NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
10:00AM – SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
GAYLORD CONFERENCE ROOM & MICROSOFT TEAMS

Alcona	☐ Adam Brege	**Kalkaska**	☐ David Comai
Alpena	☒ Lucille Bray	**Leelanau**	☐ Vacant
Antrim	☒ Pam Singer	**Manistee**	☐ Vacant
Benzie	☒ Tim Markey	**Missaukee**	☒ Dean Smallegan
Charlevoix	☒ Annemarie Conway	**Montmorency**	☒ Michelle Hamlin
Cheboygan	☒ John Wallace	**Ogemaw**	☒ Ron Quackenbush
Crawford	☒ Matthew Moeller	**Oscoda**	☒ Chuck Varner
Emmet	☒ Terry Newton	**Otsego**	☒ Doug Johnson
Grand Traverse	☒ Dave Freedman	**Presque Isle**	☐ Dana Labar
Iosco	☐ Jay O'Farrell	**Roscommon**	☒ Darlene Sensor
		Wexford	☒ Gary Taylor

Staff:	☒ Bea Arsenov	Chief Clinical Officer
	☒ Carol Balousek	Executive Administrator
	☐ Brady Barnhill	IT Specialist
	☒ Lisa Hartley	Claims Assistant
	☒ Eric Kurtz	Chief Executive Officer
	☐ Heidi McClenaghan	Quality Manager
	☒ Pamela Polom	Finance Specialist
	☐ Brandon Rhue	Chief Information Officer/Operations Director
	☒ Denise Switzer	Grant and Treatment Manager
	☐ Chris VanWagoner	Contract and Provider Network Manager
	☒ Deanna Yockey	Chief Financial Officer

Public: Brian Babbitt, Yarrow Brown, Gatlyn Dunham, Sarah Garthe, Angie Gulkerson, Donna Hardies, Alyssa Harrold, Molly Harvey, Sarah Hegg, Chip Johnston, Larry LaCross, Sarah May, Susan Pulaski, Lauren Reed, Ellen Templeton, Sharon Vreeland, Rebecca Yuncker, Heidi Warrington, Marney Winfield

CALL TO ORDER
Let the record show that acting Chair, Chuck Varner, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

ROLL CALL
Let the record show that Adam Brege, David Comai, Dana Labar, and Jay O'Farrell did not attend 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 TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2026, NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING; SUPPORT BY JOHN WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Ms. Singer announced the good work being done by Antrim County's Scholar program to break the cycle and give an escape to youth whose parents have issues with substance use.

Ms. Conway announced that North Country Community Mental Health Authority, led by CEO Brian Babbit, has made phenomenal progress in its relationships with contracted day programs.

Mr. Kurtz announced that the NMRE has a fully executed contract with MDHHS for FY27.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Mr. Varner requested that any conflicts of interest related to the meeting agenda items be stated for the record. Mr. Freedman disclosed that he serves as Chair of the Grand Traverse Addiction & Recovery Council, which will be the recipient of a liquor tax request that will be presented later in the meeting. The group reached consensus that this affiliation did not constitute a conflict of interest.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
Regional Admissions Report
The admissions report through August 31, 2026, was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Admissions were down 13.71% from the same period in FY25. It was noted that the number of covered lives in the region has also declined by 8.9%. The data showed that outpatient was the highest level of treatment admissions at 34%; residential withdrawal management was the second highest level of treatment at 31%. Alcohol was the most prevalent primary substance at 60%, methamphetamine was the second most prevalent primary substance at 17%, and all opiates (including heroin) was the third most prevalent primary substance at 16%. Bea clarified that the admissions report reflects all levels of care.

It was noted that HMP enrollees have dropped 23.5% from August 2024. This trend is likely to escalate with the implementation of HR1 and new work requirements for HMP beneficiaries.

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

Financial Report
The July SUD report showed all funding source revenue of $19,175,537 and $16,995,048 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of $2,180,489. Total PA2 funds were reported as $5,061,057.

PA2/Liquor Tax was summarized as follows:

Projected FY26 Activity			
Beginning Balance	Projected Revenue	Approved Projects	Projected Ending Balance
$5,137,481	$1,847,106	$2,071,443	$4,913,143

Actual FY26 Activity			
Beginning Balance	Current Receipts	Current Expenditures	Current Ending Balance
$5,137,481	$1,147,646	$1,224,070	$5,061,057

It was noted that SUD Health Home enrollment is increasing.

A lapse of SUD block grant funds is anticipated for FY26. PA2 approved have been moved to BGF where possible (likely totaling $500K).

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.

FY27 Liquor Tax Requests

1. 57th Circuit Court — Emmet County Recovery Program — Emmet — $209,083 — Continuation

   Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

   MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE FIFTY-SEVENTH (57TH) CIRCUIT COURT FOR EMMET COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS ($209,083.00) TO FUND THE EMMET COUNTY RECOVERY PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY.

   Discussion: Mr. Freedman asked whether the amount requested was same amount requested for the current fiscal year. It was noted that the FY26 request was for $267,037.

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

2. 217 Recovery — Recovery Stories Series — Grand Traverse — $15,840 — Continuation

   Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

   MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM 217 RECOVERY FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS ($15,840.00) TO FUND THE RECOVERY STORIES OUTREACH PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

3.	Catholic Human Services	Students Leading Students Program	Alcona	$9,550	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

NMRE staff explained that Alcona County does not have sufficient funds to approve the three requests brought forward for review on this date. The decision was made to look at the three requests together to prioritize funding.

Project	**Requested Budget**	**Alcona County Balance**
		$76,741.56
Michigan Rehabilitation Services – Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement	$198.05	$76,543.51
Bridge to Mental Health Crisis Response Officer	$117,723	($41,179,49)
Alcona County Students Leading Students	$9.550	($50,729.49)

The MRS project is an Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement between that has been in place for many years. The Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) provides employment supportive services to individuals receiving substance use disorder treatment services that are NMRE funded. It is a $10,000 agreement that is split through the region based on population and helps to support Vocational Rehabilitation Services for individuals in each county. The $198.05 portion for Alcona County cannot be altered.

Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority has requested $117,723 in Alcona County liquor tax funds for the Bridge to Mental Health Project which would put a Crisis Response Officer (CRO) in place in the county. The CRO is a law enforcement officer who has received 40 hours of special Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to handle substance use disorder or mental health emergencies.

After discussion, the decision was made to fully fund the Alcona County Students Leading Students project and fund the Bridge to Mental Health project with the remaining funds available ($66,993.51). The hope is that after the first year, the CRO will be a Medicaid allowable expense.

MOTION BY RON QUACKENBUSH TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR ALCONA COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($9,550.00) TO FUND THE STUDENTS LEADING STUDENTS PREVENTION PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

4.	Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority	Bridge to Mental Health – Crisis Response Officer	Alcona	~~$117,723~~ $66,993.51	New

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM NORTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR ALCONA COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-SIX THOUSAD NINE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-ONE CENTS ($66,993.51) TO FUND THE BRIDGE TO MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

5.	Catholic Human Services	Students Leading Students Program	Alpena	$8,800	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY LUCILLE BRAY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR ALPENA COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS ($8,800.00) TO FUND THE STUDENTS LEADING STUDENTS PREVENTION PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

6.	Centra Wellness Network	Benzie Area Youth (BAY) Initiative	Benzie	$20,000	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY TIM MARKEY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK FOR BENZIE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($20,000.00) TO FUND THE BENZIE AREA YOUTH INITIATIVE; SUPPORT BY LUCILLE BRAY. MOTION CARRIED.

7.	Bay Area Substance Education Services (BASES)	Charlevoix County Jail Groups	Charlevoix	$22,000	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM BAY AREA SUBSTANCE EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($22,000.00) TO FUND COUNSELING SERVICES IN THE COUNTY JAIL; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

8.	Catholic Human Services	Prevent 2 Protect Drug-Free Coalition	Cheboygan	$81,918	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY JOHN WALLACE TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR CHEBOYGAN COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF

EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS ($81,918.00) TO FUND THE PREVENT 2 PROTECT DRUG FREE COALITION; SUPPORT BY RON QUACKENBUSH. MOTION CARRIED.

9.	Catholic Human Services	Generations Ahead	Grand Traverse	$80,377	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS ($80,337.00) TO FUND THE GENERATIONS AHEAD TEEN PARENT PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY LUCILLE BRAY. MOTION CARRIED.

10.	Catholic Human Services	Addiction & Recovery Council	Grand Traverse	$77,411	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS ($77,411.00) TO FUND THE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY COUNCIL (FORMERLY GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION); SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.

11.	Catholic Human Services	Jail Based SUD Program	Grand Traverse	$62,898	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS ($62,898.00) TO FUND THE JAIL BASED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

12.	Catholic Human Services	Medication for OUD and AUD	Grand Traverse	$301,116	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS ($301,116.00) TO PURCHASE MEDICATIONS USED IN THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID USE DISORDER AND ALCOHOL USE DISORDER; SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

13.	Catholic Human Services	Iosco Substance Free Coalition	Iosco	$37,950	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY LUCILLE BRAY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR IOSCO COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($37,950.00) TO FUND THE IOSCO SUBSTANCE FREE COALITION; SUPPORT BY RON QUACKENBUSH. MOTION CARRIED.

14.	Catholic Human Services	Leelanau Coordinated Youth SUD Prevention	Leelanau	$36,740	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR LEELANAU COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS ($36,740.00) TO FUND THE LEELANAU COORDINATED YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY JOHN WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED.

15.	North Country Community Mental Health Authority	Bridge to Mental Health – Crisis Response Officer	Antrim	$99,834	New

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY PAM SINGER TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR ANTRIM COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS ($99,834.00) TO FUND THE BRIDGE TO MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.

16.	Catholic Human Services	Ogemaw Drug Free Coalition	Ogemaw	$11,000	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY RON QUACKENBUSH TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR OGEMAW COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($11,000.00) TO FUND THE OGEMAW DRUG FREE COALITION; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

17.	Health Department of Northwest Michigan	RISE Otsego Substance Free Coalition	Otsego	$83,881	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY DOUG JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FOR OTSEGO COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS ($83,881.00) TO FUND THE RISE OTSEGO SUBSTANCE FREE COALITION; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

18.	Catholic Human Services	Roscommon Drug Free Coalition	Roscommon	$14,300	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY DARLENE SENSOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR ROSCOMMON COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($14,300.00) TO FUND THE ROSCOMMON DRUG FREE COALITION; SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

19.	Catholic Human Services	Roscommon Jail SUD Clinical Services	Roscommon	$45,470	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY DARLENE SENSOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR ROSCOMMON COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS ($45,470.00) TO FUND CLINICAL SERVICES IN THE COUNTY JAIL; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.

20.	Catholic Human Services	Substance Free Coalition of Northwest Michigan Prevention and Medication Safety Campaign	Grand Traverse	$155,000	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($155,000.00) TO FUND THE SUBSTANCE FREE COALITION OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN PREVENTION AND MEDICATION SAFETY CAMPAIGN; SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

21.	Catholic Human Services	Wexford Jail SUD Program – Medication for OUD and AUD	Wexford	$50,000	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY GARY TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR WEXFORD COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($50,00.00) TO FUND THE JAIL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM INCLUDING MEDICATIONS FOR TREATING OPIOID USE DISORDER AND ALCOHOL USE DISORDER; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.

22.	Catholic Human Services	Wexford Jail Based SUD Treatment	Wexford	$131,216	Continuation

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY GARY TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR WEXFORD COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS ($131,216.00) TO FUND JAIL BASED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT; SUPPORT BY JOHN WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED.

23.	District Health Department #10	Deterra Medication Disposal and Lockbox Project	Multi	$10,000	Continuation

Missaukee	$	$3,106.85
Wexford	$	$6,893.15
Total	**$**	**$10,000.00**

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY GARY TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT NUMBER TEN (#10) FOR MISSAUKEE AND WEXFORD COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($10,000.00) TO FUND THE DETERRA MEDICATION DISPOSAL AND LOCKBOX PROJECT; SUPPORT BY DEAN SMALLEGAN. MOTION CARRIED.

24.	Michigan Rehabilitation Services	Employment Support Services	Multi	$10,000	Continuation

As stated previously, these amounts represents each county's contribution to an Interagency Agreement with MRS for Employment Support Services for individuals receiving substance use disorder treatment. No voting was necessary.

Alcona	$	198.05
Alpena	$	563.10
Antrim	$	456.43
Benzie	$	350.05
Charlevoix	$	507.53

Cheboygan	$	498.27
Crawford	$	253.00
Emmet	$	664.49
Grand Traverse	$	1,855.20
Iosco	$	491.61
Kalkaska	$	349.45
Leelanau	$	434.42
Manistee	$	487.62
Missaukee	$	293.21
Montmorency	$	178.30
Ogemaw	$	404.59
Oscoda	$	160.10
Otsego	$	488.77
Presque Isle	$	252.89
Roscommon	$	456.98
Wexford	$	655.94
Total	**$**	**$10,000.00**

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

25. Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center — Prevention, Advocacy, and Educational Support — Multi — $66,106 — Continuation

Crawford	$	10,035.54
Ogemaw	$	15,140.27
Oscoda	$	5,980.05
Otsego	$	17,707.07
~~Roscommon~~	~~$~~	~~17,243.07~~
Total	**$**	**48,862.93**

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Discussion: NMRE staff noted that a request to add Iosco County to project will be brought forward during the November meeting. Ms. Sensor asked to remove Roscommon County from the request at this time pending further information.

MOTION BY RON QUACKENBUSH TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S ASSESSMENT CENTER FOR CRAWFORD, OGEMAW, OSCODA, AND OTSEGO COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS AND NINETY-THREE CENTS ($48,862.93) TO FUND PREVENTION, ADVOCACY, AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.

26. Health Department of Northwest Michigan — SAFE in Northern Michigan Youth Coalition — Multi — $128,727 — Continuation

Antrim	$	36,288.60

Charlevoix	$	40,724.18
Emmet	$	51,714.22
Total	**$**	**128,727.00**

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE HEATH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FOR ANTRIM, CHARLEVOIX, AND EMMET COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS ($128,727.00) TO FUND THE SAFE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN YOUTH COALITION; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

27. Centra Wellness Network — SafeNet Prevention Program — Multi — $76,219 — Continuation

Benzie	$	32,011.98
Manistee	$	44,207.02
Total	**$**	**76,219.00**

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY TIM MARKEY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK FOR BENZIE AND MANISTEE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS ($76,219.00) TO FUND THE SAFENET PREVENTION PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

County Overviews

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

	Projected FY27 Balance	Amount Approved September 14, 2026	Projected Remaining Balance
Alcona	$76,741.56	$76,741.56	$0.00
Alpena	$308,757.38	$9,363.10	$299,394.28
Antrim	$273,019.92	$136,579.03	$136,440.89
Benzie	$292,157.00	$52,362.03	$239,794.97
Charlevoix	$167,318.80	$63,231.71	$104,087.09
Cheboygan	$171,589.02	$82,416.27	$89,172.75
Crawford	$142,074.89	$10,288.54	$131,786.35
Emmet	$417,435.56	$261,461.71	$155,973.85
Grand Traverse	$781,075.43	$694,497.20	$86,578.23
Iosco	$233,655.89	$38,441.61	$194,114.28
Kalkaska	$92,296.84	$349.45	$91,947.45
Leelanau	$125,480.97	$37,174.42	$88,306.55
Manistee	$292,294.01	$44,694.64	$247,599.37
Missaukee	$64,920.99	$3,400.06	$61,520.93
Montmorency	$95,885.77	$178.30	$95,707.47

Ogemaw	$165,198.54	$26,544.86	$138,653.68
Oscoda	$72,119.36	$6,140.15	$65,979.21
Otsego	$128,079.79	$102,076.84	$26,002.95
Presque Isle	$112,00.62	$252.89	$111,747.73
Roscommon	$570,441.35	$60,226.98	$510,214.37
Wexford	$282,955.64	$189,881.09	$93,074.55
Total		**$1,896,302.44**	

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

FY27 Meeting Schedule
The NMRE SUD Oversight Committee meeting schedule for FY27 was included in the meeting materials.

MOTION BY DEAN SMALLEGAN TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION
NMRE Substance Use Disorder Three-Year Strategic Plan (FY27 – FY29)
NMRE Chief Clinical Officer, Bea Arsenov, explained that PIHPs are required to create three-year strategic plans for substance use disorder (SUD) services that follow guidelines from MDHHS under Section 274 of Public Act 500.

The NMRE contracts with the following prevention providers within the region:

Provider	Counties	Services	Grants
Catholic Human Services	16	Prevention Services Coalitions DYTUR	SABG, Liquor Tax, MIPAC, SOR
Health Department of Northwest Michigan	3	Prevention Services Coalitions	SABG, Liquor Tax
District Health Department #10	2	Prevention	SABG, Liquor Tax
District Health Department #2	4	DYTUR	SABG

The NMRE contracts with the following treatment providers within the region:

Treatment Provider	ASAM Level of Care	Service Type	# of Locations	Specialty Services
Addiction Treatment Services (ATS)	.5, 1.00, 2.1, 3.5, 3.1, 3.2WM, 3.7WM	Outpatient, Residential, Withdrawal Management	4	SUDHH
Bay Area Substance Education Services (BASES)	1.0	Outpatient	1	
Bear River Health	.5, 1.0, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2WM, 3.7WM	Outpatient, Residential, Withdrawal Management	6	SUDHH
Catholic Human Services	1.0	Outpatient	13	SUDHH

GRACE Center	1.0	Outpatient	1	
Harbor Hall	.5, 1.0, 2.1, 2.5, 3.1, 3.5, 3.2WM, 3.7WM	Outpatient, Residential, Withdrawal Management	2	SUDHH
Michigan Therapeutic Consultants (MTC)	1.0	Outpatient	2	OTP
Munson	1.0	Outpatient	1	SUDHH
NMSAS	1.0	Outpatient	1	OTP
Sunrise Centre	.5, 1.0, 2.1, 3.1, 3.5, 3.2WM, 3.7WM	Outpatient, Residential, Withdrawal Management	1	

Prevention Goals:

1. Reduce Underage Drinking
2. Reduce Marijuana Use in Youth and Young Adults
3. Reduce Prescription Drug Misuse, Including a Reduction in the Misuse of Opioids for Non-medical Purposes
4. Increase Prevention Services for Adults Aged 55 and Older
5. Reduce Youth Access to Tobacco

Treatment Goals:

1. Increase Access to Medication Assisted Treatment Services; Methadone Specific OTP Services
2. Expand Behavioral Health and Primary Care Services for Individuals Who are at Risk for, or Experiencing, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder
3. Increase Access to Treatment and Harm Reduction for Individuals Living with an Opioid Use Disorder
4. Increase Access to Treatment and Care Coordination for Criminal Justice Involved Population Returning to Communities
5. Increase Access to Trauma Responsive Services
6. Reduce in the Percentage of Substance Exposed Birth/Infants
7. Increase Access to Treatment Services for Adults Aged 55 and Older

Recovery Support Goals:

1. Enhance Coordination of Prevention, Follow-up, and Continuing Care in the Recovery Process
2. Expand Treatment Services to Include Ongoing Support and Multiple Coordinated Strategies to Support Recovery
3. Increase in Access to Recovery Services that Promote Life Enhancing Recovery and Wellness for Individuals and Families

Coordination of Services:

Prevention	Treatment	Recovery Supports
Continue the Drug Free Northern Michigan Coalition Alliance Meetings. Continue to collaborate with other Prevention partners.	Increase coordination of care for individuals receiving Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services with Public and Private Service Delivery Systems.	Increase coordination of care for individuals receiving Recovery Support Services with Public and Private Service Delivery Systems.

Mr. Wallace acknowledged the value of the information contained in the plan. He suggested supplying the counties with abridged county-specific reports.

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY'S THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND CONTINUING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2029; SUPPORT BY DEAN SMALLEGAN. MOTION CARRIED.

Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center (NMCAC)
Executive Director, Rebecca Yunker, and Family Advocate, Gatlyn Dunham, of the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center were in attendance to provide and update to the Committee.

The Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center (NMCAC) is a non-profit organization that provides free evaluation, medical care, and support services to children and families affected by abuse and neglect in Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, and Roscommon Counties.

Core Services:
- Forensic Interviews: Specially trained professionals talk to children in a safe, non-judgmental way to learn about suspected abuse.
- Medical Exams: Trauma-trained medical staff perform gentle, non-invasive physical and specialized exams.
- Mental Health Counseling: Licensed therapists offer free counseling sessions for children and non-offending family members.
- Victim Advocacy: Advocates help families understand the investigation process and connect them with community resources.
- Team Coordination: The center brings together police, child protective services, schools, and medical providers so families do not get lost in the system

In a survey conducted by NMCAC of 12-17 year olds:
- 75% of respondents indicated that they had ridden in a car driven by someone (including themselves) who was high or had been using alcohol or drugs
- 14.3 % of respondents indicated a serious problem with drug, alcohol, or nicotine use
- 70% of respondents indicated that there was someone in their immediate family who has experienced challenges related to drugs, alcohol, or other substances

NMCAC developed a normative education resource using MiPHY state survey data, showing the majority of local middle/high schoolers do not vape, drink, or use marijuana — reinforcing protective peer norms across all six counties. This information was provided to teens aged 13-17 that came through the center.

Otsego County	**Iosco County**	**Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Roscommon Counties**
82.2% of teens did not vape		89.3% of teens did not vape
90.6% of teens did not drink alcohol in the past 30 days	81.8% of teens did not drink alcohol in the past 30 days	94.4% of teens did not drink alcohol in the past 30 days
92.5% of teens did not binge drink in the past 30 days	88.1% of teens did not binge drink in the past 30 days	95.3% of teens did not binge drink in the past 30 days

93.7% of teens did not use marijuana in the past 30 days	85.7% of teens did not use marijuana in the past 30 days	93.8% of teens did not use marijuana in the past 30 days

NMCAC also developed a brochure detailing "The Connection Between Trauma & Substance Use," that is being distributed to Juvenile Courts, Prosecuting Attorney's Offices, DHHS, District Health Departments, School-Based Health Centers, Community Mental Health Facilities, and at all outreach events.

Ms. Yonker thanked the Committee for approving the FY27 request for liquor tax funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Freedman recognized the importance of having CIT-trained officers working in the region.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting was scheduled for November 2, 2026 at 10:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2026; SUPPORT BY RON QUACKENBUSH. MOTION CARRIED.

Let the record show that Mr. Varner adjourned the meeting at 11:45AM.