

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
10:00AM – NOVEMBER 3, 2025
GAYLORD CONFERENCE ROOM & MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Alcona	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Brummund	Kalkaska	<input type="checkbox"/> David Comai
Alpena	<input type="checkbox"/> Lucille Bray	Leelanau	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
Antrim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pam Singer	Manistee	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
Benzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Markey	Missaukee	<input type="checkbox"/> Dean Smallegan
Charlevoix	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annemarie Conway	Montmorency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Hamlin
Cheboygan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Wallace	Ogemaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Quackenbush
Crawford	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Moeller	Oscoda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Varner
Emmet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Newton	Otsego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Johnson
Grand		Presque Isle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dana Labar
Traverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Freedman	Roscommon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darlene Sensor
Iosco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay O'Farrell	Wexford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Taylor
Staff:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bea Arsenov <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodie Balhorn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Balousek <input type="checkbox"/> Brady Barnhill <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Hartley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Kurtz <input type="checkbox"/> Heidi McClenaghan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pamela Polom <input type="checkbox"/> Brandon Rhue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Switzer <input type="checkbox"/> Chris VanWagoner <input type="checkbox"/> 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:	Angie Gullekson, Sarah Hegg, Chip Johnston, Larry Lacross, David McGreaham, Jarris Rubingh, Cori Smoker, Angela VanSlembrouck		

CALL TO ORDER

Let the record show that acting Chair, Jay O'Farrel, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that Lucille Bray, David Comai, Matthew Moeller, and Dean Smallegan were absent for the meeting on this date; all other SUD Oversight Committee Members were in attendance either in Gaylord or virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

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

MOTION BY PAM SINGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING; SUPPORT BY CAROLYN BRUMMUND. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION BY DOUG JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2025 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kurtz provided an update on the PIHP bid out.

On August 4, 2025, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to competitively bid the state's public mental health managed care system, reducing the PIHP regions from 10 to 3. Current PIHPs were prohibited from bidding. The submission deadline was October 13, 2025. MDHHS intends to award bids by mid-December. The RFP has no mention of what happens to SUD funding outside of Medicaid.

NorthCare Network (Region 1 PIHP) and the Northern Michigan Regional Entity (Region 2 PIHP) submitted a bid under the entity Bridge Health, formed under an urban cooperation agreement. It was noted that the RFP doesn't limit the number of PIHPs to one per region.

Lawsuits filed by Region 10 PIHP, Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health, Mid-State Health Network, St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo, And Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority (Case # 25-000148-MB) and Centra Wellness Network, Northeast Michigan CMHA, Wellvance, Gogebic CMHA, North Country CMHA, and Manistee County (Case #25-000162-MB) against State of Michigan, State of Michigan Department of Health And Human Services, a Michigan State Agency, and State of Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget, a Michigan State Agency have been enjoined. A hearing is scheduled to take place on December 8th and 9th.

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

Regional Admissions Report

The admissions report through September 30, 2025, was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Admissions were down 15% (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). It was noted that the number of covered lives in the region has also declined. The data showed that outpatient was the highest level of treatment admissions at 38%, 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 substance at 16%.

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.

Ms. Arsenov agreed to send additional reports showing the prevalence of secondary and tertiary substances per county to the Committee Members following the meeting.

Financial Report

All SUD funding through August 31, 2025, showed revenue of \$26,964,463 and \$21,636,400 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$5,328,063. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$3,894,705

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	\$1,706,281	\$3,894,705

The NMRE has approximately \$1M in SUD BGF overage for FY25, which will be utilized toward allowable FY25 PA2 projects.

No PA2 Payment for Quarter 3 Fiscal Year 2025

The NMRE received informal notice that Quarter 3 FY25 PA2 revenues were directed to debt services, meaning that neither the PIHPs nor the counties received a PA2 payment in July 2025. For FY25, PA2 was estimated at \$1,847,231. This number will be reduced, though it was acknowledged that the quarterly payments are not equal. The NMRE continues to maintain a fund balance equivalent to one year's revenue for each county. The Quarter 4 payment was posted on October 27th. FY25 PA2 ending balances will be finalized in mid-November.

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.

FY26 Liquor Tax Requests

During the September meeting, a liquor tax request from Catholic Human Services for the Students Leading Students program in Presque Isle County in the amount of \$67,483 was tabled until this meeting. It was noted, however, that other funding was secured for this project and it will not be presented on this date.

1.	217 Recovery	Recovery Center and Peer Services	Grand Traverse	\$100,000	New
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Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Discussion: Mr. Labar noted that Corey Winfield is listed as the Director of 217 Recovery and his wife, Marnie Winfield is listed as the Outreach Program Coordinator. Mr. Labar questioned whether this poses any conflict of interest. Ms. Arsenov responded that she does not anticipate any conflict. Other staff are involved through funding from an additional grant.

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM 217 RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) TO SUPPORT THE TRAVERSE CITY RECOVERY CENTER; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER. MOTION CARRIED.

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| 2. | Catholic Human Services | Grand Traverse County Jail SUD Medication | Grand Traverse | \$200,000 | New |
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Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

A Letter of Support from the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office was distributed during the meeting.

Discussion: Clarification was made that the medications offered are Vivitrol, Sublocade, and Brixaldi. NMRE will fund only those services that are billed, rather than supplying the full amount requested upfront.

Mr. Newton asked whether there are counties in the region that are not providing MAT in their jails. Ms. Arsenov responded that there are and the NMRE is working with providers to bring supports into jails in the hope that they will be expanded. At this time, Emmet County provides Vivitrol but no controlled substances. Larry LaCross, CEO of Catholic Human Services, added that CHS works closely with jails. He noted that there are additional expenses related to providing MAT in jails related to dispensing. Counties are hesitant based on infrastructure rather than ideology.

MOTION BY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) TO PROVIDE MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER IN THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY JAIL; SUPPORT BY . MOTION CARRIED. Dave/Chuck

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| 3. | Centra Wellness Network | Safenet Prevention Program | Multi County | \$64,304 | Continuation |
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Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Benzie	\$	26,863.26
Manistee	\$	37,340.74
Total	\$	64,204.00

MOTION BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BENZIE AND MANISTEE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE

HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS (\$64,304.00) TO FUND SAFENET PREVENTION SERVICES; SUPPORT BY TIM MARKEY. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

MOTION BY GARY TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT TEN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 MISSAUKEE AND WEXFORD COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) TO FUND THE DETERRA DISPOSAL AND MEDICATION LOCKBOX PROJECT; SUPPORT BY RON QUACKENBUSH. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Health Department of Northwest Michigan Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Incentive for Schools Multi County \$12,000 Addendum

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Benzie	\$	3,000.00
Missaukee	\$	2,000.00
Wexford	\$	7,000.00
Total	\$	12,000.00

Discussion: Clarification was made that the same request came through the committee in September for 13 of the region's 21 counties in the amount of \$52,500. This request is to add the counties of Benzie, Missaukee, and Wexford for an additional \$12,000. Funds will be used to incentive schools to participate in the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MIPHY) project. Ms. Hamlin asked if Montmorency County was included in the original 13 county request. NMRE staff responded that Montmorency was included at \$3,000.

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGNA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BENZIE, MISSAUKEE, AND WEXFORD COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (12,000.00) TO PROVIDE SCHOOL INCENTIVES FOR THE MICHIGAN PROFILE FOR YOUTH PROJECT; SUPPORT BY DAVE FREEDMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

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 November 3, 2025	Projected Remaining Balance
Benzie	\$233,454.16	\$29,863.26	\$203,590.90
Grand Traverse	\$404,348.90	\$300,000.00	\$104,348.90
Manistee	\$215,833.04	\$37,340.74	\$178,492.30
Missaukee	\$48,748.14	\$5,106.85	\$43,641.29
Wexford	\$66,151.78	\$13,893.15	\$52,258.63
Total	\$968,536.02	\$386,204.00	\$582,332.02

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

NMRE FY26 Grant Revenue

A summary of NMRE's SUD grants for FY26, totaling \$2,073,766, was included for informational purposes.

PRESENTATION

Overdose Fatality Reviews

Dr. David McGreaham of Tamarack North Consulting and the Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC) and Angela VanSlembrouck from Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) were in attendance to present on overdose fatality reviews.

An Overdoes Fatality Review is a multidisciplinary review of a person's death, led by the Medical Examiner's office and a local facilitator, that leads to the identification of gaps in resources, care, or services, and provides insight into what might be needed to prevent future deaths.

During an opioid fatality review, a decedent's life cycle is examined in terms of:

- Drug use history
- Comorbidity
- Major health events
- Social an/or emotional trauma (including adverse childhood experiences)
- Encounters with law enforcement and the criminal justice system
- Treatment history
- Other factors including local conditions to facilitate a deeper understanding of missed opportunities for prevention and intervention that may have prevented the overdose death.

Data in the 21 counties covered by the NMRE with the addition of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin and Lake Counties (25 total) showed 41 overdose deaths according to the University of Michigan System for Opioid Overdose Surveillance (SOS); three of those overdose deaths received fatality reviews. Naloxone was used to reverse opioid overdoses 417 times during 2024 for the same 25 counties according to the SOS.

Ms. Singer expressed concern that overdose deaths rose in Antrim county from 3 in 2022 to 10 in 2024. Ms. VanSlembrouck responded that a targeted outcome of overdose fatality reviews is to identify problem areas and take action. Review teams need to do their work over time to identify patterns. Data is also used to target areas for spending opioid settlement funding. Clarification was made that overdose deaths include only accidental (not intentional) overdoses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Antrim County Commissioner, Jarris Rubingh, shared that he has participated in meetings with the Antrim County Sheriff and County Administrator during which overdose fatalities were discussed. Medical Examiners have been instructed to keep costs down which may skew the data.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for January 5, 2026 at 10:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY CHUCK VARNER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2025; SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

Let the record show that Mr. O'Farrell adjourned the meeting at 11:21AM.