

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING
10:00AM – MAY 3, 2021
NMRE GAYLORD CONFERENCE ROOM

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| VIRTUAL ATTENDEES: | Robert Draves (Charlevoix), Jay O'Farrell (Iosco), Richard Schmidt (Manistee), Dean Vivian (Missaukee), Roger Frye (Montmorency), Terry Larson (Presque Isle), Gary Taylor (Wexford) |
| VIRTUAL: | Robert Adrian (Alpena), Carolyn Brummund (Alcona), Tim Markey (Benzie), John Wallace (Cheboygan), Sherry Powers (Crawford), Terry Newton (Emmet), Chuck Welch (Grand Traverse), Greg McMorrow (Leelanau), Ron Quackenbush (Ogemaw), Chuck Varner (Oscoda), Tim Muckenthaler (Roscommon) |
| ABSENT: | David Comai (Kalkaska), Doug Johnson (Otsego), Melissa Zelenak (Antrim) |
| STAFF: | Jodie Balhorn, Sandy Kintz, Eric Kurtz, Pamela Polom, Sara Sircely, Deanna Yockey, Lisa Hartley, Carol Balousek |
| PUBLIC: | Joanie Blamer, Nichole Flickema, Jim Hansen, Chip Johnston, Susan Kramer, Anna Drevitch, Tory Werth, Sue Winter |

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that David Comai, Doug Johnson, and Melissa Zelenak were absent for the meeting on this date; all other NMRE Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board Members were in attendance either in person or virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

The January 4, 2021 minutes were included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

MOTION MADE BY TERRY LARSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR JANUARY 4, 2021; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. ROLL CALL VOTE.

"Yea" Votes: R. Adrian, C. Brummund, R. Draves, T. Markey, R. Frye, T. Larson, G. McMorrow, T. Muckenthaler, T. Newton, J. O'Farrell, S. Powers, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, G. Taylor, D. Vivian, J. Wallace, C. Welch, C. Varner

"Nay" Votes: Nill

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION MADE BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 3, 2021 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT BOARD; SUPPORT BY JAY O'FARRELL. ROLL CALL VOTE.

"Yea" Votes: R. Adrian, C. Brummund, R. Draves, T. Markey, R. Frye, T. Larson, G. McMorrow, T. Muckenthaler, T. Newton, J. O'Farrell, S. Powers, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, G. Taylor, D. Vivian, J. Wallace, C. Welch, C. Varner

"Nay" Votes: Nill

MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Let the record show that there was no correspondence to discuss during the meeting on this date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let the record show that Alpena County appointed Robert Adrian and Benzie County appointed Tim Markey to the Northern Michigan Regional Entity SUD Oversight Board for three-year terms. Otsego County also appointed Doug Johnson to a three-year term, but Mr. Johnson was absent for the meeting on this date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Let the record show that Mr. Frye called for any conflicts of interest to any of the meeting agenda items. Mr. Vivian declared that he would need to abstain from Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority's liquor tax request; Mr. Kurtz clarified that since Mr. Vivian would not be benefiting personally from the use of PA2 funds, he need not abstain.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Admissions

The admissions report through March 31, 2021 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Overall admissions were consistent with FY20 down only 2.09%. The data showed that males made up most of the individuals served at 62.03%, outpatient was the highest level of treatment at 54.41%, and alcohol was the most prevalent primary substance at 51.11% (heroin was second at 16,71%). Sara Sircely noted that methamphetamine use is rising throughout the region reported as 12.25% vs. 8.37% in FY20.

Mr. Vivian asked what course of action should be taken when someone is made aware of a physician's potential for overprescribing opiates. Ms. Sircely responded that an anonymous referral to any of various prescription drug abuse task forces currently in place would be appropriate (such as the Traverse Narcotics Team).

Finance

February Monthly Report

SUD services through February 28, 2021 showed all funding source revenue of \$8,376,038 and \$6,890,927 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$1,485,111. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$5,782,057.

Mr. Schmidt asked whether SUD Board Members report PA2 balances back to the County Board of Commissioners; Mr. Schmidt emphasized that it is their duty to do so. Mr. Larson added that judges, sheriffs, and prosecutors need to be informed of the fund balances and the approved uses of PA2 funds. Mr. Kurtz agreed to send communication to the suggested individuals in each of the 21-counties.

The system transformation proposals from Sen. Shirkey and Rep. Whiteford were briefly reviewed. A meeting is scheduled for May 19th among CMHSP and PIHP CEOs to discuss.

Project List

Ms. Sircely reviewed the approvals to date for FY21.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Recommendations List

A summary of NMRE staff recommendations related to Liquor Tax use requests was included in the materials for the meeting on this date per prior request of the NMRE SUD Oversight Board.

PA2 Fund Use Requests

- 1) Centra Wellness Network – Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services
Manistee – \$40,075

Ms. Sircely noted that Centra Wellness Network is researching additional funding options. Ms. Sircely also acknowledged that the current funding requests for Manistee County exceed the total fund balance; however, revenue received for FY21 will be ample to fund the requests. Ms. Yockey clarified that a the first of three payments for FY21 is expected by the end of May.

MOTION BY JOHN WALLACE TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUEST FROM CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK FOR MANISTEE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$40, 075.00) FOR THE CONTINUATION OF MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT SERVICES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; SECOND BY TERRY NEWTON. ROLL CALL VOTE

“Yea” Votes: R. Adrian, C. Brummund, R. Draves, T. Markey, R. Frye, T. Larson, G. McMorrow, T. Muckenthaler, T. Newton, J. O’Farrell, S. Powers, G. Taylor, J. Wallace, C. Varner

“Nay” Votes: R. Schmidt, D. Vivian, C. Welch

MOTION CARRIED.

- 2) Northern Lakes Community Mental Health – Juvenile Diversion Program
Grand Traverse – \$34,787 (FY21); \$95,235 (FY22)

MOTION BY CHUCK WELCH TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUEST FROM NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$34,787.00) TO BE EXPENSED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$95,235.00) TO BE EXPENSED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ITS JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM; SECOND BY SHERRY POWERS. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: R. Adrian, C. Brummund, R. Draves, T. Markey, R. Frye, T. Larson, G. McMorrow, T. Muckenthaler, T. Newton, J. O’Farrell, S. Powers, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, G. Taylor, J. Wallace, C. Welch, C. Varner

“Nay” Votes: Nill

Abstain: Dean Vivian

MOTION CARRIED.

- 3) Catholic Human Services with Michigan State Police – SafeMeds Lockboxes and Deterra Drug Deactivation Bags
Grand Traverse – \$13,005; Leelanau – \$2,457; Wexford – \$5,571
Total – \$21,033

Ms. Sircely clarified that the request is for supplies only, no staffing.

MOTION BY GARY TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE USE LIQUOR TAX FUNDS FROM GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE DOLLARS (\$13,005.00), LEELANAU COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$2,457.00), AND WEXFORD COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$5,571.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF SCRIPTSAFE MEDICAL STORAGE LOCK BOXES AND DETERRA DRUG DEACTIVATION BAGS; SUPPORT BY CHUCK WELCH. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: R. Adrian, C. Brummund, R. Draves, T. Markey, R. Frye, T. Larson, G. McMorrow, T. Muckenthaler, T. Newton, J. O’Farrell, S. Powers, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, G. Taylor, D. Vivian, J. Wallace, C. Welch, C. Varner

“Nay” Votes: Nill

MOTION CARRIED.

- 4) Munson Medical Center – Peer Recovery Coaches
Grand Traverse – \$201,403 (FY22)

MOTION BY CHUCK WELCH TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUEST FROM MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS (\$201,403.00) TO BE EXPENSED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 FOR FOUR FULL-TIME PEER RECOVERY COACHES; SECOND BY TERRY NEWTON. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: R. Adrian, C. Brummund, R. Draves, T. Markey, R. Frye, T. Larson, G. McMorrow, T. Muckenthaler, T. Newton, J. O’Farrell, S. Powers, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, G. Taylor, D. Vivian, J. Wallace, C. Welch, C. Varner

“Nay” Votes: Nill

- 5) Catholic Human Services – Grand Traverse Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Coordinator
Grand Traverse – \$9,464

MOTION BY ROBERT DRAVES TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$9,464.000) TO SUBSIDIZE A COORDINATOR FOR THE FAMILIES AGAINST NARCOTICS PREVENTION PROGRAM; SECOND BY CHUCK WELCH. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: R. Adrian, C. Brummund, R. Draves, T. Markey, R. Frye, T. Larson, G. McMorrow, T. Muckenthaler, T. Newton, J. O’Farrell, S. Powers, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, G. Taylor, D. Vivian, C. Welch, C. Varner

“Nay” Votes: Nill

Let the record show that the total amount of liquor tax dollars approved during the meeting on this date was \$105,359 for FY21 and \$296,638 for FY22.

PRESENTATION

Nichole Flickema from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan was in attendance to present an update on the work being done through the SAFE Coalition.

- SAFE Youth meetings have occurred virtually.
- Public Service Announcements were created with messaging “Sticking Together while Staying Apart: Be Safe, Stay Safe.”
- SAFE impact project using tracking to map coalition activities throughout the region.
- Virtual Town Halls have taken place with viewings of the film “The First Day: A Focus on the Beginning” about former professional basketball player Chris Herren.
- Distribution of “tattoos” with slogans “Stay Alive: Don’t Drink and Drive” and “It’s Not Magically Delicious” to promote substance use abstinence in schools.
- Meetings with lawmakers are occurring to advocate for increase the legal age to purchase tobacco to 21.

Ms. Flickema thanked the NMRE Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board for its support through the approval of liquor tax dollars.

COMMENTS

- Mr. Welch announced that he received promotion within the Department of Corrections. As such, he will need to resign from the NMRE SUD Oversight Board effective this date. Members thanked Mr. Welch for his participation on the SUD Board and wished him well in his future endeavors.
- Mr. Draves commented on the very large lines outside a marijuana dispensary in Frederic; he is concerned about the impact.
- Mr. Schmidt requested that a minimum amount/minimum percentage be established for each county’s liquor tax balance to be reviewed in July.
- Mr. Larson inquired about the treatment of Gambling disorders. Ms. Sircely responded that the NMRE has a grant (\$200K) to target gambling prevention, but the MDHHS contracts with Health Management Systems of America (HMSA) out of Oakland County for the treatment of gambling disorders. The increase in online gambling advertisements was noted.
- Mr. Newton asked Mr. Kurtz how likely he thinks the state initiative(s) regarding privatization is to go through. Mr. Kurtz responded that it eventually ends up at the Governor’s office. Elizabeth Hertel has been approached by MDHHS staff; MDHHS is waiting to be asked by legislators to weigh in. Mr. Kurtz agreed to forward both the House (Whiteford) and Senate (Shirkey) bills as well as the Action Alert.

NEXT MEETING

Let the record show that the next meeting was scheduled for 10:00AM on, July 12, 2021 at the NMRE office in Gaylord.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Chairman Frye adjourned the meeting 11:28AM.