

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
10:00AM – SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
GAYLORD CONFERENCE ROOM & MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Alcona	☒ Carolyn Brummund	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		Presque Isle	☐ Dana Labar
Traverse	☒ Dave Freedman	Roscommon	☒ Darlene Sensor
Iosco	☐ Jay O'Farrell	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, Sarah Hegg, Caitlin Koucky, Larry LaCross, Sarah May, Madeline McConnell		

CALL TO ORDER

Let the record show that acting Chair, Dave Freedman, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that Lucille Bray, David Comai, Doug Johnson, Dana Labar, and Jay O'Farrell 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 July minutes were included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

MOTION BY JOHN WALLACE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2025 NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Labar contacted the NMRE requesting that the liquor tax request from Catholic Human Services to fund the Presque Isle Students Leading Students program in the amount of \$67,483 be tabled until the November meeting.

MOTION BY RON QUACKENBUSH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 8, 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 there were no announcements during the meeting on this date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Let the record show that Mr. Freedman 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 July 31, 2025 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Admissions were down 16.76% (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 [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 to the Committee Members.

Financial Report

All SUD funding through June 30, 2025, showed revenue of \$21,616,899 and \$16,921,089 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$4,695,811. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$4,349,717

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	\$1,251,270	\$4,349,717

FY25 final PA2 balances will be finalized in November.

Block grant funding was overspent by \$300K in FY24. Beginning in FY25, the NMRE rolled the room & board code (3.5 and 3.1 residential) into the treatment code, which allowed for payment by Medicaid and HMP. Withdrawal management codes H0012 and H0010 absorbed the "S" code so the rate could be billed to Medicaid and HMP. Clarification was made that H0006, case management for patients with substance use disorders, can be billed to HMP. For the first two quarters of FY25, block grant spending was in line with revenue. The NMRE will continue to closely monitor block grant funds. Other funding sources, including PA2, will be used when possible. PA2 funds will be moved to block grant funding, as appropriate. The NMRE revised internal processes, which saved BGF in FY25.

FY26 revenue is expected to be consistent with FY25, given the rates increase issued in May.

Ms. Singer announced that she is taking student to the Capital to speak with Sen. John Damoose (37th District). She asked whether there is anything they should ask the Senator. Committee members responded that they should advocate for continued funding for mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery supports, including funding for local Health Departments.

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

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| 1. | 217 Recovery | Recovery Stories:
Message of Hope Series | Grand
Traverse | \$16,500 | Continuation |
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Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Discussion: Mr. Smallegan asked how many individuals generally attend the Recovery Stories events. Mr. Freedman responded that he has attended among approximately 150 other individuals. It was noted that the request is for three events costing \$5,500 each.

MOTION BY DAVE FREEDMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM 217 RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$16,500.00) TO FUND THE RECOVERY STORIES: MESSAGE OF HOPE SERIES; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

2. BASES Charlevoix County Jail Charlevoix \$22,000 Continuation
Group Counseling

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Discussion: Clarification was made that Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) is an evidence-based psychotherapy that teaches skills to manage intense emotions, improve relationships, and reduce harmful behaviors.

MOTION BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM BAY AREA SUBSTANCE EDUCATION SERVICES (BASES) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$22,000.00) TO PROVIDE GROUP THERAPY SERVICES IN THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY JAIL; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Catholic Human Montmorency Students Montmorency \$31,769 Continuation
Services Leading Students
Prevention Program

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Discussion: Mr. Freedman questioned the 62% indicated for fringe benefits costs. Donna Hardies, Certified Prevention Specialist with Catholic Human Services, responded that the rate applies only to support staff employed by CHS. Benefits for CHS staff are required to go through the Michigan Catholic Conference. The same benefits (health care, pension plan, etc.) are provided to employees of all classification levels.

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 MONTMORENCY COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS (431,769.00) TO FUND THE MONTMORENCY STUDENTS LEADING STUDENTS PREVENTION PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY JOHN WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Catholic Human Presque Isle Students Presque Isle \$67,483 Continuation
Services Leading Students
Prevention Program

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Tabled until November.

5. Catholic Human Roscommon County Roscommon \$116,748 Continuation
Services Drug Free Coalition

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Discussion: Mr. Freedman asked how the program has expanded. Donna Hardies, Certified Prevention Specialist with Catholic Human Services, responded that more time from the

prevention worker will be devoted to Roscommon County. Mr. Freedman asked what the "Tech Rate" cost refers to. Larry LaCross, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Human Services, responded that it is a grouped cost associated with providing laptops, tech support, and mobile staff per FTE.

MOTION BY GARY TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 ROSCOMMON COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$116,748.00) TO FUND THE ROSCOMMON COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

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| 6. | Catholic Human Services | Wexford County Jail SUD Program | Wexford | \$20,000 | New |
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Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY GARY TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 WEXFORD COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) TO FUND THE WEXFORD COUNTY JAIL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM; SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

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| 7. | Centra Wellness Network | Benzie Area Youth (BAY) Initiative | Benzie | \$15,500 | Continuation |
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Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

MOTION BY TIM MARKEY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BENZIE COUNTY LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS IN AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$15,500.00) TO FUND THE BENZIE AREA YOUTH INITIATIVE; SUPPORT BY JOHN WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED.

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| 8. | Health Department of Northwest Michigan | Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Incentive for Schools | Multi-County | \$52,500 | Continuation |
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Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Alcona	\$	1,500
Alpena	\$	1,500
Antrim	\$	6,000
Charlevoix	\$	7,500
Cheboygan	\$	4,500
Emmet	\$	7,500
Grand Traverse	\$	4,500
Kalkaska	\$	1,500
Leelanau	\$	4,500
Montmorency	\$	3,000

Oscoda	\$	1,500
Otsego	\$	4,500
Presque Isle	\$	4,500
Total	\$	52,500

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS FROM ALCONA, ALPENA, ANTRIM, CHARLEVOIX, CHEBOYGAN, EMMET, GRAND TRAVERSE, KALKASKA, LEELANAU, MONTMORENCY, OSCODA, OTSEGO AND PRESQUE COUNTIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$52,500.00) TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MICHIGAN PROFILE FOR HEALTHY YOUTH INITIATIVE; SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

9.	Health Department of Northwest Michigan	Drug Free Northern Michigan 21-County Alliance	All 21 Counties	\$60,000	Continuation
	Alcona	\$ 1,225.00	Leelanau	\$ 2,563.01	
	Alpena	\$ 3,368.36	Manistee	\$ 2,890.83	
	Antrim	\$ 2,756.51	Missaukee	\$ 1,774.95	
	Benzie	\$ 2,079.69	Montmorency	\$ 1,094.70	
	Charlevoix	\$ 3,093.44	Ogemaw	\$ 2,483.01	
	Cheboygan	\$ 3,002.31	Oscoda	\$ 980.73	
	Crawford	\$ 1,645.83	Otsego	\$ 2,903.97	
	Emmet	\$ 3,928.25	Presque Isle	\$ 1,513.76	
	Grand Traverse	\$ 10,864.97	Roscommon	\$ 2,827.87	
	Iosco	\$ 2,977.82	Wexford	\$ 3,938.07	
	Kalkaska	\$ 2,086.91	Total	\$ 60,000.00	

Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Discussion: Mr. Freedman requested a presentation from the Drug Free Northern Michigan 21-County Alliance at an upcoming meeting.

MOTION BY TERRY NEWTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS FROM ALL TWENTY-ONE COUNTIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) TO FUND THE DRUG FREE NORTHERN MICHIGAN TWENTY-ONE COUNTY ALLIANCE; SUPPORT BY RON QUACKENBUSH. ROLL CALL VOTE.

10.	Sunrise Centre	Building and Enhancing Recovery Capital in Northeast Michigan	Multi-County	\$74,665	Continuation
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Meets PA2 Parameters? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Alpena	\$	11,177.99
Alcona	\$	30,735.96
Montmorency	\$	9,989.03
Oscoda	\$	8,949.09
Presque Isle	\$	13,812.93
Total	\$	\$74,665.00

Discussion: It was noted that Sunrise Centre experienced some issues in years past. Those issues have either been resolved or addressed since Madeline McConnel took over as CEO three years ago.

Mr. Freedman questioned the 47% indicated for fringe benefits costs. Ms. McConnell responded that the projected salary to support two part-time coaches (one male and one female) is equal to \$38,500 per year. The average benefit package cost to Sunrise Centre continues to increase with rising insurance costs and averages \$18,000 per year, which is significantly over the 25% fringe amount suggested. The additional funds requested support the center's ability to offer benefits with these positions. Peer Recovery Coach services will be billed to Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan when possible.

MOTION BY CHUCK VARNER TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 LIQUOR TAX DOLLARS FROM ALPENA, ALCONA, MONTMORENCY, OSCODA, AND PRESQUE ISLE COUNTIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$74,665.00) TO FIND THE BUILDING AND ENHANCING RECOVERY CAPITAL IN NORTHEAST MICHIGAN INITIATIVE; 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 FY26 Available Balance	Amount Approved September 8, 2025	Projected Remaining Balance
Alcona	\$61,618.76	\$13,902.99	\$47,715.77
Alpena	\$193,266.50	\$35,604.32	\$157,662.18
Antrim	\$216,122.03	\$8,756.51	\$207,365.52
Benzie	\$251,033.85	\$17,579.69	\$233,454.16
Charlevoix	\$62,346.08	\$32,593.44	\$29,752.64
Cheboygan	\$88,866.55	\$7,502.31	\$81,364.24
Crawford	\$70,131.89	\$1,645.83	\$68,486.06
Emmet	\$92.63	\$11,428.25	(\$11,335.62)
Grand Traverse	\$436,213.87	\$31,864.97	\$404,348.90
Iosco	\$153,944.61	\$2,977.82	\$150,966.79
Kalkaska	\$52,693.80	\$3,586.91	\$49,106.89
Leelanau	\$66,608.17	\$7,063.01	\$59,545.16
Manistee	\$218,723.87	\$2,890.83	\$215,833.04
Missaukee	\$50,523.09	\$1,774.95	\$48,748.14
Montmorency	\$79,604.66	\$45,852.73	\$33,751.93

Ogemaw	\$111,959.61	\$2,483.01	\$109,476.60
Oscoda	\$61,384.75	\$11,429.82	\$49,954.93
Otsego	\$33,102.73	\$7,403.97	\$25,698.76
Presque Isle	\$95,915.08	19,826.69	\$76,088.39
Roscommon	\$555,527.37	\$76,164.87	\$479,362.50
Wexford	\$90,089.85	\$23,983.07	\$66,151.78
Total	2,949,769.75	\$366,316.99	2,583,407.76

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

FY26 MEETING SCHEDULE

The proposed meeting schedule for FY26 was included in the meeting materials.

MOTION BY PAM SINGER TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; SUPPORT BY TERRY NEWTON. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

NMRE Access Call Statistics

Ms. Arsenov provided an update on the NMRE's Access Center and SUD Referral Process.

The NMRE Access Center receives calls from individuals seeking substance use disorder treatment Monday through Friday, 8:30AM – 4:30PM. After hours and on weekends and holidays, calls are handled by a third-party vendor (ProtoCall). As of September 3, 2025, NMRE staff have completed 2,108 screenings (11 were for children) in FY25, which is consistent with previous years. Of the 2,108 individuals screened, 1,514 (71.8%) were referred to a substance use disorder treatment provider.

The NMRE receives Admission/Discharge/Transfer (ADT) documents from local emergency departments when individuals present with an alcohol or substance use diagnosis. NMRE staff follows up the following business day to ensure that treatment is arranged for individuals seeking it. NMRE staff also hold monthly calls with Medicaid Health Plans to coordinate care.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

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

MOTION BY JOHN WALLACE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2025; SUPPORT BY PAM SINGER. MOTION CARRIED.

Let the record show that Mr. Freedman adjourned the meeting at 11:22AM.