot of PA2 funding is targeted toward youth. She stressed that family support is needed. Ms. Sircely agreed that natural supports is an area of need. Ms. Zelenak added that senior citizens are a growing population fighting substance use issues. Ms. Sircely noted that one of the NMRE's target areas for FY19 is to implement Families Against Narcotics programs in the region.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bruce Reetz from the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners introduced himself to the group.
- Linda Farrell from the Benzie County Board of Commissioners introduced herself. She will be replacing Coury Carland on the NMRE SUD Oversight Board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Northern Michigan Regional Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00AM on May 6th in the NMRE Board Room in Gaylord.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Frye adjourned the meeting at 10:47AM.