

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
10:00AM – JANUARY 6, 2025
GAYLORD CONFERENCE ROOM & MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Alcona	☒ Carolyn Brummund	Kalkaska	☐ David Comai
Alpena	☐ Brenda Fournier	Leelanau	☐ Vacant
Antrim	☒ Pam Singer	Manistee	☒ Richard Schmidt
Benzie	☒ Tim Markey	Missaukee	☐ Dean Smallegan
Charlevoix	☒ Joshua Chamberlain	Montmorency	☒ Michelle Hamlin
Cheboygan	☒ John Wallace	Ogemaw	☒ Ron Quackenbush
Crawford	☐ Vacant	Oscoda	☒ Chuck Varner
Emmet	☒ Terry Newton	Otsego	☒ Doug Johnson
Grand		Presque Isle	☒ Dana Labar
Traverse	☒ Dave Freedman	Roscommon	☒ Darlene Sensor
Iosco	☒ Jay O'Farrell	Wexford	☒ Gary Taylor
Staff	☒ Bea Arsenov ☒ Jodie Balhorn ☒ Carol Balousek ☒ Lisa Hartley ☒ Eric Kurtz ☐ Pamela Polom ☐ Brandon Rhue ☒ Denise Switzer ☒ Chris VanWagoner ☒ Deanna Yockey	Chief Clinical Officer Prevention Coordinator Executive Administrator Claims Assistant Chief Executive Officer Finance Specialist Chief Information Officer/Operations Director Grant and Treatment Manager Contract and Provider Network Manager Chief Financial Officer	
Public	Samantha Borowiak, Whitney Dettmer, Joyce Fetrow, Lou Gamalski, Genevieve Groover, Stephanie Hector, Jeanne Marriott, Nichole Scott, James Wing		

CALL TO ORDER

Let the record show that Committee Vice-Chair, Jay O'Farrell, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that David Comai and Dean Smallegan were absent for the meeting on this date; all other SUD Oversight Committee Members were in attendance either in Gaylord or virtually. It was noted that some SUD Oversight Committee Members have transitioned off the committee due to the election in November and 2025 commissioner assignments.

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 NOVEMBER 4, 2024 NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING; SUPPORT BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 6, 2025 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AS AMENDED; SUPPORT BY JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let the record show that there were no announcements during the meeting on this date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Let the record show that Mr. O'Farrell called for any conflicts of interest to any of the meeting agenda items; none were declared.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The 2024 Legislative Lame Duck Tracker supplied by the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHAM), which includes Senate Bills (SB) 915 – 918 regarding assisted outpatient treatment. SBs 651 – 645 regarding tobacco use, sales, and prevention, House Bill (HB) 5178 regarding syringe service programs, and HBs 5077 – 5078 regarding naloxone distribution.
- 2025 Healing and Recovery Regional Appropriations – MDHHS and PIHP Contract document announcing the availability of \$1M in opioid settlement funds to PIHPs to support infrastructure and inventory and/or invest in community engagement and planning activities.
- The NMRE's announcement of a Request for Information (RFI) dated January 2, 2025 to allow providers to apply (through February 7, 2025) for a portion of the \$1M opioid settlement funds for the following purposes:
 - Infrastructure improvements for treatment providers
 - Vehicle purchases
 - Anticipatory harm reduction supplies (safer use, wound care, communicable disease testing, and drug checking supplies)

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

FY25 Admissions Report

The admissions report through October 31, 2024 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Fiscal year 2025 admissions were down 10% from the same period in FY24, likely due to individuals losing Medicaid and Healthy Michigan (HMP) after the resumption of redeterminations. The data showed that outpatient was the highest level of treatment admissions at 44%, and alcohol was the most prevalent primary substance at 59%, all opiates (including heroin) were the second most prevalent primary substance at 16%, and methamphetamine was the third most prevalent primary substances at 15%. It was noted that stimulant use has risen sharply throughout the 21-county region.

Mr. Freedman questioned whether the decline in admissions could partially be attributed to enhanced prevention efforts. Ms. Singer added that naloxone distribution and reduced stigma could also be factors.

County-specific reports were also included in the meeting materials. The county-specific reports are intended to be shared with Boards of Commissioners and other community stakeholders.

Financial Report

As expected, PA2 funds in the amount of \$301K were needed to supplement block grant funding for FY24. The dip into PA2 funds did not affect county withhold balances.

The anticipated PA2 revenue for FY25 was reported as just under \$1.9M.

LIQUOR TAX PARAMETERS

The Liquor Tax funds parameters approved by the NMRE Board of Directors on April 24, 2024 were included in the meeting materials to inform the SUD Oversight Committee's decision whether to recommend approval of the liquor tax requests brought before the Committee on this date.

CURRENT FUND BALANCES

County	One-Year Fund Balance (Withheld)	Projected Available Balance for Projects
Alcona	\$21,394.00	\$50,322.81
Alpena	\$84,263.20	\$161,253.40
Antrim	\$80,488.80	\$188,614.67
Benzie	\$67,707.20	\$205,298.38
Charlevoix	\$106,516.40	\$35,636.84
Cheboygan	\$87,302.40	\$75,422.42
Crawford	\$35,114.80	\$57,891.09
Emmet	\$183,166.80	\$241,165.42
Grand Traverse	\$455,155.20	\$389,075.88
Iosco	\$87,380.80	\$113,217.42
Kalkaska	\$41,230.40	\$23,406.64
Leelanau	\$60,592.80	\$57,428.57
Manistee	\$80,450.80	\$154,804.43
Missaukee	\$24,997.60	\$9,774.95
Montmorency	\$28,700.00	\$51,082.96
Ogemaw	\$68,804.80	\$53,009.40
Oscoda	\$24,394.80	\$37,150.05
Otsego	\$105,978.80	\$14,544.70
Presque Isle	\$25,208.80	\$70,959.17
Roscommon	\$87,715.20	\$521,707.15
Wexford	\$95,416.00	\$102,523.79
TOTAL	\$1,851,979.60	\$2,614,290.14

FY25 LIQUOR TAX REQUESTS

- 33rd Circuit Court DWI Court Charlevoix \$40,000.00 Additional Request

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY JOSH CHAMBERLAIN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE THIRTY-THIRD (33RD) CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) TO FUND THE DRUG/DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED COURT PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER. MOTION CARRIED.

2.	District Health Department #10	Substance Use Education and Awareness	Manistee	\$42,090.00	New Request
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Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

During the meeting on September 9, 2024 Mr. Labar suggested that initials be placed in the boxes on the liquor tax application for the sections beginning with: "I understand" and "I certify." Mr. Labar made the same request during the meeting on this date.

MOTION BY DOUG JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT NUMBER TEN (#10) FOR MANISTEE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-TWO THOUSAND NINETY DOLLARS (\$42,090.00) TO FUND THE SUBSTANCE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS (SEA) MANISTEE COALITION.; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

County Overviews

The impact of the liquor tax requests approved on this date on county fund balances was shown as:

	Projected FY25 Available Balance	Amount Approved January 6, 2025	Projected Remaining Balance
Charlevoix	\$75,636.84	\$40,000.00	\$35,636.84
Manistee	\$196,894.43	\$42,090.00	\$154,804.43
Total	\$272,531.27	\$82,090.00	\$190,441.27

The "Projected Remaining Balance" reflects funding available for projects while retaining a fund balance equivalent of one year's receivables.

NEW PROVIDER REQUEST

NMRE Contract and Provider Network Manager, Chris VanWagoner, presented a request to add a new provider to the NMRE Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services Provider Panel.

The NMRE was contacted in October 2024, by Quality Behavioral Health, Inc (QBH), a SUD Treatment provider with a licensed outpatient location in Manistee County. The NMRE provider panel was closed during this time, however, pursuant to the NMRE Procurement Policy and applicable law, the NMRE may directly purchase services without a competitive procurement process in certain circumstances, including if the services involved are professional and of limited quantity and duration or if there is a public urgency to obtain the service.

This provider completed and submitted application materials to the NMRE, and primary source verifications were conducted to ensure provider qualifications. An NMRE staff team reviewed this location on November 6, 2024, and confirmed the need and ability to add this location to its network.

The NMRE currently only has one provider of the same service within 45 minutes drivetime of this location; extension of contract award ensures continuity of service availability beyond a single provider and increases outpatient capacity in this very rural area.

Ms. Brummund asked whether any mobile medication assisted treatment (MAT) providers are interested in covering the east side of the state, as clients currently have to travel to Gaylord multiple times per week. Ms. Arsenov responded that the two methadone clinics in the region are both in Gaylord. An interested provider would have to expand to the east side, which is not under the NMRE's control.

MOTION BY GARY TAYLOR TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF QUALITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TO THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDER PANEL; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

Jeanne Marriott, Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC) Project Associate, Nichole Scott, Emmet County Community Corrections Director, and Stephanie Hector, Community Recovery Alliance Program Coordinator were in attendance to promote an upcoming Jail Release Simulation Events on January 17th in Petoskey, February 18th in Alpena, and March 20th in Gaylord.

The primary objective of the Jail Release Simulation is to raise awareness among participants about the systemic struggles faced by individuals due to oppression, as well as the challenges posed by supervision during probation and parole.

Through a series of immersive, scenario-based activities, participants explore the complex realities of life after incarceration, emphasizing the barriers that formerly incarcerated individuals face in navigating probation or parole systems.

By the end of the simulation, participants have a deeper understanding of the compounded challenges faced by individuals under probation and parole supervision, and are better equipped to advocate for more compassionate, rehabilitative approaches that address the root causes of criminal behavior and prevent further oppression.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Quackenbush asked what can be done to determine whether the driver of a motor vehicle is under the influence of marijuana or other substances. Ms. Arsenov responded that, at the time of arrest, the driver can be taken to a hospital to have a blood test performed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for March 3, 2025 at 10:00AM.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY RON QUACKENBUSH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR JANUARY 6, 2025; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Let the record show that Mr. O'Farrell adjourned the meeting at 11:37AM.