

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
10:00AM – NOVEMBER 4, 2024
GAYLORD CONFERENCE ROOM & MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Alcona	☒ Carolyn Brummund	Kalkaska	☒ David Comai
Alpena	☒ Burt Francisco	Leelanau	☐ Vacant
Antrim	☐ Pam Singer	Manistee	☒ Richard Schmidt
Benzie	☒ Tim Markey	Missaukee	☒ Dean Smallegan
Charlevoix	☒ Anne Marie Conway	Montmorency	☒ Don Edwards
Cheboygan	☒ John Wallace	Ogemaw	☒ Ron Quackenbush
Crawford	☐ Sherry Powers	Oscoda	☒ Chuck Varner
Emmet	☒ Terry Newton	Otsego	☒ Doug Johnson
Grand		Presque Isle	☒ Dana Labar
Traverse	☒ Dave Freedman	Roscommon	☒ Darlene Sensor
Iosco	☒ Jay O'Farrell	Wexford	☒ Gary Taylor
Staff	☒ Bea Arsenov	Chief Clinical Officer	
	☒ Jodie Balhorn	Prevention Coordinator	
	☒ Carol Balousek	Executive Administrator	
	☒ Lisa Hartley	Claims Assistant	
	☒ Eric Kurtz	Chief Executive Officer	
	☒ Pamela Polom	Finance Specialist	
	☐ Brandon Rhue	Chief Information Officer/Operations Director	
	☒ Denise Switzer	Grant and Treatment Manager	
	☒ Deanna Yockey	Chief Financial Officer	
Public	Chip Johnston, Diane Pelts, Nichole Scott		

CALL TO ORDER

Let the record show that Committee Chair, Richard Schmidt, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that David Comai, Sherry Powers, and Pam Singer 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 TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING; SUPPORT BY DOUG JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Let the record show that an additional liquor tax from Centra Wellness Network was added to the meeting agenda.

MOTION BY JAY O’FARRELL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2024 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AS AMENDED; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the meeting on September 9, 2024, Mr. Newton requested that a document be drafted advocating for additional block grant funding to be signed by the members of the NMRE SUD Oversight Committee, to which Mr. Kurtz agreed. Mr. Newton inquired about the status of the document. Ms. Arsenov responded that a document to be signed by NMRE Substance Use Disorder Oversight Committee members has been delayed due to ongoing discussions with the state; to date there have been two official communications with the Department. Mr. Kurtz added that, due in part to the number of individuals placed for SUD treatment services in the region from downstate, MDHHS has agreed to direct additional block grant funding to the region in FY25. Further discussion on the number of individuals served in the NMRE region from other areas of the state will occur under “FY24 Admissions.”

Mr. Freedman asked whether there have been any updates regarding payment for transportation. Ms. Arsenov responded that there have not been any updates to date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

FY24 Admissions

NMRE Chief Clinical Officer, Bea Arsenov, provided the following information regarding FY24 SUD admissions.

- In FY24 NMRE providers served 1,422 beneficiaries in Withdrawal Management and SUD Residential settings.
- 88% of the beneficiaries served received their services within the NMRE region from the following providers:

Provider	Utilization Percentage
Addiction Treatment Services – Detox	36.63%
Bear River Health – Boyne Falls	15.06%
Harbor Hall Residential	10.27%
Bear River Health	10.23%
Sunrise Centre	9.38%
Addiction Treatment Services – Men	8.35%
Bear River Health – Gaylord	7.08%
Addiction Treatment Services - Women	2.53%

- Providers in the NMRE region have 414 beds:
 - 368 Residential beds (3.1 and 3.5 Levels of Care for Men and Women)
 - 46 Withdrawal Management beds (3.2WM and 3.7WM Level of Care for Men and Women)
 - An additional provider that was recently licensed is looking to expand Withdrawal management beds to as many as 60.
- Only 22.4% (33,815/151,110) of capacity in the NMRE region is used for individuals who reside in the NMRE's service area. 77.6% (117,295/151,110) of capacity in the NMRE region is used by other PIHPs. Most of these providers have very limited or no contracts with third party liability insurance programs.

Mr. Newton asked whether individuals placed in the NMRE region from other areas of the state are funded with Medicaid or Block Grant. Mr. Kurtz responded that individuals with both funding sources are placed in the region for services. The placing agencies should continue to fund treatment until permanent, independent residency is established; however, after an arbitrary period, their care is often transitioned to the NMRE.

FY24 Admissions Report

The admissions report through September 30, 2024 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Fiscal year 2024 admissions were down 9.08% from the same period in FY23, likely due to individuals losing Medicaid and Healthy Michigan (HMP) after the resumption of redeterminations. The data showed that outpatient was the highest level of treatment admissions at 46%, and alcohol was the most prevalent primary substance at 59%, all opiates (including heroin) and methamphetamine were the second most prevalent primary substances at 17%. It was noted that stimulant use has risen sharply throughout the 21-county region.

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

Mr. Freedman suggested that targeted interventions be established to combat alcohol misuse.

August Financial Report

All SUD funding showed revenue of \$26,709,246 and \$24,603,696 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$2,105,550. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$4,648,663.

PA2/Liquor Tax was summarized as follows:

Projected FY24 Activity			
Beginning Balance	Projected Revenue	Approved Projects	Projected Ending Balance
\$5,220,509	\$1,794,492	\$2,595,550	\$4,419,450

Actual FY24 Activity			
Beginning Balance	Current Receipts	Current Expenditures	Current Ending Balance
\$5,220,509	\$1,218,276	\$1,790,122	\$4,648,663

The NMRE's FY24 block grant allocation was exhausted by the end of June. Treatment services for individuals who qualified for block grant funding are being billed to liquor tax for Quarter 4. Currently, \$267K in liquor tax funds have been used to supplement block grant; this total will likely

be \$300 - \$400 once all FY24 claims have been received and paid. The NMRE has utilized other funding sources when appropriate.

Mr. Markey asked whether the PA2 Ending Balance amounts reflected in the August Financial report reflect the amounts needed to cover SUD Treatment costs to maintain a one-year fund balance. Ms. Arsenov responded that it may be necessary to dip somewhat into the one-year fund balances for some counties. Funds will be taken from the beneficiaries' counties of residence at admission to treatment.

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

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| 1. | 217 Recovery | "Tipping the Pain Scale"
Movie Screening | Grand
Traverse | \$2,000 | New
Request |
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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 TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) TO SCREEN THE FILM "TIPPING THE PAIN SCALE" IN TRAVERSE CITY; SUPPORT BY GARY TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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| 2. | Centra Wellness
Network | Safenet Prevention
Program | Multi
County | \$55,000 | New
Request |
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Benzie	\$	23,012.26
Manistee	\$	\$31,987.74
Total	\$	55,000.00

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY TIM MARKEY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK FOR LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS FROM BENZIE AND MANISTEE COUNTIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) TO FUND THE SAFENET PREVENTION PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

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| 3. | Sunrise Centre | Building and Enhancing
Recovery Capital | Muli
County | \$70,305 | Continuation
Request |
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Alcona	\$	7,716.90
Alpena	\$	21,219.06
Iosco	\$	18,758.83
Montmorency	\$	6,896.08
Oscoda	\$	6,178.14

Presque Isle	\$	9,535.98
Total	\$	70,305.00

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Mr. Labar noted that request Sunrise Center states that it provides residential treatment and outpatient treatment services to clients in the 21-county NMRE service area, however, the request lists only six counties. Ms. Arsenov responded that the Recovery Coach Position will be restricted to the six counties listed.

It was requested that the three boxes in the application that begin with "I Understand," "I understand," and "I certify" be initialed, rather than merely checked.

MOTION BY BURT FRANCISCO TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM SUNRISE CENTRE FOR LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS FROM ALCONA, ALPENA, IOSCO, MONTMORENCY, OSCODA, AND PRESQUE ISLE COUNTIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SEVENTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS (\$70,305.00) TO FUND THE BUILDING AND ENHANCING RECOVERY CAPITAL PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY DON EDWARDS. MOTION CARRIED.

4.	Centra Wellness Network	Medication Assisted Treatment Program Transition	Multi County	\$46,000	New Request
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Benzie	\$	19,246.62
Manistee	\$	26,753.38
Total	\$	46,000.00

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY TIM MARKEY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK FOR LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS FROM BENZIE AND MANISTEE COUNTIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FORTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$46,000.00) TO FUND THE MEDICATION ASSISTED TRATEMENT PROGRAM TRANSITION; SUPPORT BY BURT FRANCISCO. MOTION CARRIED.

County Overviews

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

	Projected FY25 Available Balance	Amount Approved November 4, 2024	Projected Remaining Balance
Alcona	\$41,418.74	\$7,716.90	\$33,701.84
Alpena	\$174,798.30	\$21,219.06	\$153,579.24
Benzie	\$251,324.05	\$42,258.88	\$209,065.17
Grand Traverse	\$393,539.47	\$2,000.00	\$391,539.47
Iosco	\$92,595.50	\$18,758.83	\$73,836.67

Manistee	\$244,155.73	\$58,741.12	\$185,414.61
Montmorency	\$60,218.47	\$6,896.08	\$53,322.39
Oscoda	\$36,939.44	\$6,178.14	\$30,761.30
Presque Isle	\$35,274.17	\$9,535.98	\$25,738.19
Total	\$1,330,263.87	\$173,305.00	\$1,156,958.88

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

PRESENTATION

57th Emmet County Recovery Program

Nichole Scott, Director of Community Corrections and 57th Emmet County Recovery Program Project Coordinator was in attendance to provide an update on the 57th Emmet County Recovery Program (ECRP) to the Committee. Ms. Scott noted that interviews for a full-time Recover Program Project Coordinator are taking place on this date.

Program Overview

The 57th Emmet County Recovery Program (ECRP) is a recovery program with intensive court supervision for high risk/high needs individuals who are over 18 years old, have a pending felony case, and a validated substance use disorder verified by clinical assessment.

The 57th ECRP is a voluntary, non-adversarial judicial response to non-violent offenders. A person referred to the 57th ECRP must complete a validated legal and clinical screening and assessment to determine their eligibility for admission.

Program Requirements

The 57th ECRP Curriculum is an 18-to-24-month minimum program that consists of 5 Phases:

Phase 1: Stabilization-12 weeks

Phase 2: Engagement Phase-12 weeks

Phase 3: Pro-Social- 14 weeks

Phase 4: Prevention-14 weeks

Phase 5: Maintenance-6 Months

The Program utilizes community resources with a evidence-based approach to participants to gain recovery capital skills. The 57th ECRP team recognizes that for some participants the journey will take longer than eighteen months based on their individualized journey to recovery.

It was noted that the development phase of the planning phase of 57th Emmet County Recovery Program lasted approximately 30 months prior to implementation.

Qualifications for Admission

- 1) Must be a resident of Emmet County;
- 2) Must be age 18 or older;
- 3) The offense or offenses committed by the individual must be related to the abuse, illegal use, or possession of a controlled substance or alcohol. MCL 600.1068(1)(a);
- 4) The individual must plead guilty to the charge or charges on the record MCL 600.1068(1)(c);
- 5) The individual must be assessed by the Project Coordinator and/or designated staff and determined as criminogenically "high risk";
- 6) Qualify for substance use treatment at the level of 1.0 Outpatient (OP) or higher according to the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).

Legal Eligibility Requirements

- 1) The participant shall not have unresolved charges/obligations in other jurisdictions (plea agreements or delay of sentencing with other jurisdictions may be considered on prosecutorial discretion) upon entry into the program.
- 2) Participant must not meet criteria for the Federal or State statutes regarding "violent" offender prohibitions.
- 3) Participant may be denied admission for current charges or past convictions involving domestic violence. Such cases will be reviewed by the team on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with the validated risk assessment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chip Johnston, Executive Director of Centra Wellness Network, thanked the committee for supporting the liquor tax requests from Centra Wellness Network.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2025 at 10:00AM.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:20AM.

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2024; SUPPORT BY JAY O'FARRELL. MOTION CARRIED.