

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING
10:00AM – JANUARY 9, 2023
GAYLORD CONFERENCE ROOM**

ATTENDEES:	Carolyn Brummund (Alcona), Joshua Chamberlain (Charlevoix), Terry Newton (Emmet), Jay O’Farrell (Iosco), Richard Schmidt (Manistee), Don Edwards (Montmorency), Ron Quackenbush (Ogemaw), Chuck Varner (Oscoda), Doug Johnson (Otsego), Terry Larson (Presque Isle), Darlene Sensor (Roscommon), Gary Taylor (Wexford)
VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:	Tim Markey (Benzie), John Wallace (Cheboygan), Sherry Powers (Crawford), Dave Freedman (Grand Traverse), Greg McMorrow (Leelanau)
ABSENT:	Melissa Zelenak (Antrim), David Comai (Kalkaska)
STAFF:	Bea Arsenov, Eric Kurtz, Pamela Polom, Sara Sircely, Carol Balousek
PUBLIC:	Chris Frasz, Kassondra Glenister, Kathy McGeathy, Josh Myerson, Katelyn Nellis, Sherise Shivley, Kara Steinke, Sue Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Let the record show that Ms. Brummund called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that Melissa Zelenak and David Comai were absent from the meeting on this date; all remaining Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board Members were in attendance either in Gaylord or remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

The November minutes were included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2022; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION BY RON QUACKENBUSH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 9, 2023 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT BOARD; SUPPORT BY TERRY LARSON. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let the record show that new NMRE SUD Oversight Board members Joshua Chamberlain (Charlevoix) and Darlene Sensor (Roscommon) were introduced to the group.

The NMRE was notified of a concern with adherence to NMRE Procedures on PA2 requests. The NMRE currently only has one policy addressing liquor tax usage, which is now out of date. NMRE will generate an updated policy and a procedure regarding PA2 use will be brought to the March meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Let the record show that Ms. Brummund called for any conflicts of interest to any of the meeting agenda items; none were declared.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Admissions

The admissions report through November 30, 2022 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Admissions in the first two months of FY23 were up 2.42% from FY22. The data showed that outpatient was the highest level of treatment admissions at 47%, and alcohol was the most prevalent primary substance at 53%, methamphetamine was second at 16%, and heroin was the third most prevalent primary substance at 15%.

Finance

September 2022 Monthly Report

SUD services through September 30, 2022 showed all funding source revenue of \$25,668,256 and \$22,503,103 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$3,165,153. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$5,511,715. Final numbers for FY22 should be available in March.

RECOMMENDATION ITEMS

FY23 Liquor Tax Request Recommendations

A summary of the liquor tax requests that will be presented for review and approval on this date, including NMRE staff recommendations, was included in the meeting materials.

Ms. Sircely noted that requests for funds from Cheboygan, Grand Traverse, and Otsego Counties will be denied due to current fund balance limits.

PA2 Fund Use Requests

- 1) Health Department of Northwest Michigan (on behalf of Drug Free Northern Michigan 21-County Alliance) – Vaping Prevention Media Campaign

Alcona	\$	1,316.87
Alpena	\$	3,620.98
Antrim	\$	2,963.25
Benzie	\$	2,235.67
Charlevoix	\$	3,325.45
Cheboygan	\$	3,227.49
Crawford	\$	1,769.27
Emmet	\$	4,222.87
Grand Traverse	\$	11,679.84
Iosco	\$	3,201.15

Kalkaska	\$	2,243.43
Leelanau	\$	2,755.24
Manistee	\$	3,107.64
Missaukee	\$	1,908.07
Montmorency	\$	1,176.80
Ogemaw	\$	2,669.24
Oscoda	\$	1,054.29
Otsego	\$	3,121.77
Presque Isle	\$	1,627.29
Roscommon	\$	3,039.96
Wexford	\$	4,233.43
Total	\$	64,500.00

The recommendation by NMRE was to Deny due to lack of funding for Cheboygan County. If funding becomes available once final FY22 fund balance is determined, recommend approval if the treatment services are provided by an appropriate credentialed staff and a letter of support from the jail is received.

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FOR THE EIGHTEEN COUNTIES OF ALCONA, ALPENA, ANTRIM, BENZIE CHARLEVOIX, CRAWFORD, EMMET, IOSCO, KALKASKA, LEELANAU, MANISTEE, MONTMORENCY, OGEMAW, OSCODA, PRESQUE ISLE, ROSCOMMON, AND WEXFORD IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FORTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS (\$46,470.90) TO FUND A VAPING PREVENTION MEDIA CAMPAIGN; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: C. Brummund, J. Chamberlain, D. Edwards, D. Johnson, T. Larson, T. Newton, J. O’Farrell, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, D. Sensor, G. Taylor, C. Varner

“Nay” Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

2) Bear River Health – Jail Case Management Services

Cheboygan \$ 23,364.00

The recommendation by NMRE was to deny due to lack of funding for Cheboygan County. If funding becomes available once final FY22 fund balance is determined, approval will be recommended if the treatment services are provided by an appropriate, credentialed staff and a letter of support from the jail is received.

MOTION BY DOUG JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM BEAR RIVER HEALTH FOR CHEBOYGAN COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$23,364.00) IF FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE; SUPPORT BY CHUCK VARNER. ROLL CALL VOTE.

"Yea" Votes: C. Brummund, J. Chamberlain, D. Edwards, D. Johnson, T. Larson, T. Newton, J. O'Farrell, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, D. Sensor, G. Taylor, C. Varner

"Nay" Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

3) Bear River Health – Substance Use Recovery Focused (SURF) Club

Antrim	\$	41,216.71
Crawford	\$	24,845.78
Montmorency	\$	16,525.74
Otsego	\$	43,838.77
Total	\$	126,823.00

The recommendation by NMRE was to approve all but Otsego County. If funding in the county is available after final FY22 fund balance amounts are determined, approving the full amounts is recommended.

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM BEAR RIVER HEALTH FOR LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY-THREE CENTS (\$82,588.23) FOR SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY FOCUSED (SURF) CLUB SERVICES IN ANTRIM, CRAWFORD, AND MONTMORENCY COUNTIES; SUPPORT BY CHUCK VARNER. ROLL CALL VOTE.

"Yea" Votes: C. Brummund, J. Chamberlain, D. Edwards, D. Johnson, T. Larson, T. Newton, J. O'Farrell, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, D. Sensor, G. Taylor, C. Varner

"Nay" Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

4) 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections – Uninsured Counseling Assistance

Antrim	\$	1,703.18
Grand Traverse	\$	6,713.20
Leelanau	\$	1,583.62
Total	\$	10,000.00

The recommendation by NMRE was to approve all but Grand Traverse County. If funding in the county is available after the final fiscal year 2022 fund balance amounts are determined, approving the full amounts is recommended.

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE THIRTEENTH (13TH) CIRCUIT COURT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FOR LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS FROM ANTRIM AND LEELANAU COUNTIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS

(\$3,286.80) TO PROVIDE COUNSELING ASSISTANCE TO UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS; SUPPORT BY RON QUACKENBUSH. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: C. Brummund, J. Chamberlain, D. Edwards, D. Johnson, T. Larson, T. Newton, J. O’Farrell, R. Quackenbush, R. Schmidt, D. Sensor, G. Taylor, C. Varner

“Nay” Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

5) Bear River Health – Peer Recovery Coach Services

Charlevoix	\$	41,684.00
Cheboygan	\$	36,692.00
Emmet	\$	34,196.00
Otsego	\$	44,180.00
Total	\$	156,752.00

The recommendation by NMRE was to approve only a portion of the request due to the need to separate out the counties in which the fund balance was not in jeopardy and the services for those counties.

MOTION BY TERRY LARSON TO MOVE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUEST FROM BEAR RIVER HEALTH FOR PEER RECOVERY COACH SERVICES BACK TO THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY TO DETERMINE ENDING FISCAL YEAR 2022 FUND BALANCES AND REPORT BACK DURING THE MARCH 6, 2023 MEETING; SUPPORT BY CHUCK VARNER.

Discussion: Mr. Kurtz suggested that providers submit applications for each county in the future (rather than multiple county requests), so that counties with healthy fund balances may be approved.

VOTING TOOK PLACE ON MR. LARSON’S MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

6) 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections – Peer Recovery Coach Services

Antrim	\$	5,170.85
Grand Traverse	\$	20,381.27
Leelanau	\$	4,807.88
Total	\$	30,360.00

The recommendation by NMRE was to approve all but Grand Traverse County. If funding in the county is available after final FY22 fund balance amounts are determined, approving the full amounts is recommended.

MOTION BY CHUCK VARNER TO SET ASIDE THE LIQUOR TAX REQUESTS FROM THE THIRTEENTH (13TH) CIRCUIT COURT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FOR PEER RECOVERY COACH SERVICES, BEAR RIVER HEALTH FOR RECOVERY HOUSING

SERVICES, AND THE THIRTEENTH (13TH) CIRCUIT COURT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FOR RECOVERY HOUSING UNTIL MARCH 6, 2023 SO THAT THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY CAN DETERMINED FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 COUNTY FUND BALANCE AMOUNTS; SUPPORT BY RON QUACKENBUSH

7) Bear River Health – Recovery Housing

Charlevoix	\$	77,210.00
Cheboygan	\$	225,587.00
Otsego	\$	52,072.00
Total	\$	354,869.00

The recommendation by NMRE was to work with BRH staff to obtain specific services to be provided and updated budgets due to fund balance issues.

(Refer Motion under liquor tax request #6)

8) 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections – Recovery Housing

Antrim	\$	2,725.09
Grand Traverse	\$	10,741.12
Leelanau	\$	2,533.80
Total	\$	16,000.00

The recommendation by NMRE was to approve all but Grand Traverse County. If funding in the county is available after final FY22 fund balance amounts are determined, approving the full amounts is recommended.

(Refer to Motion under liquor tax request #6)

9) Health Department of Northwest Michigan – Syringe Exchange Program

Antrim	\$	5,000.00
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The recommendation by the NMRE Oversight Board in November was to approve the request. The NMRE Board delayed voting on this request in December, pending additional information. Concern had been expressed from the Antrim County Board of Commissioner (drug use in the parking lot, law enforcement involvement, etc.) Mr. Kurtz received an email from Jarris Rubingh, Antrim BOC Chair, indicating that he is not supportive of the request.

Josh Myerson, MD and Katelyn Nellis from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan were in attendance to provide additional information.

Dr. Myerson stressed that the goal of harm reduction/syringe exchange programs is to limit the transmission of infectious diseases, primarily Hepatitis C and HIV by decreasing needle sharing. Evidence shows that syringe exchange programs do not increase drug use. It was noted that federal funds cannot be used to purchase syringes.

Mr. Larson encouraged the Health Department to track the number of veterans engaged in syringe exchange programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Staff

It was noted that the IRS reimbursable mileage rate was raised to \$0.655 effective January 1, 2023.

Public

Chris Frasz, Program Director at Bear River Health, spoke about grant requests presented for approval on this date and the success of previous initiatives funded with PA2 dollars.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for March 6, 2023 at 10:00AM.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Ms. Brummund adjourned the meeting at 11:05AM.