Northern Michigan Regional Entity

Board Meeting

July 23, 2025

1999 Walden Drive, Gaylord

10:00AM

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 10:00AM – JUNE 25, 2025 GAYLORD BOARDROOM

ATTENDEES: Bob Adrian, Tom Bratton, Ed Ginop, Karen Goodman, Gary

Klacking, Dana Labar, Eric Lawson, Mary Marois, Michael Newman,

Karla Sherman, Don Smeltzer, Don Tanner, Chuck Varner

VIRTUAL

STAFF:

ATTENDEES: Ruth Pilon

ABSENT: Jay O'Farrell

NMRE/CMHSP

Bea Arsenov, Brian Babbitt, Carol Balousek, Eugene Branigan, Ann Friend, Kevin Hartley, Chip Johnston, Eric Kurtz, Brian Martinus, Brie Molaison, Diane Pelts, Pam Polom, Brandon Rhue, Neil Roias,

Nena Sork, Denise Switzer, Deanna Yockey

PUBLIC: Anonymous (4), Erin Barbus, Dave Freedman, Greg McMorrow,

Justin Reed, Crystal Weaver

CALL TO ORDER

Let the record show that Board Chairman, Gary Klacking, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that Jay O'Farrell was excused from the meeting on this date. All other NMRE Board Members were in attendance either virtually or in Gaylord.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Let the record show that no conflicts of interest to any of the meeting Agenda items were declared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Let the record show that the June 23, 2025 Executive Committee meeting report was added to the meeting Agenda.

MOTION BY ERIC LAWSON TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA FOR JUNE 25, 2025 AS AMENDED; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Let the record show that the May minutes of the NMRE Governing Board were included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

MOTION BY BOB ADRIAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2025 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SUPPORT BY DON TANNER. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) A letter from Jessica Hickley, Acting Deputy Director in the Division of Managed Care Policy Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to Meghan Groen, Chief Deputy Director for Health Services at MDHHS dated May 8, 2025, approving Michigan's submission of a proposal for delivery system and provider payment initiatives under Medicaid managed care plan contracts.
- 2) Email correspondence from Bob Sheehan, CEO of the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHAM) dated June 12, 2025, expressing concerns with the MDHHS's Mental Health Framework initiative.
- 3) Infographic from CMHAM titled, "Protecting People Over Profit: Public Management of Michigan's Behavioral Health System."
- 4) Action Alert from CMHAM urging the public to contact legislators to express their concerns over the MDHHS PIHP Procurement proposal.
- 5) CMHAM document titled, "Analysis of MDHHS PIHP Procurement Plan," dated May 2025.
- 6) CMHAM document titled, "Concerns Regarding MDHHS PIHP Contract Procurement Proposal," dated June 2025.
- 7) The draft minutes of the June 11, 2025, regional Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Kurtz drew attention to the correspondence items related to the PIHP bid out and Mental Health Framework (MHF). MDHHS is moving forward with the MHF without any clear consensus on how it will work. Even though the Michigan Mental Health Codes lists CMHSPs' as being responsible for inpatient screenings, under the MHF, Medicaid Health plans will be responsible for serving the mild-moderate population, including inpatient hospitalizations. Inpatient admissions will be based on Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) assessment scores, but it is not clear what staff from what entity will be administering the LOCUS. Mr. Babbit noted that it is not appropriate to conduct a LOCUS on an individual in crisis. The MHF appears to be an extension of the PIHP bid out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Let the record show that the members of the public attending the meeting were recognized.

REPORTS

Executive Committee Report

A meeting of the NMRE Board Executive Committee occurred on June 23, 2025 at 9:30AM. The draft meeting minutes and an "Update Regarding Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority and Cost Reduction Plans" drafted by Mr. Kurtz were distributed during the meeting. Time was allotted for Board Members to review the materials.

Mr. Tanner spoke on behalf of the NMRE Executive Committee. Mr. Tanner explained that the NMRE Board Executive Committee was convened to discuss concerns related to funding and cash flow issues with Northern Lakes and options that the region can consider to resolve the issues.

It was noted that a Cost Containment Plan has yet to be approved by the Northern Lakes Board of Directors. Beyond that, two additional issues have surfaced: a request for cash advance by Northern Lakes CMHA's CFO and preliminary findings for the and Rehmann cost allocation lookback. Mr. Bratton explained that Northern Lakes did not approve the Cost Containment Plan as it was presented pending further details.

On June 17th, Northern Lakes CMHA's Chief Financial Officer reached out to the NMRE to inquire about a cash advance against the FY23 and FY24 cost settlement due to cash flow needs.

On June 19th, Mr. Kurtz received a preliminary report from Rehmann providing the most recent status and summary of the misallocation lookback. Preliminary findings show that a multimillion-dollar payback is owed to the NMRE due to these misallocations.

It was noted that Northern Lakes may need to look at other avenues for cash flow.

Ms. Sork asked what happened to the \$11.3M "rainy day fund" and \$8.1M invested in a savings account referenced in the October 18, 2024, Northern Lakes CMHA Board Minutes. Northern Lakes also recently cashed in some long-term CDs. NLCMHA's Chief Financial Officer, Kevin Hartly responded that Northern Lakes current spending is \$500K - \$600K beyond the capitated payment. Ms. Sork questioned why Northen Lakes took funds from the ISF in prior years if it had long-term investments.

Mr. Klacking asked what it will take for the Northern Lakes Board to have what it needs to move forward with cost containment plan. Ms. Marois responded that the Board has asked for specific information related to staff reductions. Ms. Marois voiced that the Northern Lakes Board doesn't t have confidence in the Interim CEO. Mr. Kurtz responded that he is pulling Mr. Martinus from the position effective June 30, 2025.

The NMRE Board Executive Committee listed options that the NMRE can take regarding Northern Lakes, including:

- 1) Removing Northern Lakes CMHA from the NMRE governance structure.
- 2) Deciding what Medicaid functions the NMRE prepared to take over.

Mr. Kurtz stated that the primary issue currently is the potential need for cash advance and how long cash flow will be an issue. Ms. Marois acknowledged that an emergency meeting of the Northern Lakes Board is needed. NMRE Board Chair, Greg McMorrow, who attended the meeting virtually as a member of the public, agreed.

Ms. Sherman stressed that the Internal Service Fund is meant for the region, not just one Member. She expressed that she feels strongly about not allowing Northern Lakes to drain the ISF.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN TO NOT EXTEND ANY FUNDS FROM THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY'S INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TO NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY TO COVER FISCAL YEAR 2025 OVERSPENDING; SUPPORT BY DON TANNER.

<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Tanner questioned whether the NMRE Board has the authority to execute the motion. Mr. Kurtz agreed, adding that he would like to put a barrier in place at the discretion of the Board.

MS. SHERMAN WITHDREW HE MOTION. MR. TANNER WITHDREW HIS SUPPORT.

Mr. Hartley clarified that he was under the understanding Northern Lakes was owed cost settlement funds for FY23 and FY24. If he had known about cost allocation amounts, he would not have inquired about a cash advance. By policy, Northern Lakes is allowed to wait 30 days to pay providers. The current cash flow issue can be resolved by somewhat delaying payments. The Medicaid and Healthy Michigan payments are due from the NMRE on July 3rd.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN TO NOT ADVANCE ANY FUNDS TO NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY BEYOND THE PER MEMBER PER MEMBER REVENUE TO COVER ONGOING EXPENSES; SUPPORT BY DON TANNER.

<u>Discussion</u>: Ms. Marois requested that the motion contain a time limit. Ms. Marois asked that the motion be tabled pending the emergency meeting of the Northern Lakes Board. Mr. Lawson emphasized that a commitment is needed from the Northern Lakes Board that it will spend within the PM/PM by October 1, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTING TOOK PLACE ON MS. SHERMAN'S MOTION.

"Yea" Votes: R. Adrian, E. Ginop, K. Goodman, G. Klacking, E. Lawson, K. Sherman, D.

Tanner,

"Nay" Votes: T. Bratton, D. Labar, M. Marois, M. Newman, D. Smeltzer, C. Varner

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY DON TANNER TO TERMINATE BRIAN MARTINUS' TERM AS INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025; SUPPORT BY BOB ADRIAN. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY DON TANNER TO REVIEW THE UPDATE REGARDING NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY AND COST REDUCTION PLANS DRAFT DOCUMENT FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS AND REVISIT IT DURING THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD MEETING ON JULY 23, 2025; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN. MOTIN CARRIED.

MOTION BY KAREN GOODMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2025 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; SUPPORT BY CHUCK VARNER. MOTION CARRIED.

A follow-up Executive Committee meeting may be scheduled following the Northern Lakes Emergency Board Meeting. Clarification was made that Executive Committee meetings are public meetings, subject to the Open Meetings Act.

CEO Report

The NMRE CEO Monthly Report for June 2025 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

April 2025 Financial Report

- Net Position showed a net surplus for Medicaid and HMP of \$1,760,323. Carry forward was reported as \$736,656. The total Medicaid and HMP current year surplus was reported as \$2,496,979. FY24 HSW revenue was reported as \$1,137,411. The total Medicaid and HMP adjusted current year surplus was reported as \$1,359,568. The total Medicaid and HMP Internal Service Fund was reported as \$20,576,156. The total Medicaid and HMP net surplus was reported as \$23,073,135.
- <u>Traditional Medicaid</u> showed \$125,455,745 in revenue, and \$121,681,030 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$3,774,715. Medicaid ISF was reported as \$13,514,675 based on the current FSR. Medicaid Savings was reported as \$0.
- <u>Healthy Michigan Plan</u> showed \$15,495,242 in revenue, and \$17,509,634 in expenses, resulting in a net deficit of \$2,014,392. HMP ISF was reported as \$7,068,394 based on the current FSR. HMP savings was reported as \$736,656.
- <u>Health Home</u> showed \$1,950,192 in revenue, and \$1,556,270 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$393,922.
- <u>SUD</u> showed all funding source revenue of \$16,703,387 and \$12,993,828 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$3,709,559. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$4,783,867.

PA2/Liquor Tax was summarized as follows:

Projected FY25 Activity						
Beginning Balance	Projected Revenue	Approved Projects	Projected Ending Balance			
\$4,765,231	\$1,847,106	\$2,150,940	\$4,461,397			
Actual FY25 Activity						
Beginning Balance Current Receipts Current Expenditures Current Ending Balance						
\$4,765,231	\$835,755	\$817,119	\$4,783,867			

On June 19th, the NMRE received \$151,830 in retroactive HSW payments. The next payment is expected on July 10th.

The region currently has 4 open HSW slots.

Although eligibles have declined, revenue is up \$1M eight months into FY25 from the same period in FY24, mainly due to HSW payments.

Some financial relief is expected with the rate amendment included in Amendment 3 to the FY25 PIHP Contract. The state is recouping all payments for FY25 and reissuing them with new (higher) rates. June data received earlier on this date reflected the new rates.

MOTION BY DON TANNER TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2025; SUPPORT BY DON SMELTZER. ROLL CALL VOTE.

"Yea" Votes: R. Adrian, T. Bratton, E. Ginop, K. Goodman, G. Klacking, D. Labar, E.

Lawson, M. Marois, M. Newman, K. Sherman, D. Smeltzer, D. Tanner, C.

Varner

"Nay" Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

Operations Committee Report

The draft minutes from June 17, 2025 were included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz reviewed the PIHP bid out options. As it stands, current PIHPs are excluded from bidding as only entities with 501(c)(3) status are being considered. Under the new model, CMHSPs are prohibited from performing any managed care functions. The Request for Proposals (RFP) requires the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) accreditation, which is a costly process and can take up to three-years to achieve. The NMRE is working with Region 1 (NorthCare Network) as always and highlighting rural issues and legal options.

NMRE SUD Oversight Committee Report

The next meeting of the NMRE Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Committee is scheduled for 10:00AM on July 7, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Let the record show that there was no New Business to present to the Board during the meeting on this date.

OLD BUSINESS

Northern Lakes CMHA Update

Mr. Bratton reported that the Northern Lakes CMHA Search Committee is meeting on June 27th to review and score CEO candidates' resumes and applications. The candidates will be scored on criteria developed by the Search Committee. The Search Committee will then present the top two candidates to the full Board by June 30, 2025. The top two candidates will participate in a tour of Northern Lakes' facilities and participate in group interviews with the Northern Lakes Leadership Team on July 10th. The Board will interview the candidates on July 11th during an open meeting. A final hiring decision will be made by the Board during the July 17th Board meeting.

Mr. Adrian wished Northern Lakes good luck with securing a CEO.

FY25 PIHP Contract Injunction and Complaint Update

The complaint filed by Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP, on behalf of Northcare Network Mental Health Care Entity, Northern Michigan Regional Entity, Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan, and Region 10 PIHP (Plaintiffs) against the State of Michigan, State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, a Michigan State Agency, and its Director, Elizabeth Hertel, in her official capacity (Defendants) is currently in a waiting period pending the appointed judge's decision.

PRESENTATION

FY25 Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPIP) Update

NMRE Chief Clinical Officer, Branislava Arsenov, was in attendance to provide an update on the NMRE's FY25 QAPIP.

The QAPIP is a requirement of MDHHS and is intended to serve several functions including but not limited to:

- Serve as the quality improvement structure for the managed care activities of the NMRE as the PIHP for the 21-county area.
- Provide oversight of the CMHSPs' quality improvement structures an ensure coordination with PIHP activities, as appropriate.
- Provide leadership and coordination for the PIHP Performance Improvement Plans (PIPs).
- Coordinate with the regional Compliance Coordinator and Regional Compliance Committee to verify the validity of Medicaid claims submitted.
- Describe how these functions will be executed within the NMRE's organizational structure.

Ms. Arsenov provided an update on a few of the QAPIP's 16 goals:

Quality Measures: The NMRE will review the following Healthcare Effective Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures to demonstrate and ensure quality care.

1) Follow-Up After Hospitalization (FUH) for Mental Illness within 30 Days.

Michigan Medicaid Total	65.27%
Medicaid Managed Care	66.18%
Medicaid Fee for Service	58.74%
NMRE	68.25%

2) Follow-Up After (FUA) Emergency Department Visit for Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence.

Michigan Medicaid Total	38.47%
Medicaid Managed Care	38.91%
Medicaid Fee for Service	33.24%
NMRE	42.98%

<u>Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs)</u>: The NMRE will engage in Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs) to improve health outcomes and member satisfaction.

1) The NMRE will strive to improve the percentage of individuals who are enrolled in the Behavioral Health Home program from 5% to 6% by September 30, 2025.

СМНЅР	Receiving BHH Waiver Services	Enrolled + Potential Enrollees Actively Enrolled with CMHSP	Percent Enrolled
Centra Wellness	144	770	18.70%
North Country	92	2,283	4.03%
Northeast Michigan	112	1,486	7.54%
Northern Lakes	142	3,391	4.19%
Wellvance	83	1,691	4.91%
Total	573	9,621	5.96%

2) The NMRE will collect data and conduct analysis to show evidence of increased enrollment in the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Health Home by September 30, 2025.

Time Period	Running Date	Enrolled	Eligible	% of PE Enrolled
Pre-Baseline	<= 9/30/20	284	5,372	5.29%
Baseline	<= 9/30/21	587	7,603	7.72%
Post-Baseline	<= 9/30/22	890	8,398	10.90%
Year 1	<= 9/30/23	936	6,400	14.63%
Year 2	<= 9/30/24	820	7,142	11.48%
Year 3 SUDHH	<= 9/30/25	974	7,274	13.39%

Performance Bonus Incentive Pool (PBIP) Improvement Needs:

1) Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence Treatment (IET).

Michigan Medicaid Total	11.28%
NMRE	13.03%

2) Adherence to antipsychotic medications for individuals with schizophrenia (SAA-AD).

Michigan Medicaid Total	62.38%
NMRE	70.9%

Other Accomplishments:

- The NMRE provided Individual Plan of Services (IPOS) and Adverse Benefit Determination (ABD) training to all five Member CMHSPs.
- The NMRE implemented ABD monitoring for compliance with federal rules.
- The NMRE Completed Medicaid Encounter Validation (MEV) audits quarterly.
- The NMRE conducted regular site visits for the CMHSPs and SUD services providers.

COMMENTS

Board

Ms. Marois recommended a movie on Netflix titled, "Straw."

Ms. Goodman spoke with Rep. Moolenaar's legislative assistant, Edward Kim, to try to explain the downstream damage related to the PIHP bid out.

Public

Justin Reed spoke about the implications of Northern Lakes CMHA's cost containment plan. He noted that the new Board Governance structure hasn't fixed the ongoing issues with the Northern Lakes Board. Mr. Reed also voiced his support for the removal of Brian Martinus as Northern Lakes CMHA's Interim CEO.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the NMRE Board of Directors was scheduled for 10:00AM on July 23, 2025.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Klacking adjourned the meeting at 12:30PM.

MILESTONE FOR COMMUNITY: Mental health crisis center now open 24/7

By Peter Kobs pkobs@record-eagle.com Jul 12, 2025



TRAVERSE CITY — The Grand Traverse Mental Health Crisis and Access Center, which opened in early January, is now serving the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Area mental health advocates are calling it a "milestone" because it fills a persistent need in the region.

"Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis now has access care at the Center any hour of the day, every day of the year," said Michael Corby, the center's behavioral health director.

"This is an exciting day and a significant step forward in the mental health resources we are able to provide our community."

At 410 Brook St. on the campus of Munson Medical Center, the two-story center with patientand family-friendly features opened earlier this year. Crisis services are currently provided by Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority. In addition to the 24/7 schedule, the facility will now also offer psychiatric urgent care on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those services are provided by Munson Healthcare.

"The center adds a much-needed component to the behavioral health continuum of care that's been missing in our community," said Terri Lacroix-Kelty, executive director of behavioral health for Munson Healthcare.

"We've seen a steady increase in the number of people utilizing the center during these initial six months and we're excited about the impact these expanded hours and addition of psychiatric services will have in our community."

Psychiatric urgent care is best suited for people with acute behavioral health needs that are serious, but not immediately life-threatening, Munson officials said. Examples include:

- Escalating symptoms of depression, anxiety or mania without immediate danger
- Suicidal ideation with or without a plan and intent
- Behavioral changes that are concerning but do not pose an immediate safety risk
- A need for timely medication adjustments, crisis intervention or short-term stabilization

The nonprofit crisis center accepts all patients and all forms of insurance.

NEXT TWO PHASES

The final two phases of the center's ongoing rollout will include an adult crisis residential unit and pediatric crisis residential unit. Depending on licensing and staff availability, those phases are slated for late 2025 and/or 2026, according to a Munson spokesperson.

In some cases, a visit to the emergency department at Munson Medical Center, or another similarly equipped hospital, may be warranted, clinicians said. For example, an immediate risk to life because of disorientation, psychosis, aggressive behavior or serious medical concern, such as overdose, chest pain, or significant injury, may require an emergency department visit.

Those people whose symptoms are stable, are in ongoing treatment, and are effectively using medication and coping strategies, can often be best served through outpatient services, they added.

MORE IN-PATIENT BEDS

While the crisis center is welcome news, mental health advocates say more must be done to fill the critical need for in-patient psychiatric care beds, which can function differently from "crisis residential beds" on the broader continuum of care.

"In-patient psychiatric beds and residential mental health crisis unit beds represent different levels of care within the mental health system," Lacroix-Kelty explained.

"Inpatient psychiatric beds offer 24/7 medical and nursing supervision, most often in a hospital setting within a locked unit," she added. "Residential mental health crisis units are not locked and offer a more home-like environment for individuals needing crisis stabilization or a next step in care following an inpatient hospitalization."

Munson officials said they anticipate the new crisis residential units will help offset some of the demand at Munson Medical Center "because many of those patients will be able to receive the level of care they need at the crisis center."

Meanwhile, leaders, clinicians and activists from around the state recently testified at a Michigan Legislature hearing July 1 on the same topic, many of them via video link. Several of the commenters were from the Grand Traverse County area.

"When it comes to inpatient psychiatric beds, northern Michigan is the most underserved region in the state," said local mental health advocate Kate Dahlstrom. "The more people know about this shortage, the more we'll be able to get the resources and facilities we need."

Another hearing on the topic is scheduled for July 15, according to Stone Kelly, legislative director for state Rep. Matthew Bierlein, R-Vassar.



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Health Care

Michigan hospitals brace for \$6B in Medicaid funding cuts

By Mark Sanchez, Crain's Grand Rapids Business

Gift Article



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July 09, 2025 07:00 AM | 4 HOURS AGO

The more than \$6 billion in projected Medicaid funding cuts over a decade could drive some Michigan hospitals to close or eliminate medical services, limiting access to care for all patients.

That's just one of the potential ramifications from the legislation that Congress passed and President Trump signed into law last week that targets \$1 trillion in Medicaid spending cuts nationally over 10 years starting in late 2027.

Medicaid accounts for 40% or more in operating revenue for some hospitals, especially in rural markets. As such, the planned spending reductions "will have direct and immediate consequences for access to quality, affordable care provided by our member hospitals and health systems throughout the state in both urban and rural settings," said Brian Peters, president and CEO of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association.

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"They will jeopardize access to care for all of us throughout the state of Michigan, regardless of our source of insurance coverage," Peters said during a Tuesday morning virtual press conference for a coalition of health care providers and advocates known as Protect MI Care. "I say that because when a hospital has to reduce staff, has to reduce or completely eliminate an entire service line, or has to close their doors entirely, those programs and services that were previously offered to all of us in that community are no longer available.

"That is not an idle threat. That is exactly what will happen if these cuts are fully implemented in the years to come. You cannot take \$6 billion out of the hospital funding line without severe consequences in terms of access to patient care."

The financial pressure resulting from the Medicaid spending cuts could drive more hospital consolidation, as smaller hospitals that are still independent seek to become part of larger health systems that can better spread fixed costs across a far broader operation and patient volume, Peters said.

Peters notes how consolidation or closures have lowered the number of hospitals in Michigan to just 134 today, down from 240 from five decades ago.

"So, hospital closure is not an abstract concept. It's real, it's happened, and, unfortunately, I think we're going see more of that," he said, noting the Medicaid cuts

"will likely accelerate" consolidation.

Medicaid represents the largest source of health coverage in Michigan, covering one in four residents, said Elizabeth Hertel, director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

"The state cannot absorb these losses, and we will have to make significant cuts in other critical areas," Hertel said. "People will lose their health care coverage. Someone who is uninsured doesn't stop getting sick, doesn't stop needing life-saving care, and doesn't stop needing medications to control chronic conditions."

Hertel worries that people who lose Medicaid coverage will defer care for as long as possible, then end up in a costly hospital emergency room, driving up cost-shifting to private payers to offset losses from uncompensated care.

"When they can't afford to pay the bill, our provider partners still need to cover those costs, and they pass them on to everyone else," she said. "It's more expensive for the rest of us, even for people with private or employer-sponsored coverage."

While the Medicaid reductions won't happen until late 2027, Hertel said the consequences for hospitals could start immediately. She cited how doctors, nurses and other care professionals could opt not to seek positions at hospitals with high Medicaid patient populations because of concerns about the institutions' future financial stability.

Rural communities stand to be the most affected, Hertel said.

"We already have a shortage of providers in our rural areas and I am incredibly concerned that this will exacerbate that problem," she said. "We won't have a remedy for ensuring that people in those areas will have access to a provider, so it could be affecting people's decisions as early as today, given that they don't know what will come from the ramifications of this bill."

The federal legislation enacted last week includes \$50 billion for a fund to support rural hospitals. Michigan will apply to the fund, which will disperse funding nationally at \$10 billion annually over five years, Hertel said.

"We would certainly look to take advantage of the opportunity to have these funds come to Michigan," Peters said, noting that the new support would not come close to replacing the lost Medicaid funding, particularly for rural hospitals.

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 $\label{eq:michigan medicine} \mbox{Michigan Medicine's new CEO is out front } - \mbox{ and walking a tightrope}$



McLaren hospital nurses begin 3-day strike

email correspondence

From: Monique Francis
To: Monique Francis

Cc: Robert Sheehan; Alan Bolter

Subject: FOIA response confirms no CMS prohibition on current MDHHS sole-source contract with public PIHPs

Date: Monday, July 14, 2025 10:27:51 AM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

To: CEOs of the state's CMHSPs, PIHPs, Provider Alliance members CC: CMHA Officers, CMHA Board of Directors, Board Chairs

You may remember that, since the announcement of the MDHHS proposal to bid out the contracts held by state's public Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), MDHHS leadership repeatedly indicated that the Department was pursuing the bid-out of those contracts in compliance with a requirement by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to halt its 27-year long sole source arrangement with these PIHPs and to reprocure those contracts including private health plans as bidders

In order to ensure that you, CMHA, and our stakeholders had a full sense of the CMS communication to MDHHS, CMHA submitted a FOIA request for the CMS document that included the prohibition against the continuation of the sole source contract of MDHHS with the state's public PIHPs.

Recently, CMHA received the response to that FOIA. That response is contained in the email provided below.

Of central interest is the excerpt from that response (language bolded for emphasis by CMHA):

"To the best of the Department's knowledge, information, and belief, this Department does not possess or maintain records under the description you provided or by other names reasonably known to the Department. **CMS has not required that we change or halt our sole source process.**"

Robert Sheehan
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From: MDHHS FOIA Records Center < michigandhhs@govqa.us >

Date: July 10, 2025 at 5:14:32 PM EDT

To: Robert Sheehan < rsheehan@cmham.org >

Subject: MDHHS FOIA Request :: H028772-061625



RE: Public Records Request, Reference # H028772-061625.

Dear Mr. Sheehan,

This notice is issued in response to your request, legally received by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Department) on June 17, 2025, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq*.

Your request is denied.

To the best of the Department's knowledge, information, and belief, this Department does not possess or maintain records under the description you provided or by other names reasonably known to the Department. CMS has not required that we change or halt our sole source process.

As to the denial, the Department is obligated to inform you that under MCL 15.240 the following remedies are available:

1. Appeal this decision in writing to the Legal Affairs Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, Suite 207, PO Box 30037, Lansing, MI 48909. The writing must specifically state the word "appeal" and must identify the reason or reasons you believe the denial should be reversed. The Department must respond to your appeal within ten days of receipt. Under unusual circumstances, the time for response to your appeal may be extended by ten business days.

2. File an action in the appropriate court within 180 days after the date of the final determination to deny the request. If you prevail in such an action, the court is to award reasonable attorney fees, costs, disbursements, and possible damages.

The Department's FOIA policies and procedures are available at <u>Policies and Procedures</u>.

Sincerely,

Bureau of Legal Affairs

email correspondence

From: Monique Francis
To: Monique Francis

Cc: Robert Sheehan; Alan Bolter

Subject: Survey responses provided in response to CMHA"s FOIA request

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025 7:55:46 AM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

To: CEOs of CMHs, PIHPs, and Provider Alliance members

CC: CMHA Officers; Members of the CMHA Board of Directors and Steering Committee; CMH & PIHP Board

Chairpersons

From: Robert Sheehan, CEO, CMH Association of Michigan

Re: Survey responses provided in response to CMHA's FOIA request

As you may remember, in May of this year, CMHA made a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request for the raw responses to the MDHHS procurement-related survey. Today, MDHHS provided CMHA with those raw responses, all 2,624 responses.

In our review of these (we examined only several hundred of the full set of responses), the concerns that were cited centered around:

- O workforce shortages
- O high caseloads for existing staff (given difficulties in recruitment and retention),
- significant funding shortages causing workforce shortages, staff turnover, limiting length of service duration,
 waiting lists
- O the burden of administrative and paperwork demands, taking staff time and resources from service delivery (burdens borne by CMHSPs, PIHPs, and providers to ensure that these organizations can comply with state mandates)
- O the lack of psychiatric inpatient access
- O the lack of long term residential care for children and adolescents
- O need for uniform contracts for providers across the state
- O lack of understanding of the roles of the PIHPs
- O lack of access to behavioral health services managed by the private Medicaid Health Plans

When CMHA completes a thorough analysis of these responses, we will share that analysis with CMHA members and allies.

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WHAT HAPPENS IF THE STATE PRIVATIZES MENTAL HEALTH?

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recently announced its intention to implement a competitive procurement process for the state's public health plans. This approach brings with it several risks without addressing real gaps in the system.



Less Care, Higher Costs

Private insurers spend up to 15% on admin costs. The public mental health system spends just 2%. That's hundreds of millions taken from direct care.



Specialty Services Could Disappear

Peer support, housing help and crisis services are all at risk if private insurers call the shots.



Locals Lose Control

Local mental health agencies know your community. Under this plan, they'll lose decision-making power.



No Public Oversight

Public PIHPs and CMHs follow open meetings and FOIA laws. Private insurers don't.



The Public Says NO

Most Michiganders oppose privatizing mental health care. Our communities deserve to be heard.

Take Action!

Take two minutes to urge your legislator to protect public mental health care.

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 10:00AM – JULY 9, 2025 VIA TEAMS

ATTENDEES: Brian Babbitt, Connie Cadarette, Ann Friend, Kevin Hartley, Chip

Johnston, Eric Kurtz, Donna Nieman, Allison Nicholson, Trish Otremba, Brandon Rhue, Nena Sork, Erinn Trask, Jennifer Warner, Tricia Wurn,

Deanna Yockey, Carol Balousek

REVIEW AGENDA & ADDITIONS

No additions to the meeting agenda were requested.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The June minutes were included in the materials packet for the meeting.

MOTION BY CONNIE CADARETTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2025 NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY REGIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING; SUPPORT BY DONNA NIEMAN. MOTION APPROVED.

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

May 2025 Financial Report

- Net Position showed a net surplus for Medicaid and HMP of \$1,866,598. Carry forward was reported as \$736,656. The total Medicaid and HMP current year surplus was reported as \$2,603,254. FY24 HSW revenue was reported as \$1,137,411. The total Medicaid and HMP adjusted current year surplus was reported as \$1,465,843. The total Medicaid and HMP Internal Service Fund was reported as \$20,576,156. The total Medicaid and HMP net surplus was reported as \$23,179,410.
- <u>Traditional Medicaid</u> showed \$145,510,866 in revenue, and \$141,600,288 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$3,910,578. Medicaid ISF was reported as \$13,514,675 based on the current FSR. Medicaid Savings was reported as \$0.
- <u>Healthy Michigan Plan</u> showed \$19,385,187 in revenue, and \$21,429,166 in expenses, resulting in a net deficit of \$2,043,979. HMP ISF was reported as \$7,068,394 based on the current FSR. HMP savings was reported as \$736,656.
- <u>Health Home</u> showed \$2,150,637 in revenue, and \$1,722,783 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$377,854.
- <u>SUD</u> showed all funding source revenue of \$18,962,214 and \$14,823,574 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$4,138,640. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$4,646,549.

Deanna explained that, in June, the NMRE received \$1,137,411 in retroactive HSW payments for FY24. This amount was subtracted from the "Total Current Year Surplus," to arrive at a "Adjusted Current Year Surplus" amount of \$1,465,843.

Brian asked Kevin whether Northern Lakes has a lot of Medicaid hitting General Funds. Kevin responded, yes, mostly (i)SPA consumers. It was noted that, in April, Northern Lakes' Medicaid

swung \$1M above trend. Kevin responded that Northern Lakes is looking into some issues within the PCE system.

PA2/Liquor Tax was summarized as follows:

Projected FY25 Activity					
Beginning Balance Projected Revenue Approved Projects Projected Ending Balan					
\$4,765,231	\$1,847,106	\$2,150,940	\$4,461,397		

Actual FY25 Activity					
Beginning Balance Current Receipts Current Expenditures Current Ending Balance					
\$4,765,231	\$835,755	\$954,437	\$4,646,549		

It was noted that the NMRE is working to redirect PA2 funds to block grant funding, where it can.

MOTION BY ERINN TRASK TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2025; SUPPORT BY DONNA NIEMAN. MOTION APPROVED.

EDIT UPDATE

The next EDIT meeting is scheduled for July 17th at 10:00AM. Donna reported that an update/clarification to the code chart is in process. The Supported Employment H2023 is being split to differentiate services for individuals with HMP. Donna further clarified that H2023 must be provided in a group setting for individuals on HMP rather than 1:1. PCE has been notified of this change.

Brandon referenced a scenario that was brought to light by the OIG at the end of June. Duplicates were found in a very small number of claims (36) using the H2016 code from FY22-FY23. Some investigation and clean-up is needed.

The NMRE is moving forward with an internal audit on all claims using the code chart. Documentation was found in the code chart that lacks duplicate threshold language, although some of the codes did have duplicate threshold language in previous versions of the code chart.

EQI UPDATE

Brandon reported that the NMRE reached out to Crystal Williams at MDHHS for clarification regarding expectations for direct vs. contracted health home services, how they are identified, and the logic used. Erin noted that, because the health home programs are paid, fee-for-service, they show up on the EQI as contracted services.

ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (EVV)

There was no report on this agenda topic. An EVV Leads meeting is scheduled for later on this date.

HSW OPEN SLOTS UPDATE

In the July HSW payment, the region was paid for 649 out of 693 filled slots in addition to 71 payments for prior months totaling \$595,279. There are currently four open HSW slots in the region.

CHAMPS Fix Update/ Verification

The NMRE is monitoring to ensure that the fix for the HSW billing issues has been effective. A manual file was sent in June for which back payment was received for missed payments outside of the 6-month window. Payment is still being withheld for some individuals as their Medicaid is showing inactive for the enrollment months.

DAB TRANSITION

There was no report on this agenda topic.

NMRE REVENUE & ELIGIBLES ANALYSIS

An analysis of November 2023 – June 2025 Revenue and Eligibles was emailed to the committee during the meeting.

Children's Waiver Program						
	October 2023	June 2025	% Change			
Revenue	\$36,882	\$29,628	-19.67%			
Enrollees	11	9	-18.18%			
Average Payment per Enrollee	\$3,353	\$3,292	-1.82%			

DAB			
	October 2023	<u>June 2025</u>	% Change
Revenue	\$10,003,003	\$10,924,471	9.21%
Enrollees	28,444	25,439	-10.56%
Average Payment per Enrollee	\$352	\$429	22.11%

НМР			
	October 2023	June 2025	% Change
Revenue	\$2,369,569	\$2,347,811	-0.92%
Enrollees	47,550	32,786	-31.05%
Average Payment per Enrollee	\$50	\$72	43.70%

HSW			
	October 2023	June 2025	% Change
Revenue	\$4,638,399	\$5,073,499	9.38%
Enrollees	650	674	3.69%
Average Payment per Enrollee	\$7,136	\$7,527	5.49%

SED			
	October 2023	<u>June 2025</u>	% Change**
Revenue	\$40,846	\$13,193	-67.70%
Enrollees	21	19	-9.52%
Average Payment per Enrollee*	\$1,945	\$694	-64.30%

**SED revenue was moved into DAB October 1, 2024.

TANF			
	October 2023	<u>June 2025</u>	% Change
Revenue	\$2,865,200	\$2,973,828	3.79%
Enrollees	66,801	53,283	-20.24%
Average Payment per Enrollee	\$43	56	30.12%

TOTAL			
	October 2023	June 2025***	% Change
	\$19,953,899	\$21,362,430	7.06

^{***}The April payment included retro HSW.

COST CONTAINMENT PLANS

During an emergency meeting of the Northern Lakes CMHA Board of Directors on June 27th, current Interim CEO, Dr. Curt Cummins, and the Northern Lakes Leadership Team were authorized to move forward with the recommended employee cuts to help balance the budget. Next steps will include presenting the Board with a balanced budget for FY26.

AUDIT FY25 - FY26 RFP

Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth notified the NMRE that it would not be bidding. The firm of Anderson Tackman & Co. did not provide a bid. It was noted that although there are efficiencies in using the same firm for the NMRE and the four bidding (Centra Wellness, North Country, Northern Lakes, and Wellvance) Boards, it is not required. Northeast Michigan has selected the firm of Straley, Lamp & Kraenzlein.

Review NMRE Bid

NMRE staff met on June 2nd to review and score the bids that were received from Roslund, Prestage, & Co. and Yeo and Yeo. Based on the submissions, NMRE staff recommended that Roslund, Prestage, & Co. be awarded the audit contract for the NMRE for fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027 based on cost and experience.

MOTION BY ANN FRIEND TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF ROSLUND, PRESTAGE, AND COMPANY, PC AS THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY'S FINANCIAL AUDING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2025, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; SUPPORT BY DONNA NIEMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

The recommendation will be presented to the NMRE Operations Committee on July 15th and the NMRE Board on July 23rd.

The CMHSP Boards were asked to submit their audit firm selections to the NMRE by Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 5:00pm. The NMRE will send out award letters.

FY25 RATE AMENDMENT SCHEDULE

An email from the MDHHS-MSA Actuarial Division dated July 3, 2025 announcing the PIHP FY25 Rate Amendment Timeline was included in the meeting materials.

- 1) June 2025 Effective Rate Amendment.
 - a) This amendment will be reflected in July and subsequent PIHP capitation payments.
 - b) June recoup/repay anticipated schedule:
 - **7/17/2025:** Recoup/repay of HSW-MC, CWP-MC, and SED-MC payments.
 - **8/14/2025:** Recoup/repay of BHMA, MHMA-MHP, BHHMP, and MHHMP-MC.
- 2) January May 2025 Amended Capitation Payments.
 - **7/31/2025:** Anticipated date of recoup/repay activity.
- 3) November and December 2024 Amended Capitation Payments.
 - **8/7/2025:** Anticipated date of recoup/repay activities.
- 4) October 2024 Amended Capitation Payments.
 - **8/21/25:** Anticipated date of recoup/repay activities.

The schedule was created to maintain the integrity of the CHAMPS system.

Ms. Sork asked whether any ballpark numbers have been supplied by the Department. Mr. Kurtz responded that the total preliminary estimate for the region was provided as \$12.1M.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for August 13th at 10:00AM.



Chief Executive Officer Report July 2025

This report is intended to brief the NMRE Board on the CEO's activities since the last Board meeting. The activities outlined are not all inclusive of the CEO's functions and are intended to outline key events attended or accomplished by the CEO.

- June 27: Attended and participated in CMHAM Rural Caucus.
- **July 1:** Attended and participated in GT Crisis and Wellness Center Meeting.
- July 3: Attended and participated in MDHHS PIHP Operations Meeting.
- July 7: Attended and participated in SUD Oversight Committee Meeting.
- July 8: Attended and participated in PIHP CEO Meeting.
- **July 9:** Attended and participated in Regional Finance Committee Meeting.
- July 9: Met with Capital Affairs regarding government relations.
- July 10: Met with NMRE and CMHAM legal representatives.
- July 10: Attended and participated in NMRE Internal Operations Committee Meeting.
- **July 11:** Attended Crawford County Opioid Advisory Committee Meeting.
- **July 15:** Chaired NMRE Operations Committee Meeting.
- July 17: Met with MDHHS staff regarding the PIHP bid out.
- **July 17:** Attended and participated in FY 26 PIHP Rate Setting Meeting.



May 2025 Financial Summary

		YTD Net						
		Surplus	Carry Forward	ISF				
Funding Source		(Deficit)						
Medicaid		3,910,578	-	13,514,675				
Healthy Michigan		(2,043,979)	736,656	7,068,394				
		\$ 1,866,598	\$ 736,656	\$ 20,583,069				
	NMRE	NMRE	Northern	North			Centra	PIHP
	MH	SUD	Lakes	Country	Northeast	Wellvance	Wellness	Total
					(10= 000)			
Net Surplus (Deficit) MA/HMP	2,241,619	3,825,962	(4,932,726)	(79,914)	(195,280)	871,986	134,952	\$ 1,866,598
Carry Forward								 736,656
Total Med/HMP Current Year Surplus	2,241,619	3,825,962	(4,932,726)	(79,914)	(195,280)	871,986	134,952	\$ 2,603,254
FY24 Hab Support Waiver Revenue								\$ (1,137,411)
Total Med/HMP Current Year Surplus Adju	usted							\$ 1,465,843
Medicaid & HMP Internal Service Fund								20,576,156
Total Medicaid & HMP Net Surplus								\$ 23,179,410

Funding Source Report - PIHP

Mental Health

October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

MH SUD Lakes Country Northeast Wellvance Wellness To	otal
Traditional Medicaid (inc Autism)	
Revenue	
Revenue Capitation (PEPM) \$ 140,879,713 \$ 4,631,153 \$ 145 CMHSP Distributions (132,533,968) 42,598,019 36,247,613 22,349,731 19,221,311 12,117,293 1st/3rd Party receipts -	510,866 (0)
Net revenue 8,345,745 4,631,153 42,598,019 36,247,613 22,349,731 19,221,311 12,117,293 145	510,866
Expense	
·	026,871
PIHP SUD Admin 85,223	85,223
SUD Access Center -	-
	240,778
	263,034 984,381
341,317	704,301
Total expense 6,011,077 2,646,321 45,165,869 35,974,185 22,378,379 17,959,050 11,465,407 141	600,288
Net Actual Surplus (Deficit) \$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	910,578

Notes

Medicaid ISF - \$13,514,675 - based on current FSR Medicaid Savings - \$0

Funding Source Report - PIHP

Mental Health

October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

	NMRE MH	NMRE SUD	Northern Lakes	North Country	Northeast	١	Vellvance	,	Centra Wellness	PIHP Total
Healthy Michigan										
Revenue										
Revenue Capitation (PEPM) CMHSP Distributions 1st/3rd Party receipts	\$ 11,195,145 (9,273,273)	\$ 8,190,042	3,407,646	2,649,738	1,202,800		1,261,919		751,168 -	\$ 19,385,187 - -
Net revenue	 1,921,872	8,190,042	 3,407,646	 2,649,738	 1,202,800		1,261,919		751,168	19,385,187
Expense										
PIHP Admin PIHP SUD Admin SUD Access Center	194,741	89,412 204,494								284,153 204,494 -
Insurance Provider Assessment	117,441	56,318								173,759
Hospital Rate Adjuster Services	1,702,739	5,998,688	5,772,523	3,003,081	1,369,432		1,652,194		1,268,103	1,702,739 19,064,021
Total expense	 2,014,921	6,348,912	5,772,523	3,003,081	1,369,432		1,652,194		1,268,103	21,429,166
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (93,049)	\$ 1,841,130	\$ (2,364,877)	\$ (353,343)	\$ (166,632)	\$	(390,275)	\$	(516,935)	\$ (2,043,979)
Notes										

HMP ISF - \$7,068,394 - based on current FSR

HMP Savings - \$736,656

Net Surplus (Deficit) MA/HMP \$ 2,241,619 \$ 3,825,962 \$ (4,932,726) \$ (79,914) \$ (195,280) \$ 871,986 134,952 1,866,598

Medicaid/HMP Carry Forward

2,603,254

736,656

Total Med/HMP Current Year Surplus

Medicaid & HMP ISF - based on current FSR

20,576,156 \$ 23,179,410

Total Medicaid & HMP Net Surplus (Deficit) including Carry Forward and ISF

Funding Source Report - PIHP

Mental Health

October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

	NMRE MH	NMRE SUD	Northern Lakes	North Country	Northeast	Wellvance	Centra Wellness	PIHP Total
Health Home								
Revenue Revenue Capitation (PEPM) CMHSP Distributions 1st/3rd Party receipts	\$ 767,465 -		346,758	242,520	279,021	144,600	370,273	\$ 2,150,637
Net revenue	767,465		346,758	242,520	279,021	144,600	370,273	2,150,637
Expense PIHP Admin BHH Admin Insurance Provider Assessment Hospital Rate Adjuster Services	25,638 27,064 - 336,909		346,758	242,520	279,021	144,600	370,273	25,638 27,064 - 1,720,081
Total expense	389,611	<u> </u>	346,758	242,520	279,021	144,600	370,273	1,772,783
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 377,854	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 377,854

Funding Source Report - SUD

Mental Health

October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

	Medicaid	Healthy Michigan	Opioid Health Home	SAPT Block Grant	PA2 Liquor Tax	Total SUD
Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment						
Revenue	\$ 4,631,153	\$ 8,190,042	\$ 2,750,592	\$ 2,435,990	\$ 954,437	\$ 18,962,214
Expense						
Administration	122,486	293,906	111,442	155,739		683,574
OHH Admin			51,911	-		51,911
Block Grant Access Center	-	-	-	-		-
Insurance Provider Assessment	23,863	56,318	-			80,181
Services:						
Treatment	2,499,972	5,998,688	2,274,560	1,138,627	954,437	12,866,284
Prevention	-	-	-	600,871	-	600,871
Healing and Recovery Grant						
ARPA Grant	-	-		540,753	-	540,753
Total expense	2,646,321	6,348,912	2,437,913	2,435,990	954,437	14,823,574
PA2 Redirect				0		0
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,984,832	\$ 1,841,130	\$ 312,679	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ 4,138,640

Statement of Activities and Proprietary Funds Statement of

Revenues, Expenses, and Unspent Funds October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

	PIHP	PIHP	PIHP	Total
	MH	SUD	ISF	PIHP
0				
Operating revenue Medicaid	\$ 140,879,713	\$ 4,631,153	\$ -	\$ 145,510,866
Medicaid Savings	3 140,079,713	3 4,031,133	• ·	3 143,310,600
Healthy Michigan	11,195,145	8,190,042		19,385,187
Healthy Michigan Savings	736,656	0,170,042	_	736,656
Health Home	2,150,637	_	_	2,150,637
Opioid Health Home	2,130,037	2,750,592		2,750,592
Substance Use Disorder Block Grant	_	2,435,990	_	2,435,990
Public Act 2 (Liquor tax)	_	954,437	_	954,437
Affiliate local drawdown	446,112	75-1, 157	_	446,112
Performance Incentive Bonus	1,653,705	_	_	1,653,705
Miscellanous Grant Revenue	-	93,332	_	93,332
Veteran Navigator Grant	58,121	75,552	_	58,121
SOR Grant Revenue	-	998,555	_	998,555
Gambling Grant Revenue	_	144,195	_	144,195
Other Revenue	59	144,173	2,325	2,384
Other Revenue			2,323	2,304
Total operating revenue	157,120,148	20,198,296	2,325	177,320,769
Operating expenses				
General Administration	2,384,791	508,771		2,893,562
Prevention Administration	2,304,771	81,933		81,933
OHH Administration	_	51,911		51,911
BHH Administration	27,064	31,711	-	27,064
Insurance Provider Assessment	1,334,356	80,181	-	1,414,537
	3,965,773	60,161	-	3,965,773
Hospital Rate Adjuster	3,703,773	-	-	3,703,773
Payments to Affiliates:	133,484,409	2,499,972		135,984,381
Medicaid Services Healthy Michigan Services	13,065,333	5,998,688		19,064,021
Health Home Services	1,720,081	3,770,000	_	1,720,081
	1,720,001	2,274,560		2,274,560
Opioid Health Home Services	-	1,138,627	-	1,138,627
Community Grant Prevention	-	518,938	-	518,938
	-	310,730	-	310,730
State Disability Assistance	-	540,753	-	540,753
ARPA Grant	-	*	-	•
Public Act 2 (Liquor tax)	- 1 E70 647	954,437	-	954,437
Local PBIP	1,579,647	-	-	1,579,647
Local Match Drawdown	446,112	93,332	-	446,112
Miscellanous Grant	- E0 121	93,332	-	93,332
Veteran Navigator Grant	58,121	-	-	58,121
SOR Grant Expenses	-	998,555	-	998,555
Gambling Grant Expenses		144,195		144,195
Total operating expenses	158,065,687	15,884,853		173,950,540
CY Unspent funds	(945,539)	4,313,443	2,325	3,370,229
Transfers In	_	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Unspent funds - beginning	3,466,474	4,765,230	20,583,069	28,814,773
Unspent funds - ending	\$ 2,520,935	\$ 9,078,673	\$ 20,585,394	\$ 32,185,002

Statement of Net Position

May 31, 2025

	PIHP MH	PIHP SUD	PIHP ISF	Total PIHP
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash Position	\$ 54,377,419	\$ 7,980,977	\$ 20,585,394	\$ 82,943,790
Accounts Receivable	6,365,197	2,018,931	-	8,384,128
Prepaids	84,521	-	-	84,521
Total current assets	60,827,137	9,999,908	20,585,394	91,412,439
Noncurrent Assets				
Capital assets	 479,259	 -	 -	 479,259
Total Assets	 61,306,396	 9,999,908	 20,585,394	 91,891,698
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	58,488,720	921,235	-	59,409,955
Accrued liabilities	296,741	-	-	296,741
Unearned revenue	 	 -	 -	 <u>-</u>
Total current liabilities	 58,785,461	 921,235	 	 59,706,696
Unspent funds	\$ 2,520,935	\$ 9,078,673	\$ 20,585,394	\$ 32,185,002

Proprietary Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Unspent Funds

Budget to Actual - Mental Health October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

	Total	YTD	YTD	Variance Favorable	Percent Favorable
	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	(Unfavorable)
Operating revenue					
Medicaid					
* Capitation	\$ 187,752,708	\$ 125,168,472	\$ 140,879,713	\$ 15,711,241	12.55%
Carryover	11,400,000	-	-	-	-
Healthy Michigan					
Capitation	19,683,372	13,122,248	11,195,145	(1,927,103)	(14.69%)
Carryover	5,100,000	-	736,656	736,656	0.00%
Health Home	1,451,268	967,512	2,150,637	1,183,125	122.29%
Affiliate local drawdown	594,816	446,112	446,112	-	0.00%
Performance Bonus Incentive	1,334,531	1,334,531	1,653,705	319,174	23.92%
Miscellanous Grants	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Veteran Navigator Grant	110,000	73,336	58,121	(15,215)	(20.75%)
Other Revenue			59	59	0.00%
Total operating revenue	227,426,695	141,112,211	157,120,148	16,007,937	11.34%
Operating expenses					
General Administration	3,591,836	2,377,504	2,384,791	(7,287)	(0.31%)
Health Home Administration	, , , <u>-</u>	-	27,064	(27,064)	0.00%
Insurance Provider Assessment	1,897,524	1,265,016	1,334,356	(69,340)	(5.48%)
Hospital Rate Adjuster	4,571,328	3,047,552	3,965,773	(918,221)	(30.13%)
Local PBIP	1,737,753	-	1,579,647	(1,579,647)	0.00%
Local Match Drawdown	594,816	446,112	446,112	-	0.00%
Miscellanous Grants	· -	-	, -	-	0.00%
Veteran Navigator Grant	110,004	61,144	58,121	3,023	4.94%
Payments to Affiliates:	,	,	,	,	
Medicaid Services	176,618,616	117,745,744	133,484,409	(15,738,665)	(13.37%)
Healthy Michigan Services	17,639,940	11,759,960	13,065,333	(1,305,373)	(11.10%)
Health Home Services	1,415,196	943,464	1,720,081	(776,617)	(82.32%)
Total operating expenses	208,177,013	137,646,496	158,065,687	(20,419,191)	(14.83%)
CY Unspent funds	\$ 19,249,682	\$ 3,465,715	(945,539)	\$ (4,411,254)	
Transfers in			-		
Transfers out			-	158,065,687	
Unspent funds - beginning			3,466,474		
Unspent funds - ending			\$ 2,520,935	(945,539)	

Proprietary Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Unspent Funds

Budget to Actual - Substance Abuse October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

	Total	YTD	YTD	Variance	Percent
	1 Ocut			Favorable	Favorable
	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	(Unfavorable)
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Operating revenue					
Medicaid	\$ 4,678,632	\$ 3,119,088	\$ 4,631,153	\$ 1,512,065	48.48%
Healthy Michigan	11,196,408	7,464,272	8,190,042	725,770	9.72%
Substance Use Disorder Block Grant	6,467,905	4,311,935	2,435,990	(1,875,945)	(43.51%)
Opioid Health Home	3,419,928	2,279,952	2,750,592	470,640	20.64%
Public Act 2 (Liquor tax)	1,533,979	511,326	954,437	443,111	86.66%
Miscellanous Grants	4,000	2,667	93,332	90,665	3399.95%
SOR Grant	2,043,984	1,362,656	998,555	(364,101)	(26.72%)
Gambling Prevention Grant	200,000	133,333	144,195	10,862	8.15%
Other Revenue	-	-			0.00%
Total operating revenue	29,544,836	19,185,229	20,198,296	1,013,067	5.28%
Operating expenses					
Substance Use Disorder:	4 000 574	(04 7 00	500 774	470.040	25.270/
SUD Administration	1,082,576	681,720	508,771	172,949	25.37%
Prevention Administration	118,428	78,952	81,933	(2,981)	(3.78%)
Insurance Provider Assessment	113,604	75,736	80,181	(4,445)	(5.87%)
Medicaid Services	3,931,560	2,621,040	2,499,972	121,068	4.62%
Healthy Michigan Services	10,226,004	6,817,336	5,998,688	818,648	12.01%
Community Grant	2,074,248	1,382,832	1,138,627	244,205	17.66%
Prevention	634,056	422,704	518,938	(96,234)	(22.77%)
State Disability Assistance	95,215	63,479	-	63,479	100.00%
ARPA Grant	-	-	540,753	(540,753)	0.00%
Opioid Health Home Admin	-	-	51,911	(51,911)	0.00%
Opioid Health Home Services	3,165,000	2,110,000	2,274,560	(164,560)	(7.80%)
Miscellanous Grants	4,000	2,667	93,332	(90,665)	(3399.95%)
SOR Grant	2,043,984	1,362,656	998,555	364,101	26.72%
Gambling Prevention	200,000	133,333	144,195	(10,862)	(8.15%)
PA2	1,533,978	511,326	954,437	(443,111)	(86.66%)
Total operating expenses	25,222,653	16,263,781	15,884,853	378,928	2.33%
CY Unspent funds	\$ 4,322,183	\$ 2,921,448	4,313,443	\$ 1,391,995	
Transfers in			-		
Transfers out			-		
Unspent funds - beginning			4,765,230		
Unspent funds - ending			\$ 9,078,673		

Proprietary Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Unspent Funds

Budget to Actual - Mental Health Administration October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

	Total Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Fa	'ariance avorable favorable)	Percent Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Admin						
Salaries	\$ 1,921,812	\$ 1,281,208	\$ 1,340,611	\$	(59,403)	(4.64%)
Fringes	666,212	422,416	421,172		1,244	0.29%
Contractual	683,308	455,544	409,162		46,382	10.18%
Board expenses	18,000	12,000	14,467		(2,467)	(20.56%)
Day of recovery	14,000	14,000	886		13,114	93.67%
Facilities	152,700	101,800	85,738		16,062	15.78%
Other	 135,804	90,536	112,755		(22,219)	(24.54%)
Total General Admin	\$ 3,591,836	\$ 2,377,504	\$ 2,384,791	\$	(7,287)	(0.31%)

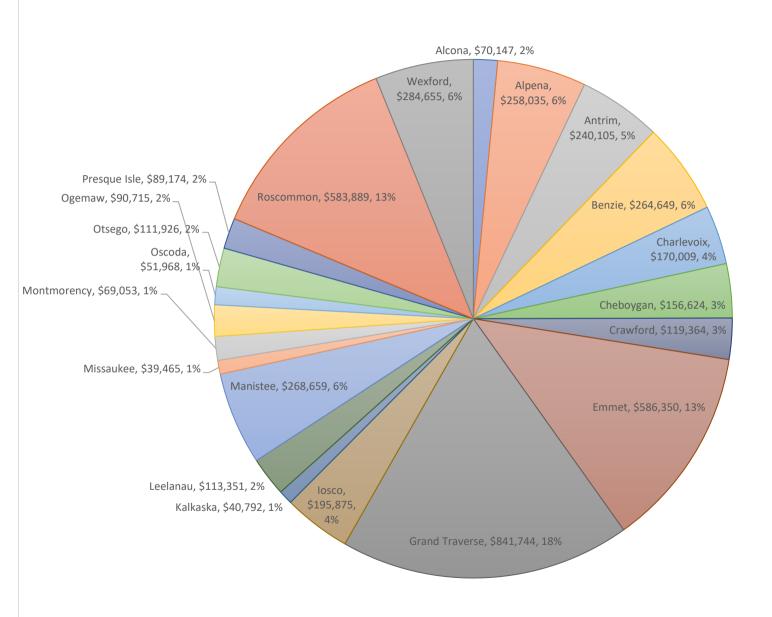
Schedule of PA2 by County October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

			Pro	ojected F	Y25 A	Activity				Actual FY25 Activity						
			F١	/25		FY25	F	rojected			Cou	unty	Region	Wide		
	Beginn	ing	Proj	ected	Α	pproved		Ending	(Current	Spe	cific	Projec	ts by		Ending
	Balan	ce	Rev	enue	ı	Projects		Balance	R	Receipts	Proj	jects	Popul	ation	E	Balance
											Actual	Expendi	tures by	County		
County																
Alcona	\$ 7	,885	\$	23,013	\$	21,562	\$	73,336	\$	9,914		11,651	\$	-	\$	70,147
Alpena	27	6,605		81,249		115,352		242,502		38,033	!	56,603		-		258,035
Antrim	22	,891		71,430		37,276		260,045		33,812		19,598		-		240,105
Benzie	25	7,777		64,021		52,479		269,320		29,286		22,414		-		264,649
Charlevoix	24),410	•	106,977		204,773		142,613		46,677	1	17,078		-		170,009
Cheboygan	14	,238		85,508		65,816		160,930		40,575	:	25,188		-		156,624
Crawford	12	5,884		36,205		68,993		94,096		17,924	:	25,444		-		119,364
Emmet	60-	1,860	•	182,951		363,695		424,117		82,567	10	01,078		-		586,350
Grand Traverse	94	7,150	4	464,163		558,074		853,238		205,396	3	10,801		-		841,744
losco	18	5,997		84,319		73,780		197,537		38,690	:	29,812		-		195,875
Kalkaska	2	,843		41,796		2,436		65,203		18,678		3,729		-		40,792
Leelanau	9	7,166		63,811		39,737		121,240		27,988		11,804		-		113,351
Manistee	25	,014		82,480		104,210		237,284		36,904	:	27,258		-		268,659
Missaukee	30),683		22,352		20,908		32,127		10,850		2,068		-		39,465
Montmorency	5'	,540		30,318		8,457		81,401		13,074		3,561		-		69,053
Ogemaw	6-	1,110		68,787		11,101		121,797		30,828		4,224		-		90,715
Oscoda	4	1,727		21,668		7,577		58,818		10,432		3,191		-		51,968
Otsego	113	2,969	•	105,067		98,424		119,612		48,085		49,128		-		111,926
Presque Isle	8:	2,660		24,977		11,701		95,936		11,445		4,931		-		89,174
Roscommon	570	5,714		87,317		55,007		609,024		39,501	;	32,326		-		583,889
Wexford	333	2,107		98,696		229,583		201,220	_	45,098		92,550		-		284,655
	4,76	5,231	1,8	847,106		2,150,940		4,461,397		835,755	9!	54,437		_		4,646,549

PA2 Redirect

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PA2 FUND BALANCES BY COUNTY



Proprietary Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Unspent Funds

Budget to Actual - Substance Abuse Administration October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

	Total Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	F	/ariance avorable favorable)	Percent Favorable (Unfavorable)
SUD Administration						
Salaries	\$ 723,372	\$ 482,248	\$ 301,223	\$	181,025	37.54%
Fringes	212,604	141,736	100,489		41,247	29.10%
Access Salaries	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Access Fringes	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Access Contractual	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Contractual	129,000	50,000	75,332		(25,332)	(50.66%)
Board expenses	5,000	3,336	3,500		(164)	(4.92%)
Day of Recover	-	-	10,507		(10,507)	0.00%
Facilities	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Other	12,600	 4,400	 17,720		(13,320)	(302.73%)
Total operating expenses	\$ 1,082,576	\$ 681,720	\$ 508,771	\$	172,949	25.37%

Proprietary Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Unspent Funds

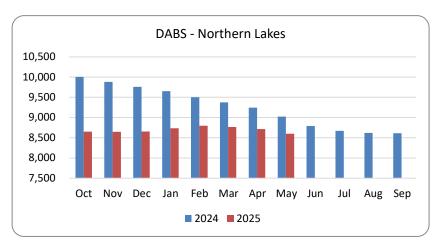
Budget to Actual - ISF October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025

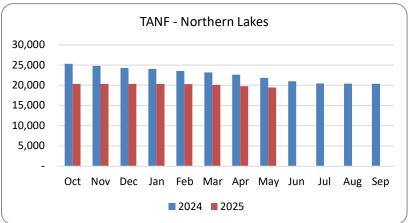
	Total Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		Percent Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating revenue									
Charges for services Interest and Dividends	\$	7,500	\$	5,000	\$	2,325	\$	(2,675)	0.00% (53.50%)
Total operating revenue		7,500		5,000		2,325		(2,675)	(53.50%)
Operating expenses Medicaid Services Healthy Michigan Services		- -		- -		- -		- -	0.00% 0.00%
Total operating expenses		-		-		-		-	0.00%
CY Unspent funds	\$	7,500	\$	5,000		2,325	\$	(2,675)	
Transfers in						-			
Transfers out						-		-	
Unspent funds - beginning					20	,583,069			
Unspent funds - ending					\$ 20	,585,394			

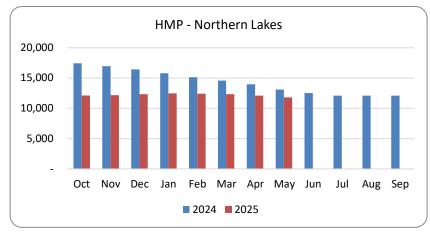
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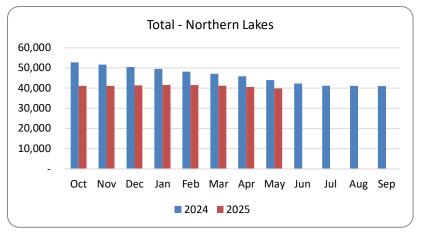
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Northern Lakes Eligible Members Trending - based on payment files





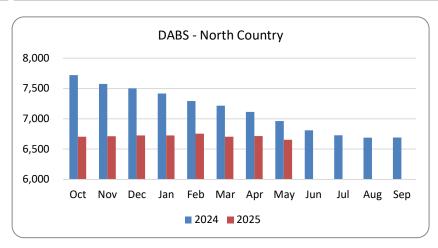


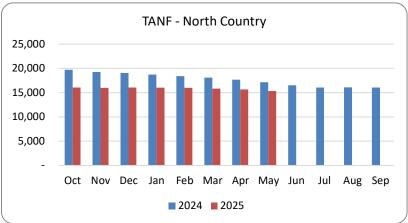


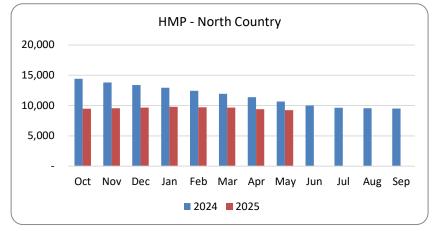
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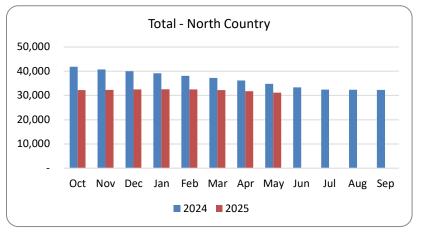
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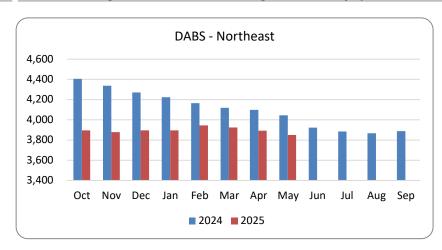


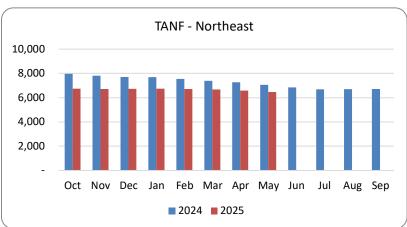


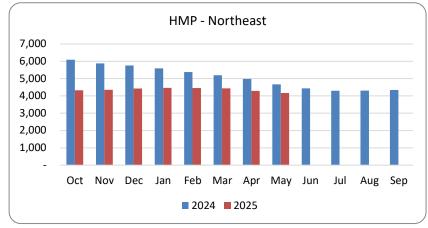
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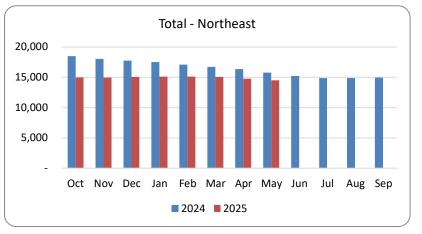
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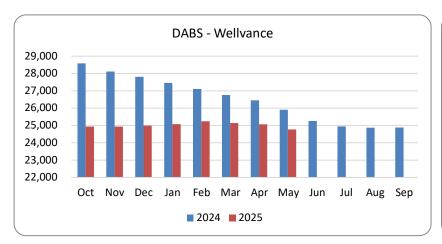


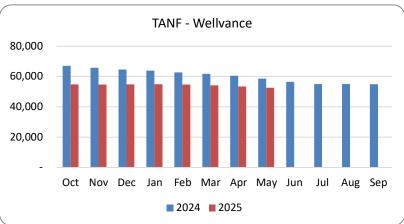


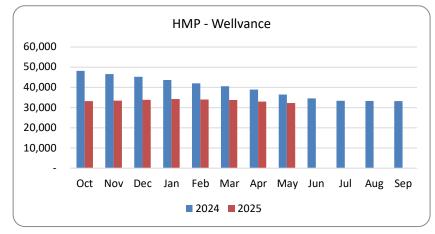
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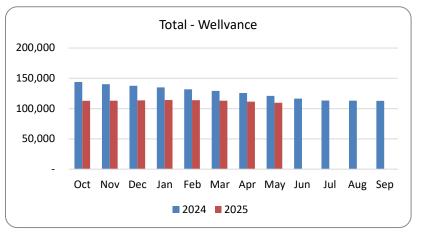
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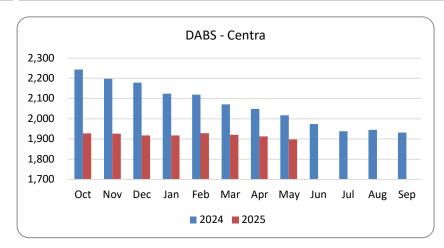


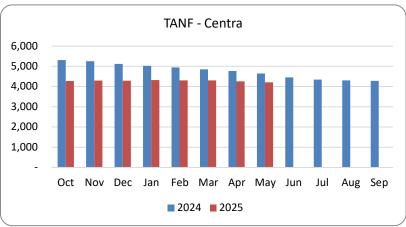


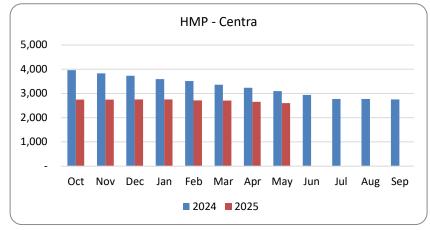
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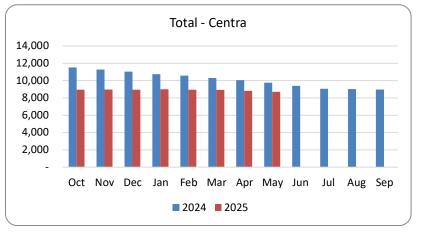
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Centra Wellness Eligible Members Trending - based on payment files









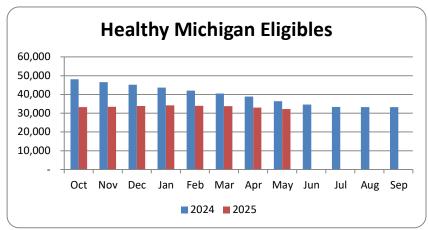
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Regional Eligible Trending



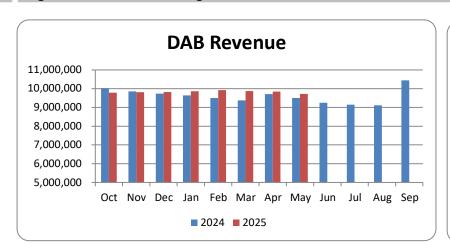




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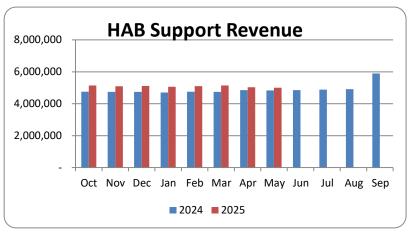
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Regional Revenue Trending









NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING 9:30AM – JULY 15, 2025 GAYLORD CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDEES: Brian Babbitt, Curt Cummins, Chip Johnston, Eric Kurtz, Trish

Otremba, Diane Pelts, Nena Sork, Carol Balousek

GUEST: Chris Cooke

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Curt Cummins, Medical Director and current Interim CEO of Northern Lakes, was introduced.

REVIEW OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

Mr. Babbit requested that Behavior Treatment Plans and LBA requirement be added to the meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from June 17th were included in the meeting materials.

MOTION BY DIANE PELTS TO APPROVE THE JUNE 17, 2025 MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE; SUPPORT BY BRIAN BABBITT. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND RELATED

May 2025 Financial Report

- Net Position showed a net surplus for Medicaid and HMP of \$1,866,598. Carry forward was reported as \$736,656. The total Medicaid and HMP current year surplus was reported as \$2,603,254. FY24 HSW revenue was reported as \$1,137,411. The total Medicaid and HMP adjusted current year surplus was reported as \$1,465,843. The total Medicaid and HMP Internal Service Fund was reported as \$20,576,156. The total Medicaid and HMP net surplus was reported as \$23,179,410.
- <u>Traditional Medicaid</u> showed \$145,510,866 in revenue, and \$141,600,288 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$3,910,578. Medicaid ISF was reported as \$13,514,675 based on the current FSR. Medicaid Savings was reported as \$0.
- <u>Healthy Michigan Plan</u> showed \$19,385,187 in revenue, and \$21,429,166 in expenses, resulting in a net deficit of \$2,043,979. HMP ISF was reported as \$7,068,394 based on the current FSR. HMP savings was reported as \$736,656.
- <u>Health Home</u> showed \$2,150,637 in revenue, and \$1,722,783 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$377,854.
- <u>SUD</u> showed all funding source revenue of \$18,962,214 and \$14,823,574 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$4,138,640. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$4,646,549.

	Centra Wellness	North Country	Northeast MI	Northern Lakes	Wellvance
Medicaid	\$651,886	\$273,428	(\$28,648)	(\$2,567,850)	\$1,262,261
НМР	(\$390, 275)	(\$353,343)	(\$166,632)	(\$2,364,877)	(\$390,275)
Total	\$134,952	(\$79,914)	(\$195,280)	(\$4,932,726)	\$871,986

Mr. Kurtz asked Dr. Cummins about the status of Northern Lakes' Cost Containment Plan. Dr. Cummins reported that, during an emergency meeting on June 27^{th} , the Northern Lakes Board approved moving forward with Phase 1 of the Cost Containment Plan. A reduction of 27 staff for an estimated savings of \$2.4M - \$2.7M is in process. An RFP is being issued to contract with a provider to staff residential homes owned or leased by Northern Lakes. All Northern Lakes CMHA contracts are under review. The Northern Lakes Leadership Team is meeting weekly to monitor progress.

Ms. Pelts mentioned a motion passed by the NMRE Board on June 25th to restrict Northern Lakes' funding to the PM/PM revenue. Mr. Kurtz added that new language was added to the PIHP/CMHSP contracts to allow the NMRE to use its discretion not cover CMHSP cost overruns or only portion of those cost overruns to ensure an adequate or fully funded risk reserve.

Rehmann is currently reviewing FY20 as part of the cost allocation lookback. Mr. Kurtz would like to finalize the lookback upon the completion of FY20 and extrapolate the findings.

Ms. Sork questioned what happened to the \$11.3M "rainy day fund" and \$8.1M invested in a savings account referenced in the October 18, 2024, Northern Lakes CMHA Board Minutes.

Mr. Babbitt asked whether Northern Lakes has any pending cash flow issue. Dr. Cummins responded that Northern Lakes is pushing payments to vendors for 30 days in an effort to improve cash flow.

MOTION BY BRIAN BABBITT TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2025; SUPPORT BY NENA SORK. MOTION APPROVED.

Rate Amendment

Pursuant to Amendment No. 3 to the PIHP Contract, MDHHS intends on recouping all payments for FY25 and repaying them at a higher rate (\$161.4M statewide). This may allow the NMRE to preserve some of its ISF this year.

An email from the MDHHS-MSA Actuarial Division dated July 3, 2025 announcing the PIHP FY25 Rate Amendment Timeline was included in the meeting materials.

- 1) June 2025 Effective Rate Amendment.
 - a) This amendment will be reflected in July and subsequent PIHP capitation payments.
 - b) June recoup/repay anticipated schedule:

7/17/2025: Recoup/repay of HSW-MC, CWP-MC, and SED-MC payments.

8/14/2025: Recoup/repay of BHMA, MHMA-MHP, BHHMP, and MHHMP-MC.

2) January – May 2025 Amended Capitation Payments. **7/31/2025:** Anticipated date of recoup/repay activity.

3) November and December 2024 Amended Capitation Payments.

8/7/2025: Anticipated date of recoup/repay activities.

4) October 2024 Amended Capitation Payments.

8/21/25: Anticipated date of recoup/repay activities.

The schedule was created to maintain the integrity of the CHAMPS system.

Audit Proposal

An RFP was conducted from May 15th – June 27th to collect bids to secure a financial auditing firm(s) for fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027 for the NMRE, Centra Wellness, North Country, Northern Lakes and Wellvance. Northeast Michigan already approved the auding firm of Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein.

NMRE staff met on June 2nd to review and score the bids that were received from Roslund, Prestage, & Co. and Yeo and Yeo. Based on the submissions, NMRE staff recommended that Roslund, Prestage, & Co. be awarded the audit contract for the NMRE based on cost and experience.

MOTION BY NENA SORK TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF ROSLUND, PRESTAGE, AND COMPANY, PC AS THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY'S FINANCIAL AUDITING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2025, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; SUPPORT BY DIANE PELTS. MOTION CARRIED.

The recommendation will be presented to the NMRE Board on July 23rd.

CMHAM LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING BID OUT

Attorney Chris Cooke (Secrest Wardle) was invited to join the meeting to review concerns related to the PIHP bid out.

Mr. Johnston summarized a meeting that was held on June 10th with senior CMHSP Directors, Mr. Kurtz, and legal counsel, which mainly focused on the central region of the state.

A meeting initiated by NorthCare Network is scheduled for July 17th at 1:00PM, intended to stress that the implications of the bid out to the northern region are potentially catastrophic.

Email correspondence was received from Bob Sheehan and Alan Bolter of the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA) dated July 14th attesting that the response to their request filed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) confirmed that no CMS prohibition on the current MDHHS sole-source contract with public PIHPs exists.

The communication from MDHHS states, "To the best of the Department's knowledge, information, and belief, this Department does not possess or maintain records under the description you provided or by other names reasonably known to the Department. **CMS has not required that we change or halt our sole source process.**"

PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT NEGOTIATIONS

NMRE Provider Network Manager, Chris VanWagoner, included the following hospital rate requests for FY26.

MyMichigan Health

	FY25 Rate	Proposed FY26 Rate	% Increase
Adult Psychiatric Inpatient (0100)	\$1,105.19	\$1,138.35	3%
Partial Hospitalization (0912)	\$632.42	*	*
Adolescent Intensive IOP (0905)	\$450.00	450.00	0%
ECT (0901) NEW	NA	Currently Unknown	

^{*} For FY26 Partial Hospitalization has been split into 1) Intensive (0913) at a rate of \$632.42 (same as FY25), and 2) Non-Intensive (0912) at a rate of \$459.42 (38% decrease).

HealthSource Saginaw

	FY25 Rate	Proposed FY26 Rate	% Increase
Adult Psychiatric Inpatient (0100)	\$1,081.50	\$1.103.13	2%
Adolescent Inpatient (0100)	\$1,081.50	\$1,113.95	3%
Geriatric Inpatient (0100)	\$1,081.50	\$1,113.95	3%

HealthSource has also requested a \$1,500 lump sum payment for transportation costs.

Pine Rest

	FY25 Rate	Proposed FY26 Rate	% Increase
Adult Psychiatric Inpatient (0100)	\$1,269.00	\$1,294.00	2%
Child/Adolescent Inpatient (0100)	\$1,393.00	\$1,421.00	2%
Older Adult Unit (0100)	\$1,269.00	\$1,294.00	2%
Partial Hospitalization for Adults and			
Children (0912)	\$582.00	\$594.00	2%
Partial Hospitalization for Children			
(Eating Disorder) (0912)	\$756.00	\$771.00	2%
ECT Inpatient (0901) (In Addition to			
Per Diem)	\$879.00	\$897.00	2%
ECT Outpatient (0901)	\$1,136.00	\$1,159.00	2%

Southridge Behavioral Health - NEW

	FY25 Rate	Proposed FY26 Rate	% Increase
Adult Psychiatric Inpatient (0100)	NA	\$1,100.00	NA

Mr. Kurtz stated that he would like to keep FY26 rate increases as low as possible as the hospitals received a sizable increase in hospital rate adjustment (HSA) payments.

MOTION BY BRIAN BABBITT TO APPROVE ALL HOSPITAL RATE REQUESTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 THAT ARE NO GREATER THREE PERCENT (3%) HIGHER THAN THE

RATE APPROVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2025; SUPPORT BY DIANE PELTS. MOTION CARRIED.

Dr. Cummins recognized the benefit of having an ECT program in the region (Pine Rest).

Ms. Sork noted for others to be aware that Kalamazoo NeuroPsychiatric Hospital has questionable discharge planning.

MENTAL HEALTH FRAMEWORK

Communication from MDHHS dated July 10th regarding the Michigan Medicaid "Mental Health Framework" was included in the meeting materials.

Beginning in October 2026, Medicaid Health Plans will be responsible for most mental health services for Medicaid beneficiaries with lower levels of mental health need (including inpatient psychiatric care, crisis residential services, partial hospitalization services, and targeted case management). Service providers whose scope of practice includes assessments of mental health needs and who are participating in Michigan's Medicaid program will be required to:

- Use standardized tools (MichiCANS, LOCUS) for assessing the level of mental health need of enrollees seeking mental health services.
- Adopt a standardized referral process for mental health services.

Mr. Kurtz was authorized to compose a regional response to the MHF.

NLCMHA UPDATE

This topic was partially discussed under the Financial Report.

On June 27th, the Northern Lakes Search Committee scored the top four candidates for the CEO position. The top 2 candidates were to be interviewed by the full Board on July 11th, however, one of the top two candidates withdrew. The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 17th.

BEHAVIOR TREATMENT PLANS AND LBA REQUIREMENT

MDHHS has issued a directive that Behavior Treatment plans be written by Licensed Behavioral Analysts (LBA) or a psychologist under the supervision of LBA, effective October 1^{st} . None of the five CMHSPs have an LBA on staff and will not prior to October 1^{st} . Mr. Babbitt questioned the possibility of a waiver.

OTHER

With regard to MDHHS audit findings, Ms. Sork asked whether the NMRE will provide training on deficiencies that are universal throughout the region. Mr. Kurtz agreed to discuss the matter with NMRE Chief Clinical Officer, Branislava Arsenov, but regional training is probable.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for August 19th at 9:30AM

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING 10:00AM – JULY 7, 2025 GAYLORD CONFERENCE ROOM & MICROSOFT TEAMS

Alcona	□ Carolyn Brummund	Kalkaska □ David Comai				
Alpena	□ Lucille Bray	Leelanau Vacant				
Antrim	□ Pam Singer	Manistee				
Benzie		Missaukee ⊠ Dean Smallegan				
Charlevoix	⋈ Annemarie Conway	Montmorency ⋈ Michelle Hamlin				
Cheboygan		Ogemaw □ Ron Quackenbush				
Crawford		Oscoda Chuck Varner				
Emmet	□ Terry Newton	Otsego 🗵 Doug Johnson				
Grand		Presque Isle Dana Labar				
Traverse	□ Dave Freedman	Roscommon Darlene Sensor				
Iosco		Wexford ⊠ Gary Taylor				
Staff:	 Bea Arsenov Jodie Balhorn Carol Balousek Brady Barnhill Lisa Hartley Eric Kurtz Heidi McClenaghan Pamela Polom Brandon Rhue Denise Switzer Chris VanWagoner Deanna Yockey 	Chief Clinical Officer Prevention Coordinator Executive Administrator IT Specialist Claims Assistant Chief Executive Officer Quality Manager Finance Specialist Chief Information Officer/Operations Director Grant and Treatment Manager Contract and Provider Network Manager Chief Financial Officer				
Public:	Nichole Flickema, Donna Hardies, Alyssa Harrold, Sarah Hegg, Larry LaCross, Sarah May, Susan Pulaski, Laruen Reed, Marjie Rich, Ellen Templeton, Sharon Vreeland Corey Winfield, Marney Winfield, Kerry Zahner					

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 Ron Quackenbush were absent for the meeting on this date; all other SUD Oversight Committee Members were in attendance either in Gaylord or virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

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

MOTION BY PAM SINGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2025 NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Sensor requested that the liquor tax request from Catholic Human Services to fund the Roscommon County Drug Free Coalition Roscommon in the amount of \$116,748 be tabled until the September meeting.

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 7, 2025 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AS AMENDED; SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let the record show that newly appointed committee member, Lucille Bray, representing Alpena County, was introduced.

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.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

FY24 Admissions Report

The admissions report through May 31, 2025 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Admissions were down 17.5% (consistent across all levels of care) from the same period in FY24, likely due to individuals losing Medicaid and Healthy Michigan (HMP) after the resumption of redeterminations, particularly for individuals on Healthy Michigan (20% decline). The data showed that outpatient was the highest level of treatment admissions at 43%, and alcohol was the most prevalent primary substance at 59%, all opiates (including heroin) were the second most prevalent primary substance at 18%, and methamphetamine was the third most prevalent primary substances at 16%.

County-specific reports were posted to the NMRE website at <u>County Admission Reports | NMRE</u>. The county-specific reports are intended to be shared with Boards of Commissioners and other community stakeholders.

Mr. Freedman referenced the nationwide decrease in overdose deaths. According to the Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC), drug overdose deaths decreased almost 27% in the US, from approximately 110,000 deaths in 2023 to 80,400 in 2024. Deaths involving opioids, cocaine, and psychostimulants (like methamphetamine) also decreased. Experts attribute the recent decline to a combination of factors, including increased availability of naloxone (an overdose reversal medication), improved access to treatment for substance use disorders, and potential changes in the illicit drug supply (e.g., weaker fentanyl).

Financial Report

All SUD funding through April 30, 2025, showed revenue of \$16,703,387 and \$12,993,828 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$3,709,559. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$4,783,867.

PA2/Liquor Tax was summarized as follows:

Projected FY25 Activity									
Beginning Balance	Beginning Balance Projected Revenue Approved Projects Projected Ending Balance								
\$4,765,231	\$1,847,106	\$2,150,940	\$4,461,397						

	Actual	FY25 Activity	
Beginning Balance	Current Receipts	Current Expenditures	Current Ending Balance
\$4,765,231	\$835,755	\$817,119	\$4,783,867

FY25 final PA2 balances will be finalized in November.

Last year, the NMRE's block grant funding was overspent by \$310K which had to be supplemented with liquor tax funds. This year looks much better and the NMRE is working to redirect PA2 funds to block grant funding, where it can.

Clarification was made that the NMRE received 40% of the counties liquor tax to be used for substance abuse treatment programs within the counties from which the funding originated. The counties retain the remaining 60%.

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.

FY25 Liquor Tax Requests

1.	Centra Wellness Network	Benzie Area Yout Initiative	h (BAY)	Benzie	\$10,068	Amendment	
	Meets PA2 Parame	ters? 🛛 Yes	□ No				
	The original amount	requested and an	aroved w	ac ¢7 700 The ad	lditional fu	nde will bring t	h

The original amount requested and approved was \$7,790. The additional funds will bring the project total to \$17,858.00.

MOTION BY TO TIM MARKEY APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 BENZIE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$10.068.00) TO FUND THE BAY AREA YOUTH INITIATIVE; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

2.	217 Recovery	Recovery Engagement	Grand	\$29,760	New
		Advocate	Traverse		

Meets	P ₂	Parameters?	∇	Yes	No
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MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM 217 RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$29,760.00) TO FUND A RECOVERY ENGAGEMENT ADVOCATE; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER. MOTION CARRIED.

3. 217 Recovery Recovery Stories: Grand \$4,700 Continuation

Message of Hope Part VI Traverse

Meets PA2 Parameters?

✓ Yes

✓ No

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM 217 RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,700.00) TO FUND PART VI OF THE RECOVERY STORIES: MESSAGE OF HOPE SERIES; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER. MOTION CARRIED.

FY25 County Overviews

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

	Projected FY25 Available Balance	Amount Approved July 7, 2025	Projected Remaining Balance
Benzie	\$193,744.70	\$10,068.00	\$183,676.70
Grand Traverse	\$383,275.88	\$34,460.00	\$348,815.88
Total		\$44,528.00	

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

FY26 Liquor Tax Requests

1. 57th Emmet Emmet County Recovery Emmet \$267,037 Continuation County Circuit Program (ECRP)
Court

Meets PA2 Parameters? ⊠ Yes □ No

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE EMMET COUNTY 57TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 EMMET COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$267,037.00) TO FUND THE EMMET COUNTY RECOVERY PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON.

<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Labar asked whether the request is to add individuals to the existing program. Ms. Switzer responded that the request is to continue the program into FY26 and

expand its capacity (from 10 to 20 individuals). The funds will also be used to pay the salary of the Recovery Court Coordinator, Alyssa Harrold.

VOTING TOOK PLACE ON MR. NEWTON'S MOTION. MOTION CARRIED

2.	Catholic Human Services	Alcona Prevention Students Leading Students (SLS)	Alcona	\$9,900	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramet	ers? ⊠ Yes □ No			
	HUMAN SERVICES DOLLARS IN AMOU TO FUND THE ALC	LYN BRUMMUND TO AIS FOR FISCAL YEAR 202 UNT OF NINE THOUSAN ONA PREVENTION STU EMARIE CONWAY. MOT	6 ALCONA COU ND NINE HUNDR DENTS LEADING	NTY LIQUO	R TAX RS (\$9,900.00)
3.	Catholic Human Services	Alpena Prevention Students Leading Students (SLS)	Alpena	\$51,687	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramet	ers? ⊠ Yes □ No			
	SERVICES FOR FIS AMOUNT OF FIFTY (\$51,687.00) TO F	LE BRAY TO APPROVE SCAL YEAR 2026 ALPEN Y-ONE THOUSAND SIX SUND THE ALPENA PREV ORT BY DANA LABAR. M	IA COUNTY LIQU HUNDRED EIGH VENTION STUDE	JOR TAX D TY-SEVEN NTS LEAD	OLLARS IN DOLLARS
4.	Charlevoix County 33 rd Circuit Court	Drug/DWI Court	Charlevoix	\$17,480	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramet	ers? ⊠ Yes □ No			
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5.	Catholic Human Services	Crawford Partnership to End Substance Misuse	Crawford	\$22,621	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramet	ers? 🛛 Yes 🗆 No			
		MOELLER TO APPROVI SCAL YEAR 2026 CRAW			

AMOUNT OF TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS

(\$22,621.00) TO FUND THE CRAWFORD PARTNERSHIP TO END SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

6.	Catholic Human Services	Generations Ahead Substance Use Prevention with Teen Parents	Grand Traverse	\$/9,329	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramet	ers? ⊠ Yes □ No			
	HUMAN SERVICES TAX DOLLARS IN A TWENTY-NINE DO SUBSTANCE USE P	FREEDMAN TO APPROVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-NULLARS (\$79,329.00) TO PREVENTION PROGRAM WAY. MOTION CARRIED	GRAND TRAVE INE THOUSAND FUND THE GEN WITH TEEN PA	RSE COUNTERSE HUBERATIONS	ITY LIQUOR JNDRED S AHEAD
7.	Catholic Human Services	Grand Traverse Addiction and Recovery Council	Grand Traverse	\$76,665	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramet	ers? ⊠ Yes □ No			
	HUMAN SERVICES TAX DOLLARS IN A FIVE DOLLARS (\$7	FREEDMAN TO APPROVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-S 76,665.00) TO FUND THE CIL; SUPPORT BY PAM S	GRAND TRAVE IX THOUSAND S E GRAND TRAVE	RSE COUN SIX HUNDF RSE ADDI	ITY LIQUOR RED SIXTY- CTION AND
8.	Catholic Human Services	Grand Traverse Jail- Based Substance Use Disorder Program	Grand Traverse	\$53,438	New
	Meets PA2 Paramet	ers? ⊠ Yes □ No			
	HUMAN SERVICES TAX DOLLARS IN A	FREEDMAN TO APPROVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AMOUNT OF FIFTY-THRIS \$53,438.00) TO FUND T	6 GRAND TRAVE EE THOUSAND F	RSE COUN	ITY LIQUOR DRED THIRTY

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER.

<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Freedman noted that he wasn't contacted in advance of this request. Ms. Singer suggested that a checkbox added to the liquor tax request application to indicate that the NMRE SUD Oversight Committee member representing the county from which funds are requested has been notified of the request.

VOTING TOOK PLACE ON MR. FREEDMAN'S MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

9.	Health Department SAFE in Northern of Northwest Michigan Prevention Antrim		on	Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet	\$132,000	Continuation	
	Antrim	\$	37,211.27	1			
	Charlevoix	\$	41,759.63	1			
	Emmet	\$	53,029.10	-			
	Total	\$	\$132,000.00	-			
	Meets PA2 Param	eters?	•	□ No			
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10.	Catholic Human Services		sco Substance F palition	ree	Iosco	\$46,162	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Param	eters?	⊠ Yes □	□ No			
	MOTION BY JAY SERVICES FOR F AMOUNT OF FOR (\$46,162.00) TO PAM SINGER. MO	ISCA TY-S FUN	L YEAR 2026 I IX THOUSAND D THE IOSCO S	OSCO ONE H	COUNTY LIQUO HUNDRED SIXT	OR TAX DO Y-TWO DO	LLARS IN LLARS
11.	Catholic Human Services	Cc	elanau County oordinated Youth evention	n SUD	Leelanau	\$36,740	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Param	eters?	⊠ Yes □	□ No			
	MOTION BY ANN HUMAN SERVICE DOLLARS IN AM DOLLARS (\$36,7 SUBSTANCE USE NEWTON. MOTIO	S FO OUNT 40.00 DISC	R FISCAL YEA OF THIRTY-S O) TO FUND TH ORDER PREVE	R 2026 IX THO IE LEEL	LEELANAU CO DUSAND SEVEN ANAU COUNT	OUNTY LIQU N HUNDREI Y COORDIN	UOR TAX D FORTY NATED YOUTH
12.	Catholic Human Services		gemaw County [ee Coalition	Orug	Ogemaw	\$9,450	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Param	eters?	⊠ Yes □	□ No			

MOTION BY DOUG JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 OGEMAW COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$9,450.00) TO FUND THE OGEMAW COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER. MOTION CARRIED.

13.	Services	Cheboygan County Free Coalition	y Drug	Cneboygan	\$73,360	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramete	ers? 🛛 Yes 🗆	□ No			
	MOTION BY JOHN SERVICES FOR FIS IN AMOUNT OF SE (\$73,360.00) TO FI FREE COALITION;	CAL YEAR 2026 (VENTY-THREE TH UND "PULLING TO	CHEBOY IOUSAN OGETHE	GAN COUNTY I D THREE HUNG ER," THE CHEBO	.IQUOR TA DRED SIXT DYGAN CO	X DOLLARS Y DOLLARS UNTY DRUG
14.	Health Department of Northwest Michigan	RISE Otsego Subs Free Coalition	tance	Otsego	\$86,932	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramete	ers? 🛛 Yes 🗆	□ No			
	MOTION BY DOUG DEPARTMENT OF N COUNTY LIQUOR THUNDRED THIRTY COUNTY SUBSTANCARRIED.	IORTHWEST MIC AX DOLLARS IN A -TWO DOLLARS (HIGAN AMOUN \$86,93	FOR FISCAL YE T OF EIGHTY-S 2.00) TO FUND	AR 2026 (IX THOUS "RISE," TI	OTSEGO AND NINE HE OTSEGO
15.	Catholic Human Services	Roscommon Coun Drug Free Coalitio	•	Roscommon	\$116,748	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramete	ers? 🛛 Yes 🗆	□ No			
	As stated previously,	Ms. Sensor request	ed that t	this item be table	d until Sept	ember.
16.	Catholic Human Services	Roscommon Jail-B Substance Use Dis Program		Roscommon	\$53,438	New
	Meets PA2 Paramete	ers? 🛭 Yes 🗆	□ No			
	MOTION BY DARLE	NE SENSOR TO A	APPROV	E THE REQUES	T FROM CA	ATHOLIC

HUMAN SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 ROSCOMMON COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-

EIGHT DOLLARS (\$53,438.00) TO FUND THE ROSCOMMON JAIL BASED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY JOHN WALLACE.

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<u>Discussion</u>: Ms. Sensor reported that she sent the request to the Roscommon County Sheriff, who was not aware of the request but expressed his support. Clarification was made that the .6 FTE represents two full days per week of jail-based services.

Mr. Varner noted that Oscoda County lodges inmates in the Roscommon County Jail. He questioned whether the expense could be shared and/or amended so that Oscoda inmates could benefit from the program. Ms. Arsenov suggested that additional funding be requested to treat residents of Oscoda County.

VOTING TOOK PLACE ON MS. SENSOR'S MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

17.	Catholic Human Services	and	oid Use Pre Medication ia Campaig	Safety	Grand Traverse	\$1!	55,000	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramete	ers?	⊠ Yes	□ No				

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$155,000.00) TO FUND THE OPIOID USE PREVENTION AND MEDICATION SAFETY MEDIA CAMPAIGN; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON.

<u>Discussion</u>: Clarification was made that the request in FY24 was for the same amount of funding. Mr. Freedman asked whether any data will be available to measure the impact of the medica campaign. Sharon Vreeland, Prevention Specialist with Catholic Human Services, responded that hit rates are submitted in quarterly reports to the NMRE. All are consistently above industry standards.

VOTING TOOK PLACE ON MR. FREEDMAN'S MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

18.	Catholic Human Services			ased Disorder	Wexford	\$107,194	Continuation
	Meets PA2 Paramete	ers? ⊠	Yes	□ No			

MOTION BY GARY TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 WEXFORD COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$107,194.00) TO FUND THE WEXFORD JAIL BASED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.

FY26 County Overviews

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

	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Amount Approved July 7, 2025	Projected Remaining Balance
Alcona	\$71,518.76	\$9,900.00	\$61,618.76
Alpena	\$244,953.50	\$51,687.00	\$193,266.50
Antrim	\$253,333.30	\$37,211.27	\$216,122.03
Charlevoix	\$121,585.71	\$59,239.63	\$62,346.08
Cheboygan	\$162,226.55	\$73,360.00	\$88,866.55
Crawford	\$92,752.89	\$22,621.00	\$70,131.89
Emmet	\$320,158.73	\$320,066.10	\$92.63
Grand Traverse	\$800,645.87	\$364,432.00	\$436,213.87
Iosco	\$200,106.61	\$46,162.00	\$153,944.61
Leelanau	\$103,348.17	\$36,740.00	\$66,608.17
Ogemaw	\$121,409.61	\$9,450.00	\$111,959.61
Otsego	\$120,034.73	\$86,932.00	\$33,102.73
Roscommon	\$608,965.37	\$53,438.00	\$555,527.37
Wexford	\$197,283.85	\$107,194.00	\$90,089.85
Total	\$3,418,323.65	\$1,278,433.00	\$2,139,890.65

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

Healing And Recovery Grant (Opioid Settlement) Allocations

Early in 2025, MDHHS announced that PIHPs would receive \$1M in Healing and Recovery Regional Appropriations to support infrastructure and inventory and/or invest in community engagement and planning activities. After proposals were received by the NMRE through a Request for Information (RFI) process, MDHHS approved the following projects:

Provider	Allocation Purpose	Amount
217 Recovery	Vehicles for SUD transport (3)	\$114,000.00
Addiction Treatment Services	New boilers for men residential and	
	women's recovery home	\$24,322.00
Addiction Treatment Services	Men's Residential Bathroom Update	\$15,650.00
Addiction Treatment Services	New Outpatient Building AC Unit	\$36,000.00
Addiction Treatment Services	Detox Emergency Generator	\$1,800
Michigan Therapeutic	OTP Expansion/Renovation, Additional	
Consultants	medication window	\$20,000.00
Michigan Therapeutic	OTP Expansion/Renovation, Creation of	
Consultants	4 Dedicated Therapy Rooms	\$65,000.00
Catholic Human Services	Traverse City and Alpena Regional	
	Offices Lighting and Handicap	
	Accessibility	\$13,880.00
Catholic Human Services	Mobile Unit Deployment	\$20,000.00
Catholic Human Services	Alpena Access and Client	
	Accommodations	\$90,000.00
Harbor Hall	Transit Vans (2)	\$128,640.00
NMSAS Recovery Center	OTP Therapy Space Renovations (6 new	
	offices)	\$164,196.00

Project Unity	Recovery Residence Expansion – three new bedrooms	\$86,006.25
Sunrise Centre	SUD Treatment Provider Facility Expansion - Furnishing	\$100,000.00
Sunrise Centre	New Electronic Health Record System	\$60,000.00
Total		\$939,494.25

Prevention RFP Results

The NMRE conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) from May 12, 2025 – June 6, 2025 to select providers of prevention services for 7 of the region's 21 counties. Based on the submissions received, prevention contracts were awarded as follows:

NMRE County Recommendations for Contract Award	Provider	Amount Requested of NMRE Estimated Allocation (\$)
Benzie	No proposals received	
Grand Traverse	Catholic Human Services	\$96,641.00
Kalkaska	Catholic Human Services	\$16,357.00
Leelanau	Catholic Human Services	\$20,906.00
Manistee	District Health Department 10	\$23,742.00
Missaukee	District Health Department 10	\$13,379.00
Wexford	District Health Department 10	\$32,715.00
	Total	\$203,740.00

PRESENTATION

217 Recovery

Corey Winfield and Marney Winfield were in attendance to provide an overview of the services provided by 217 Recovery. 217 Recovery is a Recovery Community Organization (RCO) serving individuals impacted by substance use disorder by providing peer led, compassionate recovery support across Northern Michigan.

217 Recovery offers:

- Recovery support transportation services provided by certified peer recovery coaches
- Peer support services/one-on-one recovery coaching
- Peer-led recovery support meetings honoring multiple pathways to recovery
- Community engagement
- Website with resources, news, and upcoming events
- Fun-in-Recovery events (game nights, volleyball, movie nights, sporting events)
- Recovery friendly workplace (RFW) training
- Narcan distribution and training
- Podcast 217 Recovery | Podcasts
- Working toward opening a new café and meeting place

PUBLIC COMMENT

Let the record show that no comments from the public were offered.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for September 8, 2025 at 10:00AM.

MOTION BY PAM SINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR JULY 7, 2025; SUPPORT BY DAVE FREEDMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

Let the record show that Mr. O'Farrell adjourned the meeting at 11:34AM.





PA2/Liquor Tax Criteria for Review/Adoption

- The NMRE will update projected end balances for each county for the current fiscal year monthly. New applications will be compared to projected end balances to ensure that there is adequate funding in the county to financially support the request.
- If possible, depending on SUD Block Grant usage, a balance equivalent to one year's revenue will remain as a fund balance for each county.
- Project requests for services that can be covered by routine funding from other sources (Medicaid, Healthy Michigan) will not be considered.
- Applications that include any purchase of or renovations to buildings, automobiles, or other capital investments* will not be considered.
- To be considered, applications must be for substance use disorder prevention, treatment, or recovery services or supports.
- Region-wide (21 county) requests should be limited to media requests; other region-wide requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Multi-county requests (2 or more) must include detailed information on the provision of services and/or project activities for each county from which funds are requested.
- Staff who receive staffing grants via liquor tax approvals will not be eligible to bill services to the NMRE.
- Budget Requirements:
 - Budgets must include information in all required fields.
 - Fringe benefit budget requests that exceed 30% should be broken out by Health, Dental, Vision, Retirement, taxes, etc. totals and be subject to NMRE staff and Board approval.
 - Indirect costs, when applicable, should not exceed 10% of the requested budget total.
 - Liquor tax funds may be used to cover up to one FTE (across all projects) per person.

- The amount requested for salaries should be based on the staff person's actual salary and not the billable rate.
- All staff participating in PA2 funded activities are to be listed under budget FTEs (not under indirect cost).
- Requests for liquor tax funds should be coordinated with area stakeholders (CMHSPs, SUD
 Oversight Committee Members, County Commissioners, courts, law enforcement, SUD
 services providers) whenever possible.
 - Requestor should inform the county of the request submission at the same time submission to NMRE is completed.
- * "Capital.investment refers.to.funds.invested.in.a.company.or.enterprise.to.further.its.business objectives; Capital.investments.are.often.used.to.acquire.or.upgrade.physical.assets.such.as property?buildings?or.equipment.to.expand.or.improve.long_term.productivity.or.efficiency; (Source; Nasdaq)

If at the end of the NMRE's fiscal year there is excess SUD Block Grant funding available, it will be used to offset liquor tax expenses as opposed to lapsing SUD Block Grant funding. In reverse, if SUD Block Grant funding runs a deficit, PA2 funding is used for treatment deficits. Normally for under or uninsured clients.

CWN - BENZIE AREA YOUTH (BAY) INITIATIVE - AMENDMENT

Organization/Fiduciary:	CWN
County:	Benzie
Project Total:	\$10,068.00

DESCRIPTION:

The Benzie Area Youth Initiative focuses on preventing youth substance use and promoting mental well-being by reaching out to students, community members, and parents.

Prevention efforts will be strengthened by sharing information about the health effects of vaping, alcohol, and cannabis use through social media posts, pamphlets, and community events. Infographics will be developed to share key data points with the community highlighting the percentage of youth not using substances. BAY will partner with alcohol retailers to participate in the Sticker Shock Campaign to reduce underage drinking. Finally, BAY will provide an alternative activity for youth by partnering with the Garden Theater's Stories that Heal Project which offers students the opportunity to express themselves through music, poetry, and art.

*Original Amount Requested and Approved: \$7,790. With Amendment, new project total is: \$17,858.00

Meets Parameters for PA2 Funding:

Yes

County	Project	Requested Budget
Benzie	Benzie Area Youth (BAY) Initiative - Amendment	\$10,068

217 RECOVERY – RECOVERY ENGAGEMENT ADVOCATE - NEW

Organization/Fiduciary:	217 Recovery
County:	Grand Traverse
Project Total:	\$29,760.00

DESCRIPTION:

This initiative seeks to enhance access to recovery resources and long-term support systems for individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) in Grand Traverse County by strengthening community coordination and increasing awareness of available services.

Although many recovery-related services exist, individuals in early recovery frequently encounter fragmented systems, uncertainty about next steps, and limited knowledge of local support options. This project directly addresses those barriers by launching a formal Recovery Engagement & Resource Connection initiative, anchored by a new Recovery Engagement Advocate position.

Through this initiative, 217 Recovery will:

- Hire a full-time Recovery Engagement Advocate who will build and maintain partnerships with treatment providers, recovery residences, probation and parole offices, courts, employers, and other community stakeholders. This engagement will take place through email, phone calls, text messaging, social media, in-person meetings, and travel throughout Michigan to gather resources and best practices for local implementation.
- Develop and regularly update a comprehensive community resource map specifically tailored to the needs of individuals in recovery.
- Host recurring resource briefings and networking events to foster collaboration among service providers and reduce silos within the system.
- Support Peer Recovery Coaches by helping clients navigate the recovery landscape efficiently, ensuring timely and appropriate connections to services.
- Promote the role and impact of Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs) by participating in local coalitions, community forums, and health-focused initiatives.

This project not only connects individuals to critical recovery supports—it cultivates a more informed, collaborative, and recovery-oriented ecosystem. By reducing service fragmentation, minimizing duplication of efforts, and reinforcing long-term recovery pathways, it ensures that individuals are supported not only clinically, but socially and structurally as well.

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	Meets Parameters for	Yes
<u> </u>	PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Grand Traverse	Recovery Engagement Advocate	\$29,760.00

217 RECOVERY - RECOVERY STORIES: MESSAGE OF HOPE PART VI - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	217 Recovery
County:	Grand Traverse
Project Total:	\$4,700

Recovery Stories: Message of Hope Part VI

Yes

DESCRIPTION:

Meets Parameters for

Grand Traverse

Recovery Stories 6 will be held at the Grand Traverse Event Center on July 24th at 6pm. We offer a safe place to enjoy a meal and bond with others in the Recovery Community while listening to strategic messages of hope from speakers who live in the community. Recovery Stories 6 also offers Volunteer opportunities for people in recovery. It's a great night of sober fun and entertainment.

Recovery Stories 6 supports healing through the lens of Attachment Theory and Trauma-Informed Care by creating a safe, supportive space where individuals can connect, feel seen, and share their stories. The event fosters trust, reduces isolation, and empowers people in recovery by promoting healthy relationships, emotional safety, and a strong sense of community—all essential for long-term healing and recovery.

\$4,700

PA2 Funding:		
County	Project	Requested Budget

BENZIE COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY25 Balance \$193,744.70	Projected FY25 Balance	\$193,744.70
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Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
BAY Coalition - Amended	\$10,068.00	\$183,676.70

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY25 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Benzie	\$67,707.20	\$193,744.70	\$10,068.00	\$183,676.70

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY25 Balance	\$383,275.88
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Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
217 Recovery Stories: Message of Hope Part VI	\$4,700.00	\$378,575.88
217 Recovery - Recovery Engagement Advocate	\$29,760.00	\$348,815.88

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY25 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Grand Traverse	\$455,155.20	\$383,275.88	\$34,460.00	\$348,815.88

EMMET COUNTY - 57TH EMMET COUNTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (ECRP) - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	57 th Circuit Court/Emmet County
County:	Emmet
Project Total:	\$267,037.00

DESCRIPTION:

The 57th Emmet County Recovery Program (ECRP) seeks enhancement funding to expand its capacity and strengthen its ability to deliver comprehensive, evidence-based rehabilitative services to individuals charged with felony-level offenses linked to substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions. Aligned with Michigan and National Best Practice Standards for treatment courts, ECRP operates on the foundational understanding that addiction is a chronic disease requiring individualized treatment, intensive supervision, and holistic support.

Since its inception, the program has demonstrated early success with a maximum capacity of 10 participants. With enhancement funding, ECRP will double its participant capacity to serve up to 20 individuals, allowing for broader community impact and increased access to services. This expansion will support the program's core components, including intensive treatment, drug and alcohol testing, judicial oversight, and wraparound services such as peer support, housing stabilization, counseling, and employment assistance.

Increasing the program's size will also require investment in staffing, training, and supportive infrastructure to ensure continued adherence to best practice standards. By focusing on rehabilitation over incarceration, ECRP promotes long-term recovery, reduces recidivism, and contributes to a safer and healthier community. This enhancement represents a natural evolution of the program's mission and capacity, allowing it to meet the growing needs of the local justice-involved population.

Meets Parameters for Yes
PA2 Funding:

County	Project	Requested Budget
Emmet	57 th Emmet County Recovery Program (ECRP)	\$267,037.00

CHS - ALCONA COUNTY STUDENTS LEADING STUDENTS (SLS) - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services
County:	Alcona
Project Total:	\$9.900

DESCRIPTION:

Since implementation, the program has seen substantial progress. Alcona Students Leading Students (SLS) chapter was established at Alcona High School, initiating a peer mentoring model rooted in evidence-based prevention strategies. The SLS program aligns closely with the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) by building capacity, planning based on local data, implementing culturally appropriate interventions, and evaluating impact—ensuring that the work is sustainable and community-driven.

The benefits of SLS and peer mentoring are already being realized. The chapter launched with six trained student leaders and has rapidly expanded to over 20 engaged members. Twelve youth have committed to participating in an intensive summer training to deepen their knowledge of peer mentoring, substance misuse prevention, and community outreach. This peer-led model fosters leadership development, reinforces positive social norms, and strengthens youth resilience—essential components of long-term community wellness.

Alcona Schools have demonstrated exceptional commitment by providing in-kind office space, daily student access to the Prevention Specialist, and prioritizing youth voice in prevention planning. They are working in close collaboration with our team to ensure the continued success of peer mentoring and coalition development.

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Alcona	Alcona County Students Leading Students (SLS)	\$9,900

CHS - ALPENA PREVENTION STUDENTS LEADING STUDENTS (SLS) - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services
County:	Alpena
Project Total:	\$51,687.00

DESCRIPTION:

This marks our fourth funding request for Alpena Prevention (Students Leading Students) activities, which continue to expand in scope and impact. The primary goal of this initiative is to prevent underage use of alcohol, nicotine (including tobacco and vaping products), marijuana, and other substances by increasing awareness of risk factors, promoting protective factors, and supporting recovery. Our comprehensive strategy focuses on both school-based and community-wide interventions aimed at fostering healthy decision-making and reducing stigma.

Alpena Public Schools remains the only school district in Alpena County and the largest in Northeast Michigan, positioning this program to create systemic change. The expansion of Chet's services into both the Jr. High and High School has significantly increased community and administrative buy-in, creating momentum for even greater prevention success. We are shifting community norms through universal prevention messaging, reducing the normalization of high-risk choices, and improving access to recovery pathways. The support of this grant will enable continued growth, enhance our reach, and deepen the impact of our efforts to ensure that Alpena students and families have the tools, education, and support necessary to thrive in substance-free environments.

We have also attached Letters of Support from the High School Principal and Community Policing Liaison to demonstrate the relationship and benefits of having this service available to students and staff at Alpena Public Schools.

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Alpena	Alpena Prevention Students Leading Students (SLS)	\$51,687.00

Explanation of the project:

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Strategy and Target Overview:

- Information Dissemination (10%) Universal Direct:
- o Direct engagement through awareness campaigns and schoolwide events.
- Education (60%) Universal Indirect:
- o Prevention curriculum delivery, training for stakeholders, and structured classes.
- Community-Based Process (30%):
- Partnership-building, student leadership, and stakeholder engagement across the county.

Program Highlights & Accomplishments:

Alpena High School Students Leading Students:

- 13 Student Leadership Services (SLS) meetings conducted to empower peer-led prevention.
- Thanksgiving Outreach Event during all 3 lunch periods, engaging over 1,200 students with themed prevention messaging.
- Red Ribbon Week Participation A full week (5 days) of targeted outreach themed around substance-free lifestyles.
- Radio Ads During Prom Week Produced and aired messages promoting healthy choices and clean living.
- "Fuel Up for Exams" Wellness Event Distributed granola bars and water bottles to 1,200 students to support physical and mental wellness during exam week.
- Spring SLS Recruitment Campaign A five-day event culminating in a drawing for a 44" TV, designed to spark student interest in joining the prevention effort.

Restorative Justice & Prevention Classes

- 7 P4L (Pathways for Life) Classes Served 11 students.
- 21 Stanford Vape Education Classes Reached 31 students with targeted intervention.
- 13 Botvin LifeSkills Classes Delivered to 16 students, building resilience and decision-making skills.
- Thunder Bay Junior High

- 13 Stanford Vape Classes Educated 17 students on the risks of vaping and nicotine use.
- 2 Botvin LifeSkills Classes Delivered to 2 students.
- 4 Prevention Outreach Sessions During Lunch Hours Engaged approximately 800 students per session.
- Alpena Community College
- 6 Outreach Sessions Each reaching approximately 20 students and 5 staff members, expanding prevention messaging to young adults.
- Community Events & Engagement
- HIPS (Hidden in Plain Sight) Event at AHS Football Game Engaged 30 parents with prevention materials and discussions.
- "Bring Them Back Alive" Assembly Event Reached approximately 600 students with a powerful, school-wide prevention message.
- Participation in Prevention Board Meetings Attended two regional prevention board meetings (fall and spring) to align with broader prevention efforts and maintain community partnerships.

Community Impact and Growth

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Briefly Explain how your project will address the need(s) identified above:

Program Description: Students Leading Students (SLS) Prevention Initiative

Information Dissemination

The Students Leading Students (SLS) chapter, in collaboration with the School-Based Coalition, convenes regular meetings designed to educate and inform coalition members on critical issues related to substance use disorder (SUD). Each meeting features one or more guest speakers who provide expert

insights on topics such as prevention strategies, recovery resources, and emerging trends in youth substance use.

To support ongoing learning and awareness, the Coalition Coordinator develops a monthly focus topic. These topics are accompanied by up-to-date statistics, relevant research and articles, updates on current coalition initiatives, announcements about upcoming events, and curated resources. These efforts ensure that all coalition participants are equipped with timely and relevant information to support effective community-wide prevention efforts.

Education

SLS is a peer-led, high school-based prevention group facilitated by a certified Prevention Specialist. The group meets weekly to plan and execute initiatives that encourage healthy decision-making among youth. These activities are designed to promote personal development, peer leadership, and increased awareness about the risks associated with substance use.

In addition to weekly meetings, the Prevention Specialist conducts regular check-ins with individual members and small groups to ensure continued progress on projects and to provide mentorship. Plans are currently underway to expand the SLS program into the local middle school, creating a pipeline for early prevention and student leadership development.

The program also includes specialized educational components:

- Motivational Speaker Engagement: SLS is coordinating the return of nationally recognized motivational speaker Nathan Harmon during the 2024–2025 school year to provide school-wide assemblies focused on resilience, accountability, and substance-free living.
- Leadership Development: SLS members participate in ongoing training sessions led by SLS Executive Director Dawn Flood, covering topics selected by the Alpena SLS chapter. These sessions reinforce prevention messaging and build leadership capacity among youth.

Alternatives

SLS provides structured, substance-free activities that serve as alternatives to high-risk behaviors. These include:

- Volunteer Service: Opportunities for community service that promote civic responsibility and engagement.
- Peer Mentoring & Tutoring: Programs that allow students to support their peers academically and socially in a positive environment.
- Community Outreach Projects: Student-led outreach efforts that build community connections and reinforce prevention messaging.
- Substance-Free Events: Regularly hosted events throughout the school year that give students safe spaces to socialize and have fun without the influence of substances.

These alternative activities help youth develop a sense of purpose, connectedness, and leadership while reinforcing a culture of prevention.

Community-Based Processes

The SLS program is deeply embedded in the broader community prevention infrastructure. The Prevention Specialist actively represents the program through participation in various local collaborative bodies and stakeholder meetings. These include:

- County Commissioners
- Sobriety Court
- Commission on Aging
- School Board
- Fair Board
- Other relevant agencies and committees as appropriate

Through these partnerships, the SLS program fosters a shared commitment to prevention, coordinates resources, and ensures that youth voices are represented in community decisions. Additionally, SLS members contribute to community engagement by participating in public events, outreach campaigns, and awareness efforts, strengthening the program's visibility and impact.





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May 11, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for *Up North Prevention* and the invaluable work they are doing at Alpena High School through the *Students Leading Students (SLS)* program and the partnership with the programming to assist with Restorative Practices assisting students facing drug and alcohol issues.

The SLS program, led by Mr. Chet Spencer, has become a cornerstone of student leadership and personal development at Alpena High. Their commitment to empowering youth and promoting positive school culture is not only commendable—it is making a measurable difference in the lives of our students. Through peer-led initiatives, meaningful discussions, and prevention-focused sessions, the program has fostered a more supportive and aware student body. By addressing key issues such as vaping, drug use, and underage drinking in a proactive, relatable way, SLS is changing the trajectory for many young people.

One of the clearest indicators of this success is the dramatic reduction in vaping-related incidents. In previous years, the school issued approximately 40 tickets related to vaping. This year, that number has dropped to just 10—a remarkable achievement that reflects both student engagement and the program's effectiveness. Additionally, while overall behavioral referrals have remained steady, they have not increased despite the rising challenges students face. This is due in large part to Mr. Spencer's approach, where students receive education and support through one-on-one sessions/groups rather than traditional disciplinary actions like suspension. This restorative method not only prevents repeat behaviors but also helps students feel seen, heard, and supported.

Up North Prevention's broader mission—to collaborate, share resources, and respond to the evolving needs of today's youth—is vital. In a time when students are constantly bombarded with new and often destructive lifestyle choices, having a responsive and unified Prevention Team is more important than ever. Their ability to adapt, educate, and uplift is key to building resilience in our students and equipping them to make healthier choices.

The partnership between Alpena High School and *Up North Prevention* is an essential piece of our educational and wellness strategy. I wholeheartedly support their continued presence and growth within our school community.





CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - 33RD CIRCUIT HYBRID DRUG/DWI COURT - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Charlevoix County/33 rd Circuit Court
County:	Charlevoix
Project Total:	\$17,480.00

33rd Circuit Hybrid Drug/DWI Court

Yes

DESCRIPTION:

Meets Parameters for

Charlevoix

The 33 Circuit Hybrid Drug/DWI Court for Charlevoix County is a treatment court in its second year of operation slated for final certification on June 9, 2025, by the State Court Administrative Office. The program targets nonviolent adult offenders with a felony criminal adjudication related to a severe substance use disorder who reside in Charlevoix County and are assessed with high criminogenic risk and SUD need. Currently the program has 9 participants with 3 pending referrals. 2 participants to-date have been discharged unsuccessfully from the program. According to recent quarterly reporting data, over 90% of clients are compliant and testing negative for alcohol and illicit controlled substances. Several clients have, or are within weeks of having, over 1 year sobriety.

PA2 Funding:		
County	Project	Requested Budget

\$17,480.00

CHS - CRAWFORD PARTNERSHIP TO END SUBSTANCE MISUSE - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services
County:	Crawford
Project Total:	\$22,621.00

DESCRIPTION:

CPESM will utilize the requested funding to enhance and expand community outreach, strengthen strategic partnerships, and increase public awareness of substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery resources. Through continued participation in local events, educational sessions, and awareness campaigns, the Coalition will promote evidence-based prevention strategies rooted in the Strategic Prevention Framework. Additionally, we will deepen existing collaborations and initiate new partnerships with schools, healthcare providers, law enforcement, and grassroots organizations across Crawford County. The funding will also allow us to maintain the part-time Coalition Organizer position, which has proven essential in coordinating these efforts, mobilizing community involvement, and ensuring consistent messaging and visibility. Together, these efforts directly address the need for sustained, community-centered SUD prevention and recovery infrastructure.

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Crawford	Crawford Partnership to End Substance Misuse	\$22,621.00

Explanation of the project:

Crawford Partnership to End Substance Misuse has been actively engaged in prevention and recovery work in Crawford County for over two decades. Rooted in the Strategic Prevention Framework and committed to the Continuum of Care, the coalition brings together diverse stakeholders from healthcare, education, law enforcement, social services, and community residents. Together, we aim to prevent substance misuse, support individuals in recovery, and create a safer, healthier community.

Project Overview

This request represents the second year of funding to support the expansion and sustainability of coalition-led outreach, education, and engagement efforts. Funding from NMRE will allow us to build upon the momentum gained over the past year, which was significantly boosted by the addition of a part-time Coalition Organizer. This role has proven vital in increasing the coalition's visibility, participation, and impact throughout Crawford County.

Accomplishments:

- With NMRE's previous support, the Coalition achieved several key milestones:
- Community Presence: Attended multiple community events to disseminate prevention and recovery resources.
- Monthly Meetings: Maintained consistent monthly coalition meetings to plan, coordinate, and evaluate initiatives.
- Naloxone Distribution: Provided naloxone to community members, local law enforcement, jail personnel, and individuals in recovery, enhancing overdose prevention.
- Drug Take-Back Events: Participated in national and regional drug take-back initiatives to reduce prescription drug misuse.
- Outreach Expansion: Increased coalition visibility and engagement through the efforts of our part-time Coalition Organizer, who established new partnerships and strengthened existing ones.

Goals and Use of Funds

- The requested funding will support the continuation and expansion of these core initiatives.
 Specifically, we aim to:
- Sustain the Coalition Organizer Position to continue grassroots outreach and coordination.
- Increase Community Engagement through more educational events, presentations, and visibility at public venues.
- Expand Naloxone Training and Distribution in high-risk areas and populations.
- Enhance Data Collection and Evaluation to assess community needs and measure the impact of coalition strategies.
- Broaden Youth and Family Involvement in prevention initiatives through school partnerships and parent engagement programs.

Alignment with NMRE Priorities

This proposal aligns closely with NMRE's priorities in addressing substance use prevention, early intervention, treatment access, harm reduction, and recovery support. By continuing to invest in our local coalition infrastructure, NMRE helps ensure that Crawford County remains proactive, coordinated, and responsive to the substance misuse challenges facing our residents.

Sustainability and Collaboration

The Coalition remains committed to long-term sustainability through diversified funding, in-kind contributions from partners, and active participation in regional networks. We continue to foster collaborative relationships with law enforcement, schools, healthcare providers, local government, and individuals with lived experience.

Conclusion

Your continued investment will enable the Crawford Substance Free Coalition to deepen its roots in the community, extend its impact, and contribute meaningfully to a healthier Northern Michigan. Thank you for considering our request and for your ongoing commitment to prevent and recovery across the region.

Briefly Explain how your project will address the need(s) identified above:

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CHS – GENERATIONS AHEAD - SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION WITH TEEN PARENTS - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services
County:	Grand Traverse
Project Total:	\$79,329.00

DESCRIPTION:

Generations Ahead (GA) is a nonprofit providing multiple programs to pregnant and parenting teens (up to age 22). This population is at very high risk for substance use. Teen parents often have parents with high rates of substance use, they experience significant life stressors, many have a history of legal problems, including domestic violence and petty crime, and they are often disconnected and isolated from their peers and positive social supports (i.e., school, clubs, etc...). In 2024, GA served 62 young parents. GA is requesting funding to continue and expand our work to prevent and reduce substance use in young parents. GA offers many programs that clients can opt into-- each program is designed to meet specific needs including: 1. GA participates in several community collaboratives advocating for, and educating about, our clients' unique needs as teen parents. New in 2026 FY, GA will participate in the GT Drug Free Coalition. 2. Life skills and parenting education using the evidence-based Botvin Lifeskills Transition program, as well as experts in the community who can teach our young parents. 3. Trained volunteer mentors to provide support, promote healthy alternative activities, and serve as positive role models for our clients. 4. A Career Internship program that exposes teen parents to different careers, healthy adult role models, and encourages them to set education and career goals. 5. Positive Alternative activities for our families offered a minimum of 2X each month, allowing families opportunities to develop meaningful support systems with peers who are in a similar life situation. 6. Lastly, GA provides SUD education for staff, volunteer mentors, and clients utilizing presentations, speakers, and online resources.

Meets Parameters for	Yes		
PA2 Funding:			

County	Project	Requested Budget
Grand Traverse	Generations Ahead – Substance Use Prevention with Teen Parents	\$79,329.00

I am writing today to express my emphatic support for Generations Ahead. I request and encourage full funding in whatever capacity you contribute.

I currently serve as the director of the childcare center that is down the hall from Generations Ahead (GA) at Traverse City High School. Our childcare center is a resource that GA helped embed into Traverse City High School through their advocacy and community collaborations. The Generations Ahead team identified the gap in diplomas and higher ed for teen parents, rooted it back to factors including lack of access to childcare, and partnered with local agencies to see that high quality early care was integrated into a high school environment where teen parents could pursue diplomas, build community, and have support.

In my daily conversations with teen parents, they often speak about the GA team and events and offerings. They speak of museum visits and trips to the pumpkin patch. Of presentations related to their infants' health and safety. On a hard day, they leave our childcare room to head to talk with a trusted adult in the GA office. When they are low on baby shampoo or diapers, they head to GA to receive items from their baby pantry.

Each member of the GA team is so caring and supportive. Sometimes I hear them with their clients, laughing. Sometimes I see their tears. The connections are very real and generative. I have seen the GA team set boundaries with young parents (regarding resource requests without work) and seen them empower bigger, bolder versions of young parents (through mentoring and internships). I have seen them meet these young parents exactly where they are. One of my favorite examples of this are crafts that are sometimes integrated into GA events. Though crafting is not specifically part of the GA agenda, teen parents request it as an activity so GA holds space and provides materials for a portion of some events. And during the process, one of the GA staff will seamlessly prompt a deeply meaningful conversation that invites self-reflection and deepening in community. It is priceless and builds resilience and relieves stress, which research shows us is key for mental wellness and preventing child abuse.

As we wrap up the school year at the childcare center, I am receiving surveys back from each of our families asking if their needs are met, if they feel safe, if they need information, resources, or coaching about anything. Through and through, they report needing very little by the time they are funneled into our care via Generations Ahead. These results are clearly linked to the concrete supports provided by Generations Ahead.

Even as I type this, I am awaiting the arrival of GA staff at the school so that we can partner to support a young dad. I know that when a young father comes to me for support I can also guide dad to the GA Fatherhood Initiative. It's powerful to have a positive, healthy male figure for these young parents to look up to in addition to the strong women who run the GA program.

I look forward to many years, working in partnership with Generations Ahead, to support teen parents and their families. Thank you for your financial support of this life-changing program.

Sincerely,
Angela Poneta
Family & Center Specialist, Early Head Start-Discovery

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May 27, 2025

Northern Michigan Regional Entity Board of Directors and Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board 1999 Walden Drive Gaylord, Michigan 49735 Dear NMRE Board and SUD Board Members

I am writing to you in support of an application for liquor tax funds by Generations Ahead, a non-profit agency in Grand Traverse County whose mission is to empower young parents to become resilient by building positive relationships, strengthening family stability, and raising healthy children.

I recently stepped down as a board member and secretary for Generations Ahead. However, as a founding member of that board for the past six years, my commitment to the organization is just as strong. Generations Ahead has had an enormous impact on the young people it serves. Teens who become parents and do not have a supportive family are at risk to repeat the same cycle of poverty, incarceration, family instability, child abuse and neglect and substance use disorder as their parents. Young parents also experience high rates of depression and anxiety, often leading to substance use. Pregnant teen moms have higher rates of cigarette and marijuana use than older pregnant women, as well as higher rates of postpartum depression.

As a judge, I joined the Generations Ahead Board because of the work GA does to prevent numerous lifelong issues for both young parents and their children. I know that investing in young people is also the most effective way to prevent future antisocial and destructive behaviors including criminal behavior and substance abuse.

I hope that you will support the mission of Generations Ahead through the grant of liquor tax funds. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of help in any way.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Cooney

Chief Judge

CHS – GRAND TRAVERSE ADDICTION & RECOVERY COUNCIL - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services
County:	Grand Traverse
Project Total:	\$76,665.00

DESCRIPTION:

The Grand Traverse Addiction & Recovery Council (GTARC), formerly the Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition, was founded in early 2015 in response to the escalating opioid crisis. Initiated by then-Prosecuting Attorney Bob Cooney, the council brought together key community leaders to collaboratively address substance misuse in Grand Traverse County. Over time, GTARC has evolved into a comprehensive substance use prevention coalition, now addressing the full spectrum of substance-related challenges including alcohol, marijuana, nicotine, vaping, and other drugs.

GTARC's mission is to create a community-wide culture of awareness and action in the prevention, treatment and recovery of substance use disorders. With a growing coalition of over 100 members, GTARC represents a cross-sector alliance of law enforcement, healthcare professionals, schools, treatment providers, tribal members, recovery advocates, parents, youth, and concerned citizens. This wide-ranging network ensures inclusive, community-driven solutions to address substance use and related harms.

A cornerstone of GTARC's strategy is youth empowerment. The coalition supports Students Together Against Negative Decisions (STAND) clubs in three local high schools. These student-led clubs, facilitated by GTARC's coordinator and youth engagement liaisons, provide leadership development opportunities while promoting awareness around the dangers of underage substance use and fostering peer-led prevention.

In the past year, GTARC completed a rebranding process, which included a new name, updated logo, and a professionally upgraded website to better reflect its broadened mission and community presence. In addition, GTARC formed a groundbreaking partnership with a youth prevention organization in Marin County, California, to implement the Raising the Bar campaign—becoming the first organization in the Midwest to do so. This initiative is designed to reshape community norms by promoting substance-free adult behavior at youth-centered events. As part of this campaign, GTARC will collaborate with schools, youth programs, and sports organizations across Grand Traverse County to create safer, more supportive environments for youth development.

Meets Parameters for Yes
PA2 Funding:

County	Project	Requested Budget
Grand Traverse	Grand Traverse Addiction & Recovery Council	\$76,665.00

CHS – GRAND TRAVERSE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM – JAIL BASED - NEW

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services	
County:	Grand Traverse	
Project Total:	\$53,438.00	

DESCRIPTION:

This is a collaboration between Grand Traverse County and Catholic Human Services. Funds will go to dedicate a substance use disorder treatment counselor who will visit Grand Traverse County jail and provide substance use disorder treatment and education 3 days a week. The counselor will go to Grand Traverse County jail and provide substance use disorder treatment to pretrial inmates and post-conviction inmates. The counselor will provide weekly substance use disorder assessment, individual, group and case management services that includes "brief" treatment which is defined as up to 30 days, "short-term" treatment is defined as from 1 to 3 months, and "long-term" treatment is defined as 3 months or longer. The counselor will provide ongoing consultation and education to jail administrators and other jail staff about substance use disorders and work to establish a continuum of services in the jail and community for people with substance abuse problems. The counselor will create opportunities to improve partnerships between the jail and the community which can allow for the development or enhancement of both in-jail treatment programs and coordination of offenders' transition into community diversion and aftercare/reentry programs. The counselor will also continue to collaborate with jail medical, NLMCH and jail diversion regarding additional and supportive services with individuals with co-occurring or co-morbidity health related issues. The counselor will work in partnership with the jail and probation and court system regarding communication of individual attendance, prognosis and referrals for on going SUD services once released from jail.

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Grand Traverse	Grand Traverse Substance Use Disorder Program – Jail Based	\$53,438.00

HDNWM - SAFE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Health Department of Northwest Michigan	
County:	Multi County	
Project Total:	\$132,000.00	

DESCRIPTION:

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) serves as the fiduciary for SAFE in Northern Michigan (SAFE in NM). SAFE in NM was established in 2007 following a Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation Community Convening that revealed high levels of youth substance use. SAFE initially served Emmet County. Charlevoix County joined in 2008, and Antrim County officially became part of the collaborative effort in 2015.

The mission of SAFE in NM is to prevent youth substance use, increase community awareness, and create lasting change through collaboration, education, and implementation of both individual- and environmental-level strategies. SAFE uses evidence-based models, including the Strategic Prevention Framework and CADCA's Seven Strategies for Community Change. These models guide planning, implementation, and evaluation and are supported by qualitative and quantitative data, including local focus groups, key informant interviews, and school-based survey data such as the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY), which is administered every other year.

With this funding, SAFE will implement a comprehensive approach to prevention strategies. SAFE youth coalition members will continue to lead youth prevention messaging, participate in school prevention workshops/assemblies, and take part in ongoing data interpretation and dissemination, all of which is based youth substance use local conditions in their communities.

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Antrim	SAFE in Northern Michigan	\$37,211.27
Charlevoix	SAFE in Northern Michigan	\$41,759.63
Emmet	SAFE in Northern Michigan	\$53,029.10

Explanation of the project:

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Community Profile & Target Population: The SAFE region covers Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet counties, where the population is 83,597, according to the 2020 U.S. Census. Youth under age 18 make up 16.7% of Antrim, 17.3% of Charlevoix, and 17.8% of Emmet County populations. For this project, SAFE's primary prevention target population includes students in grades 6 through 12 across twelve public school districts that actively partner with SAFE, totaling 4,931 youth during the 2024–2025 school year:

- Antrim County: 836 students (Bellaire, Central Lake, Ellsworth, Mancelona)
- Charlevoix County: 1,694 students (Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan)
- Emmet County: 2,401 students (Alanson, Harbor Springs, Pellston, Petoskey)

Youth in the region face economic barriers, which increases their risk for substance use, due to persistent poverty, trauma exposure, and limited access to services. As reported by the Michigan Department of Education (2023–2024), 7 of the 12 school districts have over 50% economically disadvantaged students, with Alanson, Mancelona, Central Lake, Boyne Falls, and East Jordan experiencing the highest rates.

Youth Substance Use Trends: Despite progress since the establishment of SAFE in Northern Michigan, youth substance use remains a significant concern throughout the region. According to the 2024 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY), a survey administered by the Michigan Department of Education every other year, the region saw a decline in 30-day alcohol use among high school students from 19.9% in 2014 to 8.2% in 2024. However, alcohol remains widely accessible, with 50.2% of students reporting it was "sort of easy" or "very easy" to obtain. The majority of youth acquire alcohol socially—43.5% are given alcohol by someone else, and 21.7% take it from a family member. Additionally, 4.6% of students reported binge drinking, defined as consuming five or more drinks in a row, in the past 30 days.

Marijuana use remains a concern, though it has declined from previous years. In 2024, 8.9% of high school students reported using marijuana in the past 30 days, a decrease from 17.4% in 2022, according to the MiPHY. Still, 33.1% of students reported that marijuana was "sort of easy" or "very easy" to obtain. Sources include peers, older friends, siblings, and even parents. Also, 8.5% of students believe their parents do not view marijuana use as wrong, and 53.1% of students do not consider weekly marijuana use to carry moderate or great risk, per the MiPHY.

Vaping continues to be a normalized behavior among youth in the SAFE region. In 2024, 9.4% of high school students reported vaping within the past 30 days, according to the MiPHY. Vaping devices are often accessed through social sources, with 33.3% of students stating they gave money to someone else to purchase the product, and 20.8% reporting they borrowed it. Focus group findings corroborate these data. Every youth focus group conducted in 2024 reported that vaping occurs regularly in school bathrooms. Moreover, 60% of focus group participants stated that students perceive vaping as less harmful than smoking cigarettes.

Qualitative data collected through regional focus groups with high school youth in Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet counties has consistently reinforced the MiPHY survey results. Youth reported that substance use is often normalized in their peer groups, especially during social events like school dances and weekends. Many shared that there is a low perception of harm and minimal concern about legal or health consequences. These insights, in addition to the MiPHY data, suggest the need for sustained prevention efforts that shift both behavior and perception.

Youth-Led, Adult-Guided Model: SAFE in Northern Michigan is built upon a youth model, emphasizing "Youth Led-Adult Guided", that values student leadership. Using the data previously described, youth design and implement substance use prevention strategies within their schools. During the 2024–2025 school year, SAFE had over 150 youth coalition members across the tri-county region. All youth coalition members pledge to remain substance-free and actively contribute to preventing education and outreach. After the graduation of senior members in spring 2025, 116 youth will return in the fall to continue serving as SAFE youth coalition members. As of April 2025, SAFE youth coalition members dedicated over 3,500 volunteers hours to the coalition.

Proposed Activities: With this funding, SAFE will implement a comprehensive approach to prevention strategies. SAFE youth coalition members will continue to lead youth prevention messaging, participate in school prevention workshops/assemblies, and take part in ongoing data interpretation and dissemination, all of which is based youth substance use local conditions in their communities.

Additional activities within this proposal include youth and adult coalition member leadership training, student-led substance use prevention assemblies at middle schools, and participation in conferences to build advocacy and communication skills of SAFE youth coalition members. The varsity Poster Project, which features high school athletes modeling substance-free lifestyles to younger students, will also continue in each district. SAFE will also coordinate SAFE After-Hours events—alcohol- and drug-free activities for youth—as well as lead the design and delivery of graduation and prom substance use prevention messaging. SAFE will also use this funding to reduce transportation barriers for youth to access SAFE in NM events and activities. This funding will also support SAFE youth advocacy with law makers at the state and federal level, with youth educating policy makers about their concerns with youth substance use and what they see in their communities. Additionally, these funds will support youth with adult members on community assessments and development and implementation of PSA campaigns, targeting youth and community members with prevention messaging. SAFE will continue its "Sticker Shock" campaign, where youth place educational stickers on alcohol packaging at local retailers to discourage providing alcohol to minors. Additional environmental strategies that would be implemented with this funding include providing lockboxes for alcohol, marijuana, and prescription

drugs, and distributing THC, nicotine, and alcohol test kits to parents. SAFE will offer informational tables at school orientations, athletic events, and senior centers.

To further support youth substance use prevention policy/advocacy initiatives, the project coordinator and director will attend the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Wellness/Tobacco Committee, the MDHHS Coalition Workgroup; the Michigan Youth Cannabis Action & Education Alliance; and the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) Health Education and Promotion Workgroup.

Additionally, SAFE's Project Coordinator will present Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) survey results to school faculty and staff, sharing local youth substance use trends and the importance of data-driven prevention strategies. These efforts will be further supported by a comprehensive youth substance use community assessment that integrates MiPHY findings with qualitative input from youth focus groups and key informant interviews. The results of this assessment directly inform SAFE's ongoing strategic planning and logic models.

SAFE will continue to build community capacity and share prevention outcomes through consistent communication. Youth and adult coalition members will publish an annual report summarizing initiatives, impact, and progress. Additionally, quarterly newsletters will be distributed to parents, school administrators, stakeholders, funders, and community partners to highlight activities, share data insights, and promote engagement in local prevention efforts.

Expected Outcomes: SAFE in Northern Michigan is a nationally recognized prevention coalition, having received CADCA's 2022 Blue Ribbon Coalition Award for its data-driven, evidence-based approach and measurable impact on youth substance use. The strategies within this proposal are expected to reduce the rates of alcohol, marijuana, and nicotine among youth, increase perception of harm, and strengthen protective factors through peer leadership and community involvement, and primary prevention education.

Briefly Explain how your project will address the need(s) identified above:

As previously described, SAFE in Northern uses evidence-based prevention frameworks. SAFEs utilize the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF), a model developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)which provides a structured process for planning, implementing, and evaluating substance use prevention strategies. Additionally, SAFE utilizes CADCA's 7 Strategies for Community Change. These strategies are designed to promote population-level change by addressing both individual behaviors and the environments that influence youth substance use. When used in combination and guided by local data, the 7 strategies create lasting change in the community.

SAFE ensures that each proposed activity aligns with one or more of the 7 strategies.

CADCA's 7 Strategies for Community Change and SAFE's Alignment:

- 1.Providing Information: Disseminating factual data, research findings, and prevention messages to increase awareness and knowledge.
- Youth-led public service announcements (PSAs) and campaigns

- MiPHY data presentations to school staff and stakeholders
- MiPHY data briefs
- Informational tables at orientations, athletic events, and senior centers
- SAFE annual report & newsletters distributed electronically
- 2. Enhancing Skills: Equipping youth and adults with tools and training to lead prevention of work and influence change.
- Youth/adult coalition member leadership training participation
- School-based prevention workshops and assemblies
- 3. Providing Support: Fostering environments that support healthy decision-making and promote positive peer networks.
- SAFE After-Hours substance-free events
- Student-led assemblies in middle schools to reinforce prevention norms
- SAFE youth coalition engagement across 12 school districts
- 4.Enhancing Access/Reducing Barriers: Removing logistical or systemic obstacles that limit prevention access.
- Assisting Schools with MiPHY participation and support to promote data collection
- Transportation for youth to and from SAFE youth activities.
- 5. Changing Consequences (Incentives/Disincentives): Reinforcing desired behaviors and discouraging risky actions through social or structural reinforcement.
- Sticker Shock campaign: discouraging adults from providing alcohol to minors
- Public recognition of youth leaders modeling substance-free lifestyles
- Varsity Poster Project featuring local high school athletes
- 6.Physical Design: Modifying the built environment to discourage substance use and promote safety.
- Distribution of lockboxes for alcohol, marijuana, and prescription medication
- Visuals promoting drug-free norms in public and at school spaces
- 7. Modifying/Changing Policies: Advocating for formal policy or procedural changes to institutionalize prevention practices.
- Youth-led policy advocacy with state and federal lawmakers
- SAFE participation in MDHHS and MALPH state-level prevention work groups
- Support for local ordinances, resolutions, or school policies related to substance use prevention

These strategies create a comprehensive and sustainable prevention plan that is data-driven and youth-led. By targeting both individual behavior and systemic change, SAFE in Northern Michigan is positioned to continue reducing youth substance use.

CHS - IOSCO SUBSTANCE FREE COALITION - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services	
County:	losco	
Project Total:	\$46,162.00	

DESCRIPTION:

The losco Substance Free Coalition starts its fifth year of existence in October 2025. In this time and credited to the Coalition's membership, losco County has reaped many benefits because of its existence including aligned law enforcement agencies across the county, significant harm reduction access, improved triage of exiting inmates with substance use disorders, sustained efforts through other funding mechanisms, significantly increased and improved evidence-based strategies involving young people in preventing substance use disorders. In fact, the newly established Students Leading Students, as a result of pa2 funding, received several statewide awards for the development of its chapter and has garnered school board approval to expand to one more school this year. Recovery Month engages over 20 organizations and 100 individuals, the Coalition's voice has been expressed at the opioid settlement dollars hearings where their input is considered in its allocation and is first county to implement the opioid fatality review process north of M55 this past year. The Coalition also in its fifth year, applied for a Drug Free Communities project to continue to target youth in a prevention capacity. This funding is essential to carrying out the activities of the coalition and its continued growth and sophistication.

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
losco	losco Substance Free Coalition	\$46,162.00

CHS - LEELANAU COUNTY COORDINATED YOUTH SUD PREVENTION - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services	
County:	Leelanau	
Project Total:	\$36,740.00	

Yes

DESCRIPTION:

Meets Parameters for

Continuation of joint youth prevention programming by five partners: Leelanau County Family Court, LIFT (Leelanau Investing for Teens), Suttons Bay Public Schools, Glen Lake Public Schools, and Leland Public Schools. This program has been in place successfully for over a decade and includes both delivery of evidence-based substance use prevention and SEL programs and mentored experiential groups.

Leelanau County continues to enjoy lower youth use rates than neighboring counties, correlated to this programming which has been ongoing for over a decade. The SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework states that when an intervention is working, it needs to be continued. We meet capacity, readiness, resources, and fit the community needs; all the things SAMHSA says a prevention program should demonstrate. Our various programs mentor youth to build their protective factors and ability to make healthy life choices.

PA2 Funding:		103	
County	Project		Requested Budget

	County Project		Requested Budget
	Leelanau County Coordinated Youth SUD Prevention		\$36,740.00
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CHS - OGEMAW COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services	
County:	Ogemaw	
Project Total:	\$9,450.00	

DESCRIPTION:

The Drug Free Coalition of Ogemaw County (DFCOC) is in its fourth year of strategic, community-driven work to reduce youth and community substance misuse across the full continuum of care. This funding request seeks continued support for coalition supplies and outreach education efforts that align with the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) and are grounded in evidence-based strategies promoted by CADCA. DFCOC represents a cross-sector alliance of stakeholders, committed to preventing high-risk use of tobacco, vaping products, alcohol, marijuana, prescription medications, and illicit drugs among youth.

DFCOC is a data-informed, multi-sector coalition representing youth, parents, schools, law enforcement, behavioral health, local government, medical providers, and recovery advocates. The coalition is guided by the Strategic Prevention Framework, ensuring that our work is sustainable, comprehensive, and responsive to changing community needs.

The Drug Free Coalition of Ogemaw County (DFCOC) has clearly identified pressing local needs through data collection, stakeholder collaboration, and direct community engagement. These needs include: early and high-risk youth substance use (tobacco, vaping, alcohol, marijuana, Rx, illicit drugs); insufficient access to recovery support services; and a lack of consistent, community-wide education on prevention and policy reform. This grant project is designed to directly respond to these needs through evidence-based strategies grounded in the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF).

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Ogemaw	Ogemaw County Drug Free Coalition	\$9,450.00

Explanation of the project:

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Coalition Overview:

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Identified Needs

Through community data, MiPHY surveys, law enforcement and provider input, and public feedback, the coalition has identified the following priorities:

- Preventing early and high-risk use of substances (ATOD: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs)
- Raising awareness of at-risk behaviors and policy gaps
- Expanding recovery support and MAT services in partnership with MyMichigan Health
- Enhancing youth engagement and protective factors
- Building peer-led and recovery-based messaging networks

SPF Framework in Action

1. Assessment

Ongoing data collection from MiPHY (when available), school surveys, provider input, and coalition partners informs priority setting and program development.

2. Capacity Building

Cross-sector collaboration has grown to include HSCC, CMH, MSP, Sheriff & City Police, County Jail (TBA classes), DHHS, Suicide Coalition, Child Protection Council, and others. A dedicated Youth Liaison and Recovery Leader enhance outreach and messaging.

3. Planning

Logic models and annual strategic plans are used to design prevention and outreach programs aligned with local data and the Seven Behavior Change Strategies.

4. Implementation

Programming is carried out in both universal and selective prevention settings through peer-led school groups, virtual campaigns, and recovery partner support.

5. Evaluation

Continuous improvement through biannual feedback loops, stakeholder engagement, and outcome monitoring. Logic models and public input refine our strategies annually.

Seven Strategies for Behavior Change in Practice

1. Provide Information

- Flyers, billboards (when funded), FB Live events, media outreach
- · School banners with student-identified messaging

2. Build Skills

- Peer-peer support groups and recovery youth groups
- Life skills and refusal strategies training

3. Provide Support

- School and community group facilitation, recovery coaching
- Community education events and partnerships

4. Enhance Access / Reduce Barriers

- o Connecting residents to MAT, behavioral health, and recovery services
- Encouraging non-opioid pain management options
- o Advocacy for recovery coaching embedded in local systems

5. Change Incentives / Disincentives

- Reward-based youth messaging and media recognition
- o Peer recognition for positive decision-making
- o Promotion of Town Halls and public celebrations of success

Change Policies / Regulations

- Work with schools on restorative justice and policy reform
- Align with court diversion programming and school board advocacy

7. Change Physical Design

- Promote and expand medication disposal sites
- o Advocate for "drug-free" family community events
- Educate on reducing home access to substances

Briefly Explain how your project will address the need(s) identified above:

The Drug Free Coalition of Ogemaw County (DFCOC) has clearly identified pressing local needs through data collection, stakeholder collaboration, and direct community engagement. These needs include: early and high-risk youth substance use (tobacco, vaping, alcohol, marijuana, Rx, illicit drugs); insufficient

access to recovery support services; and a lack of consistent, community-wide education on prevention and policy reform. This grant project is designed to directly respond to these needs through evidence-based strategies grounded in the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF).

Our FY 2023-2024 accomplishments provide a strong foundation for this project's next phase:

- We conducted strategic planning with law enforcement, schools, mental health providers, hospitals, youth, and recovery organizations to ensure our work is inclusive and representative of community needs.
- We expanded youth-led recovery and outreach leadership, empowering students and young adults as messengers and change agents within their peer networks.
- We maintained and supported school-based peer-peer groups, delivering positive messaging and strengthening protective factors.
- We increased collaboration with key local partners—including MyMichigan Health, CMH, MSP, and the County Jail (TBA classes)—to align messaging, programming, and recovery service access.
- We continued to provide public outreach via social media and virtual education efforts to reach underserved populations.
- We advocated for and helped support expanded MAT and recovery services, including recovery coaching initiatives and peer-based support groups.

The proposed project will build on these accomplishments and focus on the following:

- Expanding Outreach & Education
- We will deploy educational materials—flyers, digital ads, banners, and virtual outreach—to
 ensure that youth and families across the county receive clear, relevant, and frequent messaging
 on the risks of substance use and the availability of prevention and recovery resources.
- Strengthening Youth and Community Engagement
- Funding will support youth peer leaders and the development of culturally responsive engagement tools. This ensures that prevention messages are relatable, resonant, and tailored to the audiences most at risk.
- Supporting Recovery & Building Access
- By advocating for expanded access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and increasing awareness of existing supports, we aim to close the service gap for those in or seeking recovery.
 Our work with local hospitals, behavioral health, and peer coaches directly addresses the treatment/recovery component of the continuum of care.
- Reinforcing Coalition Sustainability
- Operational support for coalition meetings, strategic planning, and cross-sector coordination ensures sustainability and strategic alignment over time. This is critical for long-term impact.
- Driving Policy and Environmental Change
- We will continue advocating for school and community policy improvements (e.g., restorative justice, social access limitations, zoning regulations) to reduce environmental and social risks for substance use.

CHS - PULLING TOGETHER: CHEBOYGAN COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services
County:	Cheboygan
Project Total:	\$73,360.00

DESCRIPTION:

The Cheboygan County Drug-Free Coalition, known as Pulling Together, has experienced steady growth and increased community engagement since its inception. This coalition continues to bring together stakeholders from all 12 sectors of the community to address substance misuse through a comprehensive, data-driven prevention approach called the Strategic Prevention Framework. A central component of this initiative is the Cheboygan County Youth Coalition, Prevent to Protect (P2P), which has had over 40 students from all four high schools in the county.

Liquor Tax funds have played a pivotal role in supporting coalition operations, enabling the employment of a part-time Program Director (Amalia Harvey) and a part-time Prevention Secretary (Megan LaCross). These positions have been essential in fostering interagency collaboration, facilitating sector involvement, and sustaining both youth and adult coalition engagement. Continued Liquor Tax funding will allow for the expansion of coalition initiatives and the further development of youth-led prevention strategies.

The Pulling Together Coalition remains committed to reducing youth substance use through evidence-based, community-led strategies. Continued Liquor Tax funding will be critical in sustaining these efforts, supporting coalition infrastructure, and ensuring the successful implementation of youth- and data-driven prevention initiatives across Cheboygan County.

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Cheboygan	Pulling Together: Cheboygan County Drug Free Coalition	\$73,360.00

Explanation of the project:

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Pulling Together continues to receive support from the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Grant through the Centers for Disease Control. This funding has facilitated the addition of a full-time Project Coordinator, dedicated to youth coalition development and a Community Evaluator to support strategic planning, data collection, and performance measurement. These roles, in conjunction with technical assistance and training provided by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), have significantly enhanced coalition capacity, improved organizational infrastructure, and expanded access to leadership development opportunities for both youth and adults.

Every year, the Prevent to Protect Youth Coalition actively implements the Strategic Prevention Framework across all four participating schools. Youth who have attended CADCA trainings—made possible by Liquor Tax funding—assume leadership roles and facilitate this process. Guided by local data and prevention science, youth leaders develop strategic action plans based on the Seven Strategies for Community Change. The funding requests outlined in this application are directly aligned with the priorities identified through these youth and adult coalition efforts during the 2024–2025 fiscal year.

Despite meaningful progress, youth substance misuse continues to pose serious concerns in Cheboygan County. According to the 2023-2024 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY), 47.8% of Cheboygan County middle school students reported that it is easy to access alcohol. Additionally, school officials and focus groups have shared that vaping continues to impact youth as young as 3rd grade. These indicators underscore the ongoing need for prevention programming, targeted intervention strategies, and cross-sector collaboration.

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Briefly Explain how your project will address the need(s) identified above:

Funding allocated in the travel portion of the budget will provide youth coalition members and their adult mentors with opportunities to participate in high-impact trainings, including the CADCA Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C., the CADCA Mid-Year Youth Training, and a Youth Coalition Retreat at Cranhill

Ranch in Big Rapids, Michigan. These experiences are especially valuable in Cheboygan County, where rural geography and economic challenges limit access to structured, skill-building opportunities. Each training incorporates the Positive Youth Development Model and the Strategic Prevention Framework—both evidence-based approaches proven to strengthen protective factors and reduce substance use among youth. Additionally, travel funds help support regular participation in monthly coalition meetings and community-based prevention activities by covering mileage reimbursements and rental vehicle costs. Transportation is a persistent barrier in this rural region, where long distances and limited public transit options often prevent consistent involvement. These funds are critical in ensuring both youth and adults can fully engage in coalition efforts throughout the year.

In addition to youth development initiatives, the coalition has identified a critical and urgent need in the community: access to basic survival resources among individuals at high risk for substance use. To address this gap, the coalition proposes the creation of a Backpack Support Program that would distribute backpacks filled with essentials such as socks, toiletries, wipes, and winter coats. The supplies section of our request was carefully calculated and specific items are listed in the budget portion of this application. These items serve more than immediate physical needs—they are a gateway to restoring dignity and reducing risk. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, unmet basic needs and unstable housing significantly increase the risk of substance misuse and relapse. By offering compassionate, practical support, the proposed program represents an upstream prevention strategy—helping reduce the root causes of substance use before they escalate. Funding is requested to develop and launch this program as a vital extension of the community's comprehensive prevention efforts. These backpacks will be handed out to individuals who are being released from incarceration at the Cheboygan County Jail.

The coalition also recognizes the value of bringing prevention education directly to the community. Funds requested under "other expenses" will support the recruitment of guest speakers and experts to present on substance use topics to students, parents, and community members. These events help build awareness, reduce stigma, and provide practical strategies for prevention and intervention. Providing accessible, credible information is essential for empowering individuals to make informed decisions and fostering a culture of prevention.

To further amplify these efforts, the coalition will continue to utilize its website and social media platforms to expand its presence in the community. By sharing educational content, promoting events, and highlighting local prevention successes, digital outreach allows the coalition to reach broader audiences and engage community members who may not attend in-person events. This approach helps ensure that accurate information and resources are available to everyone, regardless of location or schedule.

Together, these initiatives reflect a multi-pronged strategy to reduce substance use in Cheboygan County—investing in youth leadership, educating the community, expanding access to resources, and addressing the broader social conditions that contribute to substance-related harm.

CHS – SFCNM OPIOID USE PREVENTION AND MEDICATION SAFETY CAMPAIGN - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services
County:	Grand Traverse
Project Total:	\$155,000.00

DESCRIPTION:

Continuation of successful multi-media (website, cable TV Ads, streaming ads, internet ads, brochures, billboards) "Know Dangers" opioid use prevention campaign funded with liquor tax dollars FY 2019-2025. Phase 5 will expand audience focus from primarily youth and their parents to adults aged 55+ using modified media tactics to continue messaging around: managing pain safely, medication dangers and hazards, overdose reversal, safe handling, and disposal of medications, and seeking help for treatment and recovery. This builds on the prior 4 phases of the campaign which were: Phase 1: Personal stories and general education about the opioid epidemic (10/19 - 5/20); Phase 2A: Risks of addiction to prescription opioids (6/20 - 1/21); Phase 2B: Risks of addiction to prescription opioids with messaging from local people in recovery (1/21 - 9/21); Phase 3: Alternatives to prescription opioids for pain management (10/21 - present), and Phase 4: Medication Safety and Fentanyl Awareness (11/22 - Present). 2. Funding contract with SFCNM Coordinator for up to 240 hours during the grant period to manage all coalition alliance activities.

Our recognizable and award-winning messaging has, and will continue to, increase awareness of the uniquely addictive properties of prescription opioids and alternatives to their use throughout our communities. We will target parents, youth, and senior citizens.

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Grand Traverse	SFCNM Opioid Use Prevention and Medication Safety Campaign	\$155,000.00

HDNWM – RISE OTSEGO SUBSTANCE FREE COALITION - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Health Department of Northwest Michigan	
County:	Otsego	
Project Total:	\$86,932.00	

DESCRIPTION:

RISE: Otsego Substance Free Coalition is a community-based organization dedicated to empowering youth in Otsego County, Michigan, to lead substance-free lives through education, advocacy, and collaboration. Founded in January 2018 and supported by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) as its fiduciary, RISE was established to address rising concerns about youth substance use in the community through coordinated, data-informed prevention strategies. The requested Otsego County liquor tax funds will help sustain the coalition's youth-led, adult-guided prevention initiatives that are grounded in public health principles and driven by local need.

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Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Otsego	RISE Otsego Substance Free Coalition	\$86,932.00

Explanation of the project:

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The coalition's efforts are focused on a target population of 3,495 students across three local districts: Gaylord Community Schools with 2,748 students, Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools with 675 students, and Vanderbilt Area School with 72 students. While all youth face choices about substance use, students in Otsego County experience additional challenges that heighten their vulnerability. The high school dropout rate in the county stands at 7.4%, and a concerning 68.3% of graduates are not meeting college readiness benchmarks. Furthermore, 55.7% of students are classified as economically disadvantaged, with 15.3% of the overall population living in poverty and 16.8% experiencing food insecurity. These conditions create compounding risk factors that increase the likelihood of substance use, making targeted, community-based prevention efforts like RISE not just valuable, but essential.

Local data highlights the urgency of RISE's mission. Alcohol remains a significant concern, with 17.1% of high school students reporting they consumed alcohol in the past 30 days. Misconceptions about harm are prevalent—29.2% of students believe that drinking five or more alcoholic drinks in a sitting pose little to no risk. Accessibility further drives use, with 58.4% reporting that obtaining alcohol is "sort of" or "very easy." Focus group data reinforce these findings: 100% of youth participants acknowledged that alcohol use tends to spike around school dances and special events, often involving binge drinking. Alarmingly, 41.2% of youth drinkers admitted to taking alcohol from family supplies, and youth

consistently reported that alcohol is frequently obtained from unmonitored parental sources. These trends suggest a normalized culture of risky behavior that heightens the risk of poor decision-making, academic decline, and long-term health consequences.

Marijuana use presents a similarly concerning picture. Local data show that 12.5% of high school students used marijuana in the past 30 days, and 54.5% believe there is little to no risk in smoking it once or twice a week. Additionally, 28.7% of students perceive that their peers do not view marijuana use as wrong or very wrong, indicating a growing social acceptance of use. Nearly 40% report that marijuana is easy to access, often through peers, siblings, or even parents. Focus group findings show that 67% of youth participants believe parents are a direct source of marijuana. The widespread presence of recreational marijuana retailers in Gaylord, the county's hub, compounds accessibility and fuels a permissive culture around use. These local conditions create a pressing need for proactive strategies that not only reduce access but also correct misperceptions and reframe community norms.

RISE's approach centers on addressing these root causes through education, prevention, and advocacy. The coalition works to equip students, families, and educators with the tools and information necessary to make informed decisions, reduce risk, and build resilience. RISE youth leaders are actively involved in creating peer-led media campaigns, shaping local policies, conducting community education efforts, and promoting safe, healthy behaviors through school and community events. By leveraging SPF and elevating youth voice, RISE ensures its prevention efforts are strategic, sustainable, and deeply rooted in local realities.

In all its work, RISE remains focused on achieving community-level change. The coalition believes that every student in Otsego County deserves the opportunity to thrive in a supportive environment free from the harms of substance use. Through its partnerships, data-informed planning, and youth-driven leadership, RISE continues to be a catalyst for positive change. Continued funding through the Otsego County liquor tax will allow this vital work to move forward, helping to reduce underage alcohol and marijuana use and build a healthier future for Otsego County youth.

Briefly Explain how your project will address the need(s) identified above:

Funds from this proposal will be used to support the following activities implemented by RISE:

- Coalition Meetings and Materials: Support for regular RISE coalition meetings, both youth and adult sectors, including essential supplies, food and refreshments, educational materials, and resources to facilitate planning, training, and implementation of prevention initiatives.
- Youth Substance Use Prevention Media Campaign: A youth-informed, multi-platform media initiative designed to educate and influence peers through positive messaging and substance-free norms. Campaign components include digital advertising, Connect TV streaming placements, targeted social media content, and community- and school-based visuals such as banners, bathroom stall posters, and displays in high-traffic areas. Messaging also reaches broader audiences through placements at the local movie theater, increasing visibility and reinforcing prevention messages across Otsego County.
- RISE to the Occasion Events: Substance-free activity nights designed to provide fun, safe, and engaging alternatives to risky behaviors. These events, organized and promoted by RISE youth

- leaders, offer opportunities for social connection, healthy recreation, and positive peer engagement while reinforcing substance-free norms throughout Otsego County.
- Youth Prevention Training: Provide youth coalition members with targeted training to build leadership and advocacy skills, with a focus on evidence-based strategies to prevent underage alcohol use. Training equips youth with knowledge, tools, and confidence to plan and implement effective prevention initiatives, engage peers, and contribute meaningfully to coalition goals.
- RISE Participation in Community Awareness Events: Attend local events and set up an
 information and resource booth to engage parents, caregivers, and community members in
 youth substance use prevention. At these events, RISE distributes practical tools such as alcohol
 tamper-evident bottle seals and drug, nicotine, and alcohol test kits to support safe monitoring
 and encourage family conversations. Informational materials and coalition resources are also
 provided to raise awareness and promote community involvement.
- RISE Spirit Nights: Partner with each high school in Otsego County to designate a home sporting event as a RISE Spirit Night, celebrating school pride while promoting a substance-free lifestyle. During these events, RISE youth leaders engage the student cheering section by distributing spirited giveaways and positive messaging that encourages drug-free choices. These high-energy events amplify peer influence, raise visibility of prevention efforts, and reinforce healthy decision-making in a fun, school-centered environment.
- Poster Project Peer Role Models: RISE youth leaders coordinate a poster campaign in which
 substance-free high school students are nominated and voted on by their peers to be featured as
 positive role models. Selected students are showcased on professionally printed 20"x30" posters
 displayed in middle school hallways to inspire younger students with real examples of peers
 making healthy, drug-free choices. This initiative promotes positive norms, fosters cross-age
 mentorship, and reinforces the message that living substance-free is both common and
 commendable.
- Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer/Display: An interactive educational exhibit designed for parents and caregivers to increase awareness of signs of youth substance use. The display recreates a mock teen bedroom, highlighting everyday items that may be used to conceal alcohol, nicotine, marijuana, or other drugs. This hands-on experience empowers adults with knowledge and practical tools to recognize early warning signs and engage in prevention-focused conversations at home. The exhibit serves as a powerful community engagement tool to support youth substance use prevention efforts.
- National Prevention Campaigns Social Media Education: In recognition of National Prevention
 Week and National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week, lead targeted social media education campaigns
 on Facebook and Instagram. These campaigns feature youth-created content, facts about
 substance use, and prevention messages designed to inform, engage, and inspire both youth and
 adults in the community to support substance-free living.
- Red Ribbon Week Youth Event: RISE hosts a youth-centered event during Red Ribbon Week to raise awareness about teen substance use and promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles. The event

- provides engaging prevention activities, peer-led messaging, and opportunities for youth to take visible stands against substance use in their schools and communities.
- Sticker Shock Campaign: During homecoming and prom seasons, RISE youth leaders' partner with local alcohol retailers and law enforcement to place brightly colored stickers on multi-packs of beer and other alcohol products. With retailer permission, these stickers educate consumers about underage drinking laws and reinforce the importance of not providing alcohol to minors, helping to raise community awareness and reduce social access to alcohol among teens.
- Youth Prevention Initiatives: RISE youth leaders design and distribute creative, substance use prevention-themed items, such as stickers, bracelets, bandanas, keychains, and temporary tattoos, featuring positive, youth-driven messages. These items are shared with high school students during key times of year when youth may be at higher risk for substance use, such as school dances, holidays, and celebratory events. The campaign reinforces substance-free norms while aligning prevention messages with moments that matter most in students' lives.
- Prom/Graduation Letter Campaign: RISE collaborates with local law enforcement, courts, and
 emergency medical services (EMS) to develop a prevention-focused letter distributed to parents
 and caregivers through local schools ahead of prom and graduation season. The letter outlines
 the legal consequences and safety risks of providing alcohol to minors and encourages adults to
 support substance-free celebrations. This collaborative effort delivers a consistent, communitywide message that reinforces underage drinking prevention during these high-risk events.
- Local and State Youth Advocacy & Policy Engagement: RISE youth leaders actively engage in local
 and statewide substance use prevention advocacy, including participation in state-level
 prevention workgroups. Youth contribute to shaping policies that impact their peers by meeting
 with elected officials, attending advocacy events, and sharing their perspectives on underage
 drinking, vaping, and other public health issues. These opportunities empower youth to become
 changemakers and strengthen prevention policy efforts across Otsego County and the state.
- Medication Safety & Disposal Outreach: RISE distributes Deterra medication disposal bags and condolence letters containing information on safe medication disposal following the loss of a loved one. These materials are provided to local funeral homes and distributed at senior-focused community events to reduce the risk of unused medications being misused or diverted. Additionally, RISE conducts environmental scans of medication drop-off locations throughout Otsego County to ensure up-to-date access points are identified. This information is shared with the community through pharmacies, police stations, and local businesses via magnets, printed flyers, and other outreach materials to promote safe and responsible disposal practices.

CHS - ROSCOMMON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM - JAIL BASED - NEW

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services	
County:	Roscommon	
Project Total:	\$53,438.00	

DESCRIPTION:

This is a collaboration between Roscommon County and Catholic Human Services. Funds will go to dedicate a substance use disorder treatment counselor who will visit Roscommon County jail and provide substance use disorder treatment and education 2 days a week. The counselor will go to Roscommon County jail and provide substance use disorder treatment to pretrial inmates and post-conviction inmates. The counselor will provide weekly substance use disorder assessment, individual, group and case management services that includes "brief" treatment which is defined as up to 30 days, "short-term" treatment is defined as from 1 to 3 months, and "long-term" treatment is defined as 3 months or longer. The counselor will provide ongoing consultation and education to jail administrators and other jail staff about substance use disorders and work to establish a continuum of services in the jail and community for people with substance abuse problems. The counselor will create opportunities to improve partnerships between the jail and the community which can allow for the development or enhancement of both in-jail treatment programs and coordination of offenders' transition into community diversion and aftercare/reentry programs. The counselor will also continue to collaborate with jail medical, CMH and jail diversion regarding additional and supportive services with individuals with co-occurring or co-morbidity health related issues. The counselor will work in partnership with the jail and probation and court system regarding communication of individual attendance, prognosis and referrals for ongoing SUD services once released from jail.

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Roscommon	Roscommon Substance Use Disorder Program – Jail Based	\$53,438.00

CHS - WEXFORD SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM - JAIL BASED - CONTINUING

Organization/Fiduciary:	Catholic Human Services	
County:	Wexford	
Project Total:	\$107,194.00	

DESCRIPTION:

This is a collaboration between Wexford County and Catholic Human Services. Funds will go to dedicate a substance use disorder treatment counselor who will visit Wexford jail and provide substance use disorder treatment and education 5 days a week. The counselor will go to Wexford County jail and provide substance use disorder treatment to pretrial inmates and post-conviction inmates. The counselor will provide weekly substance use disorder assessment, individual, group and case management services that includes "brief" treatment which is defined as up to 30 days, "short-term" treatment is defined as from 1 to 3 months, and "long-term" treatment is defined as 3 months or longer. The counselor will provide ongoing consultation and education to jail administrators and other jail staff about substance use disorders and work to establish a continuum of services in the jail and community for people with substance abuse problems. The counselor will create opportunities to improve partnerships between the jail and the community which can allow for the development or enhancement of both in-jail treatment programs and coordination of offenders' transition into community diversion and aftercare/reentry programs. The counselor will also continue to collaborate with jail medical, NLMCH and jail diversion regarding additional and supportive services with individuals with co-occurring or comorbidity health related issues. The counselor will work in partnership with the jail and probation and court system regarding communication of individual attendance, prognosis and referrals for ongoing SUD services once released from jail.

Meets Parameters for	Yes
PA2 Funding:	

County	Project	Requested Budget
Wexford	Wexford Substance Use Disorder Program – Jail Based	\$107,194.00





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Catholic Human Services and Wexford County

The purpose of this memorandum is to demonstrate the responsibilities of Catholic Human Services as outlined in the liquor tax grant between Catholic Human Services and Wexford County, specifically Wexford County Jail.

Project Explanation:

This is a collaboration between Wexford County and Catholic Human Services. Funds will go to dedicate a substance use disorder treatment clinician who will visit Wexford County jail and provide treatment 5 days a week.

A designated licensed and credentialed substance use disorder clinician will provide a continued expansion of substance use disorder services in Wexford County Jail which includes substance use disorder treatment to pretrial inmates and post-conviction inmates. The clinician will provide weekly substance use disorder assessments and treatment based on jail and community correction referrals and recommendations.

The project will address the needs of expansion of ASAM (American Society Addiction Medicine) levels of care to incarcerated individuals through delivery of evidence-based substance use disorder screening, assessment, treatment, and case management services. The project will increase access, education and support to individuals with any identified diagnosis or risk of a substance use disorder while incarcerated. The project will also help sustain the development and implementation of substance use disorder services to individuals incarcerated at Wexford jail while focusing on a reducing of recidivism, reduction of overdose and fatal overdoses as well as improved follow through of aftercare recovery-based services once individuals are released from jail. The clinician will provide weekly substance use disorder assessment, individual, group and case management services that includes "brief" treatment is defined as up to 30 days, "short-term" treatment is defined as from 1 to 3 months, and "long-term" treatment is defined as 3 months. The clinician will provide ongoing consultation and education to jail administrators and other jail staff about substance use disorders, and work to establish a continuum of services in the jail and community for people with substance abuse problems. The clinician will coordinate care with jail medical regarding referrals needing for jail-based approved medication assisted treatment for alcohol and opioid use disorders as well as coordinate care with Addiction Treatment Services Mobile Mat bus and or local primary health providers for immediate aftercare services for the start-up and or continuation of medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders. The clinician will also create opportunities to improve partnerships between the jail and the community which can allow for the development or enhancement of both in-jail treatment programs and coordination of offenders' transition into community diversion and aftercare/reentry programs.

Catholic Human Services agrees to the following short-term and long-term objectives as outlined in the liquor tax grant and will submit quarterly reports to NMRE and Wexford County indicating the following success and or barriers for the desired short and long-term outcomes:

Short term outcomes:

Increased access of substance use disorder services to 100% of those in jail with a determined risk for relapse and or diagnosis of a substance use disorder. Develop and implement substance use disorder screening protocols at booking to determine eligibility. Implement substance use disorder screening to be coordinated with jail medical, CMH and CHS clinician for appropriate level of services.

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Long term outcomes:

Decrease recidivism of those in the criminal justice system in Wexford and Missaukee Counties based by 20% based on review of records maintained by the county clerks and the local Michigan Department of Corrections Probation Offices. Individuals that were provided substance use disorder services while incarcerated will have an increase by 25% for follow through of substance use disorder treatment in determined level of care (outpatient or residential) once released from jail based on consistent aftercare coordination of jail administration, jail medical and CHS clinician and providers.

Catholic Human Services will complete the Financial Status Report (FSR) as requested by Northern Michigan Regional entity and the quarterly reports required for the Pubic Act 2 (PA-2) funds. A copy of the quarterly report will be provided to a Wexford County designee.

Both parties agree to follow confidentiality guidelines regarding persons served and understand that by the nature of this MOU, both parties may exchange information as appropriate.

This memorandum of understanding will be in effect for October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Signatures:

Catholic Human Services Sarah Hegg - Clinical Supervisor

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May 12, 2025

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ALCONA COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY26 Balance	\$71,518.76
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Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Alcona County Students Leading Students (SLS)	\$9,900.00	\$61,618.76

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Alcona	\$21,394.00	\$71,518.76	\$9,900.00	\$61,618.76

ALPENA COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY26 Balance	\$244,953.50
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Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Alpena Prevention Students Leading Students (SLS)	\$51,687.00	\$193,266.50

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Alpena	\$84,263.20	\$244,953.50	\$51,687.00	\$193,266.50

ANTRIM COUNTY OVERVIEW

Proi	jected FY26 Balance	\$253,333.30
	cocca i izo balance	Ψ 2 55,555.55

Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
SAFE in Northern Michigan	\$37,211.27	\$216,122.03

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Antrim	\$80,488.80	\$253,333.30	\$37,211.27	\$216,122.03

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY26 Balance	\$121,585.71
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Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Charlevoix 33 rd Circuit Hybrid Drug/DWI Court	\$17,480.00	\$104,105.71
SAFE in Northern Michigan	\$41,759.63	\$62,346.08

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Charlevoix	\$106,516.40	\$121,585.71	\$59,239.63	\$62,346.08

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY26 Balance	\$162,226.55
r rojecteu r rzo balance	¥102)220.55

Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Pulling Together – Cheboygan Country Drug-Free Coalition	\$73,360.00	\$88,866.55

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Cheboygan	\$87,302.40	\$162,226.55	\$73,360.00	\$88,866.55

CRAWFORD COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY26 Balance	\$92,752.89
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Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Crawford Partnership to End Substance Misuse	\$22,621.00	\$70,131.89

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Crawford	\$35,114.80	\$92,752.89	\$22,621.00	\$70,131.89

EMMET COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY26 Balance	\$320,158.73
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Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
57 th Emmet County Recovery Program (ECRP)	\$267,037.00	\$53,121.73
SAFE in Northern Michigan	\$53,029.10	\$92.63

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Emmet	\$183,166.80	\$320,158.73	\$320,066.10	\$92.63

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY26 Balance

\$800,645.87

Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Grand Traverse Substance Use Disorder Program – Jail Based	\$53,438.00	\$747,207.87
Generations Ahead – Substance Use Prevention with Teen Parents	\$79,329.00	\$667,878.87
SFCNM Opioid Use Prevention and Medication Safety Campaign	\$155,000.00	\$512,878.87
Grand Traverse Addiction & Recovery Council	\$76,665.00	\$436,213.87

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Grand Traverse	\$455,155.20	\$800,645.87	\$364,432.00	\$436,213.87

IOSCO COUNTY OVERVIEW

Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Iosco Substance Free Coalition	\$46,162.00	\$153,944.61

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
losco	\$87,380.80	\$200,106.61	\$46,162.00	\$153,944.61

LEELANAU COUNTY OVERVIEW

Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Leelanau County Coordinated Youth SUD Prevention	\$36,740.00	\$66,608.17

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Leelanau	\$60,592.80	\$103,348.17	\$36,740.00	\$66,608.17

OGEMAW COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY26 Balance	\$121,409.61
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Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Ogemaw County Drug-Free Coalition	\$9,450.00	\$111,959.61

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Ogemaw	\$68,804.80	\$121,409.61	\$9,450.00	\$111,959.61

OTSEGO COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected F	Y26 Balance	\$120,034.73
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Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
RISE Otsego Substance Free Coalition	\$86,932.00	\$33,102.73

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Otsego	\$105,978.80	\$120,034.73	\$86,932.00	\$33,102.73

ROSCOMMON COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY26 B	Balance Balance	\$608,965.37	
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Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Roscommon Substance Use Disorder Program – Jail Based	\$53,438.00	\$555,527.37

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Roscommon	\$87,715.20	\$608,965.37	\$53,438.00	\$555,527.37

WEXFORD COUNTY OVERVIEW

Projected FY26 Balance	\$197,283.85
i rojecteu i rzo balance	7137,203.03

Project	Requested Budget	Remaining County Running Balance
Wexford Substance Use Disorder Program – Jail Based	\$107,194.00	\$90,089.85

County	One Year Fund Balance (withheld)	Projected FY26 Available Balance	Sum of Requested Project Amounts	Projected Remaining Balance
Wexford	\$95,416.00	\$197,283.85	\$107,194.00	\$90,089.85

NMRE Fiscal Year 2026

Prevention Service Request for Proposal Recommendation for Contract Awards Issued May 12, 2025- June 6, 2025

Counties:

Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford

Key Dates:

RFP issue Date: May 12, 2025 Proposal Due Date: June 6, 2025 Scoring Team Meeting: June 19, 2025

Award Effective Dates: October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026

Bids by county:

Benzie: No proposals received

Grand Traverse: Catholic Human Services

Kalkaska: Catholic Human Services Leelanau: District Health Department 10 Manistee: District Health Department 10 Wexford: District Health Department 10

NMRE County Recommendations for Contract Award,	Provider	Amount Requested of NMRE Estimated Allocation (\$)
Benzie	No proposals received	
Grand Traverse	Catholic Human Services	
		\$96,641.00
Kalkaska	Catholic Human Services	\$16,357.00
Leelanau	Catholic Human Services	\$20,906.00
Manistee	District Health Department 10	\$23,742.00
Missaukee	District Health Department 10	\$13,379.00
Wexford	District Health Department 10	\$32,715.00
	Total	\$203,740.00

Northern Michigan Regional Entity and CMH Affiliates Financial Analysis by type and Year for Audit RFP Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027

Auditing Firm	A compliance 10,500 15,200 16,550 18,500 18,500 18,500 10,000 10,250 10,000 10,0								
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Single audit is included for	2023								
NLCMHA and NMRE.		•				-			
Each add'l program - \$2,500									
	2026	Financial/Single						19,000	
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		Total	33,250	25,050	25,900		27,200	29,500	
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	2027								
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		Total	34,000	23,700	20,330		27,830	30,230	
		3 Year Total	99,750	75,150	77,700	-	81,600	88,500 \$	422,700
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	2025	Financial/Single	33,700	15,300	18,000		23,400	36,000	
Single audit is included for		Compliance	6,000		5,900		6,000	5,650	
NLCMHA and NMRE		Total	39,700	21,300	23,900	-	29,400	41,650	
	2026	_							
		Total	41,690	22,370	25,100	-	30,870	43,730	
	2027	Financial/Single							
		Compliance	42.770	22.400	26.200		22.410	45.020	
		Total	43,770	23,490	26,360	-	32,410	45,920	
		3 Year Total	125,160	67,160	75,360	-	92,680	131,300 \$	491,660
Difference from Roslund Prestage	& Co	higher(lower)	\$ 25,410	\$ (7,990)	\$ (2,340)	1	\$ 11,080	\$ 42,800 \$	68,960

<u>Internal NMRE Rev</u>	iew	Team of RFP for Audit Services	FY25 - FY27			
NMRE portion of the RFP		Yeo & Yeo	Roslund Prestage & Co			
NMRE internal team scoring				Score 1-5 v	with 5 being	best
Cover letter information requirements		2	5			
Statement of Requirements		5	5			
Statement of Auditing Standards		4	5			
Work Plan		4	4			
Staffing Met		5	5			
Firm Demographics		3	5			
Relevant Experience		3	5			
Independence		5	5			
Insurance and Licensing		5	5			
Pricing Completeness		3	4			
Total		39	48			
Comments		Information missing on the cover letter	Took each bullet point on RFP cover letter and responded to each one with an add'l proposal letter			
		3 staff with gov't experience and unknown PIHP experience	7 staff with both CMH and PIHP experience			
		Not as comprehensive in their Independence statement as Roslund				
		Pricing was only estimated	Pricing includes a not to exceed			