

NORTHCARE NETWORK SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER POLICY BOARD

April 15, 2026

NorthCare Network Board Room
1230 Wilson Street, Marquette, MI 49855

NORTHCARE NETWORK MISSION STATEMENT: NorthCare Network ensures that every eligible recipient receives quality specialty mental health and substance use disorder services and supports through the responsible management of regional resources.

Board Members Present: Roy Britz, Jeff Carlson, Randy Eckloff, Dr. Victoria Jakel, Patrick Johnson, Mike Koskinen, Robert Nousiainen, Patti Peretto, Craig Reiter, Daryl Schroeder, Debbie Sirk, Michael Yon
Board Members Not Present: Stephen Adamini, Robert Hughes, Nancy Morrison
NorthCare Staff: Sara Sircely, Megan Rooney
Guests: N/A
Recorder: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Reiter called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, NorthCare Network Executive Assistant to the CEO. A quorum was present. Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Reiter welcomed new board members.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda: No additions.

Minutes: No changes.

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda and the August 20, 2025 minutes as presented.

Support by Randy Eckloff.

Debbie Sirk requested to abstain from approving the minutes as she was not on the board.

Vote – Agenda (12 Yes, 0 No); Minutes (11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain)

Motion carried. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Reiter did not have a report.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. FY24 & FY25 Liquor Tax Receipts Summary
The report was reviewed. Discussion was held.
- b. FY26 Liquor Tax Receipts Summary
The report was reviewed. Discussion was held.
- c. FY26 YTD Prevention & Treatment Program Update
The report was reviewed. Discussion was held.
- d. **FY26 County Requests Summary Update**
The FY26 County Request Summary was reviewed. Discussion was held.
Motion made by Patrick Johnson to approve the FY26 County Requests Summary Update as presented.
Support by Michael Yon.
Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. **HS Graduation Safe/Sober Event Funding**

Sara Sircely presented on behalf of Alex Williams, SUD Prevention Services Coordinator. There are 62 high schools across the U.P. Last year the board approved \$250 per school that applied for HS Graduation Safe/Sober Event funding. The funding comes from the county liquor tax where the school is located.

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve \$250 per high school for a HS Graduation Safe/Sober Event.

Support by Dr. Victoria Jakel.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. SUD Services Director Update

Sara Sircely gave an update on SUD providers, programs, grant funding, three-year strategic plan, and staff changes. Discussion was held.

c. NorthCare Update

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided information on the PIHP RFP, the court litigation, and Judge's opinion. She also provided an update on the MDHHS/PIHP contract litigation and recent court hearing. Discussion was held on Senator McBroom's proposal and the financial harm and risk to U.P. counties. Chair Reiter requested his response to Senator McBroom be forwarded to the board. Sandra will send after the meeting.

d. Informational Items

Informational items were included in the packet: County Reports.

Discussion was held.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Michael Yon asked if there was any update on the bill to outlaw Kratom. There was no update at this time.

Jeff Carlson commented that Northpointe worked with Menominee County to resolve the mental health crisis transport issue. They can now use the Marinette hospital across the river instead of having to travel to Escanaba.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be August 19, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reiter declared the meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO