

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2026, 2026-5:00 P.M.

16 N. Third Street, L'Anse, MI 49946

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**
Commissioner Niemela, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Menge, and Commissioner DeLeon
2. **APPROVE AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Regular Meeting – February 9, 2026
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items Only**
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT- INFORMATION ONLY – NO MOTION REQUIRED**
6. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**
 - a. BCMH Trustee Per Diem- \$1,120.00 (February 2025)
 - b. Approval of County Commissioner and Dept. Bills, \$
 - c. Approval of Prepaid Accounts, \$
 - d. Approval of Sheriff Dept. Commissary Checking Account, \$7,297.82
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. 911 Director/EM Manager Position
8. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Sheriff's Department, Vehicle
 - b. Copper Country Humane Society, Agreement
 - c. 911 Surcharge
9. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
10. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - BCMH Board of Trustees, Minutes
 - NorthCare Network FY2025 funding and services
11. **RESOLUTIONS**
 - a. Resolution Repealing MCL 46.415(2)
12. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
14. **ADJOURNMENT**



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Board of Trustee Meeting Attendance - February 2026

Monthly Stipend:

Shirley Younggren	\$100.00
Jim Loman	\$100.00
Carole LaPointe	\$100.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$100.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$100.00
Kate Beer	\$100.00
Burt Mason	\$100.00

Board Briefing of 02-12-2026:

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
Jim Loman	\$30.00
Carole LaPointe	\$30.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$30.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$30.00
Kate Beer	\$30.00
Burt Mason	\$30.00

Med Control Authority Mtg: none

Shirley Younggren	\$ 0.00
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Regular Board Meeting of 02-17-2026:

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
Jim Loman	\$30.00
Carole LaPointe	\$30.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$30.00
Kate Beer	\$30.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$30.00
Burt Mason	\$30.00

Checks Written 2/1/2026 to 2/28/2026

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Number	Date	ID	Comment	Amount
2830	2/2/2026	1751	DALE ROBERT FRIISVALL	\$242.00
2831	2/5/2026	6518	ROLAND THOMAS SWARTZ	\$1131.00
2832	2/6/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2833	2/6/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2834	2/6/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$500.00
2835	2/7/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$100.00
2836	2/9/2026		Stellar Services	\$1027.50
2837	2/9/2026		Baraga County Treasurer	\$169.54
2838	2/9/2026		Pats Foods	\$42.84
2839	2/12/2026		Friend of the Court	\$400.00
2840	2/16/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$100.00
2841	2/16/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$500.00
2842	2/20/2026	6148	ZULEIKA MICHELLE HOWE	\$47.50
2843	2/23/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$1000.00
2844	2/26/2026		Baraga County Treasurer	\$1437.44
				\$7297.82

AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

This service agreement is made and entered into by and between the Copper Country Humane Society, a Michigan nonprofit corporation and 501(c)(3) organization (hereinafter referred to as “CCHS”), and Baraga County, a political subdivision of the State of Michigan, acting by and through its duly authorized Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the “County”).

CCHS is a registered animal shelter through the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. The CCHS animal shelter is located at 501 Nara Park Road, Houghton, MI 49931. The County’s mailing address is 2 South Main Street, L’Anse, MI 49946.

PURPOSE

CCHS agrees to provide animal control holding and related services to the County under the terms set forth below.

CCHS shall provide twenty-four (24) hour per day, seven (7) day per week access to the shelter for authorized County animal control or law enforcement officers for animals requiring impound or hold services, including but not limited to:

- Stray or lost animals
- Court-ordered quarantine
- Court-ordered neglect or abuse cases
- Abandonment cases
- Emergency situations (e.g., owner incarcerated and no caretaker available)

CCHS shall provide basic care, including food, water, and humane shelter, for all animals received under this Agreement.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

1. Statutory Hold Periods

The County agrees to pay \$30.00 per day per animal until the minimum statutory hold period required by Michigan law is satisfied (currently four (4) days for animals without collar or identification and seven (7) days for animals with collar or identification, pursuant to MCL 287.388).

2. Rabies Quarantine Holds

Upon request of an authorized County official or law enforcement officer, CCHS shall act as a quarantine facility for animals subject to rabies observation under Michigan law. Such animals shall be confined for up to ten (10) days. The County shall be billed at the rate of \$30.00 per day.

3. Court-Ordered Holds

Court-ordered animal holds shall be billed at \$30.00 per day for the first ten (10) days and \$20.00 per day for each additional day thereafter. The County must provide written documentation of the court order.

4. Billing and Reimbursement

All fees for stray, quarantine, and court-ordered animals shall be billed to the County. The County shall be responsible for seeking reimbursement from animal owners, if applicable. This provision includes fees incurred for court-ordered euthanasia.

5. Annual Cap

CCHS shall submit monthly billing statements. Total payments under this Agreement shall not exceed \$5,000 during the County’s fiscal year unless additional funds are approved by the Board of Commissioners.

TERM

This Agreement shall commence on _____, 2026, upon approval by the Baraga County Board of Commissioners. and shall continue for a period of three (3) years unless terminated as provided herein. The Agreement may be renewed by mutual written agreement of the parties.

TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days’ written notice to the other party. The County shall remain responsible for payment of services rendered prior to the effective date of termination.

INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent permitted by law, CCHS agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its elected and appointed officials, employees, and agents from and against claims, damages, losses, and expenses arising out of or resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of CCHS, its employees, or agents in the performance of this Agreement.

The County agrees to be responsible for its own negligent acts and omissions and those of its employees and agents.

INSURANCE

CCHS shall maintain during the term of this Agreement:

- Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate.
- Workers’ Compensation Insurance as required by Michigan Law.

Upon request, CCHS shall provide proof of insurance to the County.

LIABILITY OF APPREHENSION

Complaints regarding apprehension or seizure of animals shall be directed to the Baraga County Sheriff’s Department. CCHS shall not be responsible for the capture or field enforcement activities of the County.

AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement approved and signed by both parties.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements or understandings relating to the subject matter herein.

SIGNATURES

BARAGA COUNTY

By and through its Board of Commissioners

COPPER COUNTRY HUMANE SOCIETY

Chairperson

Authorized Representative

Printed Name

Printed Name

Date

Title

Date



STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE 911 COMMITTEE
LANSING

JEFF TROYER
CHAIRPERSON

JORDYN SELLEK
VICE-CHAIRPERSON

January 30, 2026

Dear County Coordinator:

The following communication has been sent to your County Clerk regarding county 911 surcharges.

Under MCL 484.1714(1)(g), the State 911 Committee (SNC) is required to provide notice to communication providers of the 911 surcharges in Michigan. This includes the counties' 911 operational surcharges and the state 911 fee.

MCL 484.1401b allows a county board of commissioners to assess up to \$0.42 a month by commissioner resolution.

If a county commission determines it is necessary for the county to enact a local surcharge that is more than \$0.42 per month **and** in excess of the monthly amount approved for the county by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) under U-15489, the voters of the county must approve the increased surcharge.

For an increase to be effective beginning July 1, 2026, the county must have a current ballot proposal that has been passed, validated, and submitted with the SNC-500 no later than May 15, 2026. **If the May 2026 date is missed, the next surcharge effective change date is July 2027.** Please refer to your county's legal counsel for details for proper county commission action to place a question on a local ballot.

*If the county is collecting a 911 surcharge between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027, based on a ballot proposal, **at a minimum**, that ballot proposal **must be valid** for at least **the entire collection period** between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027, on the statutory due date of May 15, 2026.*

To make the proper notice to the communication providers about the counties' 911 surcharges, please follow one of the options below:

1. Not collecting a local surcharge

If the county is **not** going to collect a local 911 operational surcharge between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027, please provide a letter to the State 911 Office **no later than May 15, 2026**, stating the county will **not** be collecting the local 911 surcharge. Please upload it with the electronic SNC-500 form in MiSNAP.

Please use Template A for this option.

2. Continue collecting a surcharge with no changes

If the county is going to **continue collection** of its current local 911 surcharge, with **no change** in the present amount, between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027, please provide a letter to the State 911 Office **no later than May 15, 2026**, stating the county is going to continue collection of

Association of Public Safety Communications Officials • Commercial Mobile Radio Service • Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Department of State Police • Deputy Sheriff's Association • Fraternal Order of Police • Michigan Association of Ambulance Services
Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police • Michigan Association of Counties • Michigan Communications Directors Association
Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs • Michigan Professional Firefighters Union • Michigan Public Service Commission • Michigan Sheriff's Association
Michigan State Police Troopers Association • National Emergency Number Association • Telecommunications Association of Michigan
Upper Peninsula Emergency Medical Services
• Members of the general public appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Majority Leader of the Senate

the local 911 surcharge with no change in its present amount. Please upload it with the electronic SNC-500 form in MiSNAP.

Please use Template B if collection is by County Commissioners' resolution, MPSC U-15489, or Ballot Proposal.

3. Changing the surcharge amount

If the county is going to **change** its local 911 surcharge, whether an increase or decrease, under either process set forth in MCL 484.1401b(1)(a) & (b), please do one of the following as appropriate:

- a) If the county is going to **change** its surcharge by **county board of commission resolution** to collect \$0.42 or less per month, or less than allowed under MPSC U-15489, a notarized or certified copy of the county commissioner's resolution setting the local monthly 911 surcharge and a completed SNC-500 form is required to be submitted electronically via MiSNAP. Both documents, the resolution, and the submitted SNC-500 must be received by the State 911 Office **no later than May 15, 2026.**

OR

- b) If the county is going to change its current surcharge pursuant to **voter approval** to collect **more than \$0.42 per month**, please provide:
1. A copy of the clerk's certified ballot determination (that ballot must be valid at least until June 30, 2027).
 2. A notarized or certified copy of the county commissioner's resolution setting the local monthly 911 surcharge.
 3. A letter from the county confirming the 911 surcharge.
 4. A submitted electronic version of the SNC-500 form with supporting documentation in MiSNAP.

All four documents must be provided and received by the State 911 Office **no later than May 15, 2026.**

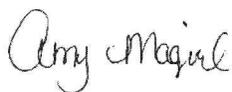
Please use Template C if there is a change in surcharge amount.

All documents are to be submitted electronically using MiSNAP.

Under MCL 484.1401b(7), the above information is due **no later than May 15, 2026**; however, if it is possible for the county to do so, earlier responses are encouraged. Failure to meet the May 15 deadline may result in the inability of the State 911 Office to notify the communication providers prior to the annual deadline and can adversely affect the collection of your county local 911 surcharge.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Leah Edgell or at 517-328-8944.

Sincerely,



Amy Magirl
State 911 Administrator

Template A

[COUNTY LETTERHEAD]

[DATE]

Please be advised that [COUNTY NAME] is not collecting a local 911 surcharge from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

[COUNTY 911 COORDINATOR OR COUNTY CLERK NAME/SIGNATURE]

Template B

[COUNTY LETTERHEAD]

[DATE]

Please be advised that [COUNTY NAME] will continue collection of its local commission-enacted 911 surcharge of [AMOUNT] with no change in the amount from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

[COUNTY 911 COORDINATOR OR COUNTY CLERK NAME/SIGNATURE]

OR

[COUNTY LETTERHEAD]

[DATE]

Please be advised that [COUNTY NAME] will continue collection of its local MPSC U-15489 911 surcharge of [AMOUNT] with no change in the amount from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

[COUNTY 911 COORDINATOR OR COUNTY CLERK NAME/SIGNATURE]

OR

[COUNTY LETTERHEAD]

[DATE]

Please be advised that [COUNTY NAME] will continue collection of its ballot-supported 911 surcharge of [AMOUNT] with no change in the amount from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

The current ballot proposal is valid (at a minimum) between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

[COUNTY 911 COORDINATOR OR COUNTY CLERK NAME/SIGNATURE]

Template C

[COUNTY LETTERHEAD]

[DATE]

Please be advised it is [COUNTY NAME]'s intention to change the local 911 surcharge by commission resolution to [NEW AMOUNT]. I have included a notarized or certified copy of the county commissioner's resolution setting the local monthly 911 surcharge. It will be collected from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

[COUNTY 911 COORDINATOR OR COUNTY CLERK NAME/SIGNATURE]

OR

Please be advised it is [COUNTY NAME]'s intention to change the local 911 surcharge as allowed by voter approval to [NEW AMOUNT]. I have included a copy of the clerk's certified ballot determination and a notarized or certified copy of the county commissioner's resolution setting the local 911 surcharge. The local surcharge ballot is valid from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This local surcharge will be collected from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

[COUNTY 911 COORDINATOR OR COUNTY CLERK NAME/SIGNATURE]

NorthCare Network

1230 Wilson Street
Marquette, Michigan 49855

February 10, 2026

Wendy Goodreau
Baraga County Administration
2 S. Main St.
L'Anse, MI 49946

Dear Wendy Goodreau:

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services for Baraga County. NorthCare Network, as one of ten regional Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP) for the State of Michigan, serves the fifteen-county region of the Upper Peninsula. NorthCare provides a comprehensive array of specialty mental health and substance use disorder services and supports for adults with serious mental illnesses, children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances, persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities, and persons with substance use disorders. NorthCare manages its responsibilities in a manner that promotes maximum value, efficiency and effectiveness consistent with state and federal statute and applicable waiver standards.

The NorthCare Network SUD Policy Oversight Board helps with the management of these services. The SUD Policy Oversight Board is a designated committee of the NorthCare Network Governing Board. As such, the SUD Policy Oversight Board advocates in the planning, development, and provision of SUD services for the counties in the Upper Peninsula. Each county elects one representative to sit on the SUD Policy Oversight Board to support their county and share information between the Oversight Board and the County Commissioners.

The SUD Policy Oversight Board is responsible for the approval of any NorthCare budget containing Public Act 2 (i.e. Liquor Tax) funding for the treatment, prevention and recovery services of substance use disorders which are only to be used for SUD services in the Counties from which the Public Act 2 funds originated. The SUD Policy Oversight Board also advises and makes recommendations to the NorthCare Governing Board on budgets containing SUD funding as well as on contracts for SUD treatment, prevention, or recovery support services.



Customer Service: 888-333-8030 or (906) 225-7254

Admin. Fax: (906) 232-1070 Clinical Fax: (248) 406-1287 SUD Fax: (248) 406-1286

www.northcarenetwork.org

The SUD Policy Oversight Board approved the following breakdown of Public Act 2 funds: 35% for local county requests, 35% for prevention services with paneled prevention providers, and 30% for treatment services with paneled treatment providers. Annual amounts are determined by the previous year's Liquor Tax receipts from each county.

For your review, a summary of the funding and services is enclosed for Baraga County for October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Please contact me at 906-936-6844 or ssircely@northcarenetwork.org with any questions regarding the summary or services.

Again, thank you for your continued support and partnership in supporting individuals with a substance use disorder.

Sincerely,

Sara Sircely

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SUD Services Director

Encl. (2)

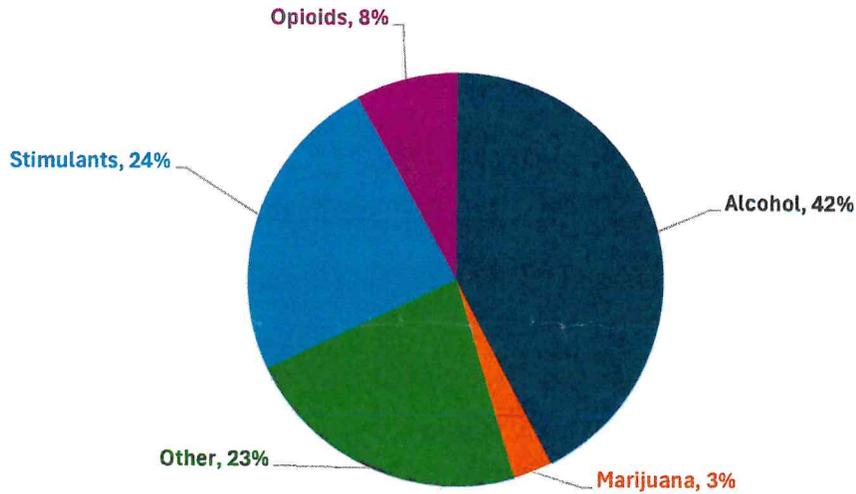


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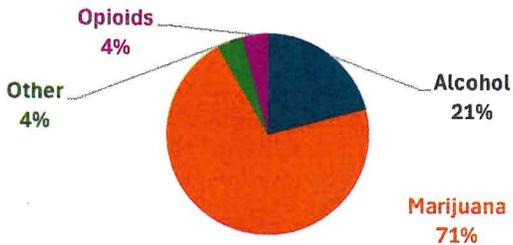
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Primary Substance Admissions (all ages)

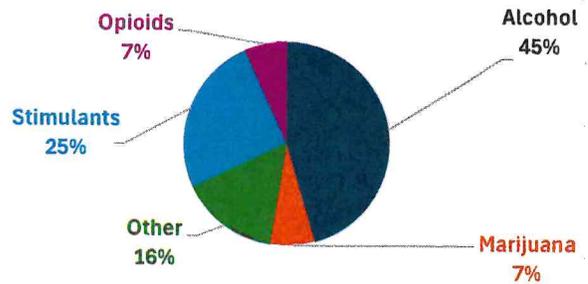


Primary Substance Admissions by Age Group

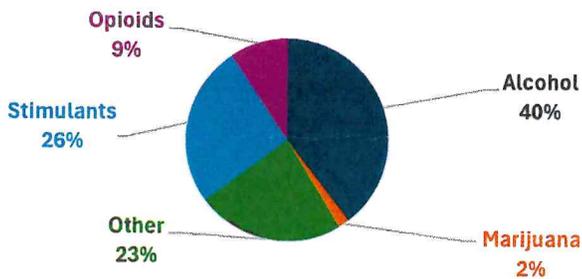
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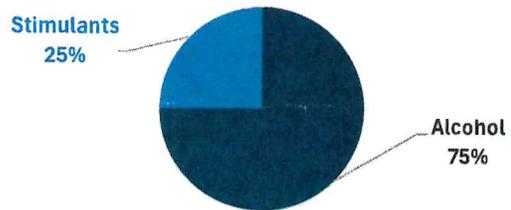
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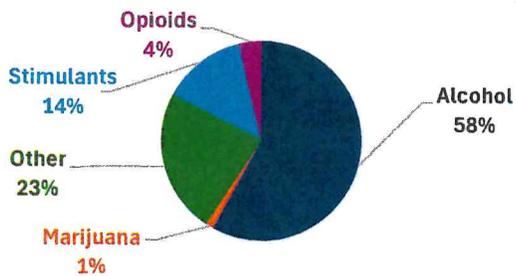
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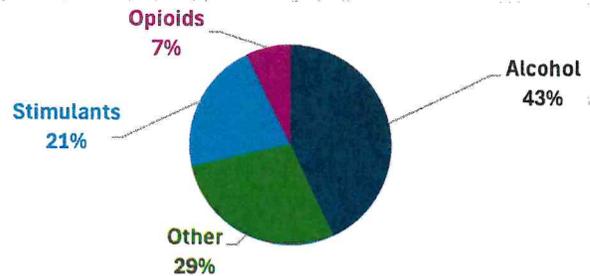
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Ages 65+



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REGIONAL

October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

Funding

\$	769,752.50	PA2 Amount Due/Expected
\$	769,752.50	PA2 Amount Received
\$	3,115,055.65	PA2 Balance

*PA2 Amount Received to be used for FY25 requests for services in the county the funds were received from

Expenses

PA2 Expenses

\$	357,569.25	County Requests
\$	96,034.04	Prevention
\$	39,248.09	Overdose Prevention
\$	8,500.00	Sober Graduation Events
\$	501,351.38	Total

Treatment Service Expenses by Funding Source

\$	619,402.75	Community Block Grant
\$	3,070,839.94	Healthy Michigan Plan
\$	1,417,862.00	Medicaid
\$	649,094.46	Substance Use Disorder Health Home
\$	5,757,199.15	Total Treatment Expenses

Services Provided

Prevention Services

Number of individuals receiving:

5635	Botvin's Life Skills Training
66	Catch My Breath
256	Coalition Participation
1890	Communities That Care (CTC)
2	INDEPTH
401	Prime for Life
49	Synar Compliance Checks
221	Tobacco Vendor Education
74	Narcan Training
5168	Prevention Awareness
5	Prescription Take Back
42	Youth Leadership
13809	Grand Total

Treatment Services

Number of individuals receiving:

1	Contingency Management
149	Detox
30	Methadone
1172	Outpatient
63	Peer Services
118	Recovery Housing
653	Residential
316	SUDHH

County Requests

Services provided from County Requests

- Case Management
- Home checks
- Soberlinks
- Botvin's LifeSkills
- Alcohol and Drug Testing
- SCRAM
- Transportation assistance
- Referrals to SUD Counseling
- Referrals to Mental Health Services
- SUD Assessments
- Preventative Education
- Peer Support Services
- Sobriety Court Coordinator for participant navigation
- Recovery Workbooks
- Jail Counseling Services
- Inside Out and Thinking Matters Groups
- D.A.R.E. program

Regional Grant Funding

Regional Grant Funding Expenses by Funding Source

\$	1,494,513.40	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
\$	89,586.00	Alcohol Use Disorder Grant
\$	377,944.92	Community Block Grant Prevention
\$	81,451.79	Gambling Use Prevention
\$	553,836.00	Healing and Recovery Infrastructure Grant
\$	260,741.11	Michigan Partnership for Advancing Coalitions (MIPAC)
\$	13,770.00	Recovery Incentives
\$	371,899.10	State Opioid Response 4 (SOR)
\$	4,000.00	Tobacco grant
\$	3,247,742.32	Total Grant Funding

Service Availability

Residential

- DOT Caring (Freeland)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - ARS (Men)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - New Hope (Men)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - New Hope (Women)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Teal Lake (Women)
- KBIC Phoenix House (Calumet)
- Sacred Heart (Richmond)

Withdrawal Management

- DOT Caring (Freeland)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - ARS (Men)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - New Hope (Men)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Teal Lake (Women)
- Sacred Heart (Richmond)

Opioid Treatment Program (methadone services)

- Sacred Heart - St. Ignace

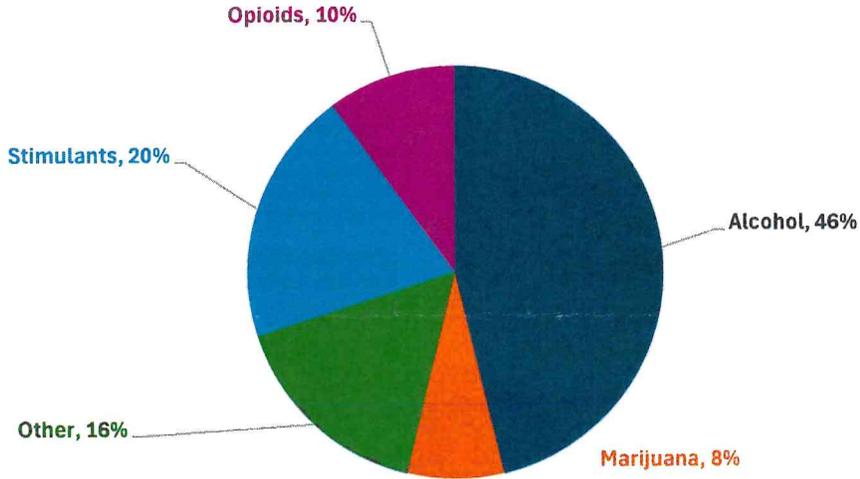
Outpatient

- Catholic Social Services - Escanaba
- Catholic Social Services - Marquette
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Escanaba
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Iron Mountain
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Ironwood
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Marquette
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Munising
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Negaunee
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Sault Ste Marie
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - St. Ignace
- KBIC - L'Anse Phoenix House - Bessemer
- Phoenix House - Calumet
- Phoenix House - Ontonagon
- Sacred Heart - St. Ignace
- Upper Great Lakes - Calumet

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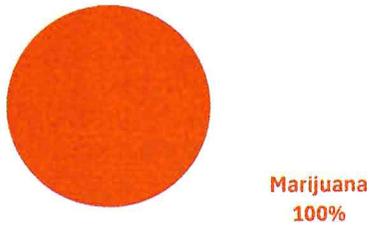
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Primary Substance Admissions (all ages)

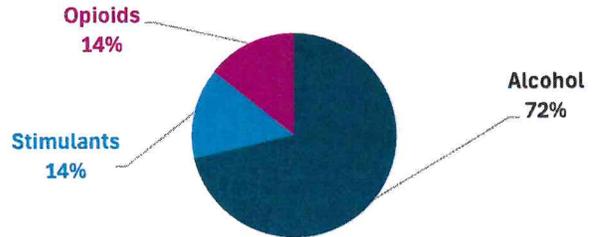


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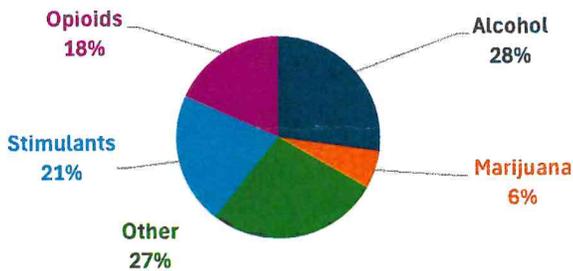
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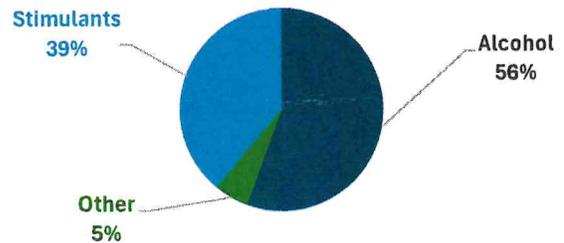
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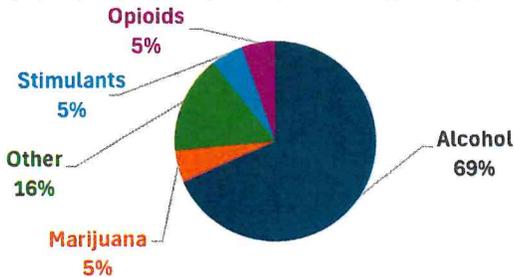
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Not Applicable

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Funding

\$	19,596.14	PA2 Amount Due/Expected
\$	19,596.14	PA2 Amount Received
\$	57,964.60	PA2 Balance

*PA2 Amount Received to be used for FY25 requests for services in the county the funds were received from

Expenses

PA2 Expenses

\$	14,415.04	County Requests
\$	6,652.12	Prevention
\$	310.90	Overdose Prevention
\$	500.00	Sober Graduation Events
\$	21,878.06	Total

Treatment Service Expenses by Funding Source

\$	20,323.95	Community Block Grant
\$	88,626.07	Healthy Michigan Plan
\$	65,308.17	Medicaid
\$	12,104.33	Substance Use Disorder Health Home
\$	186,362.51	Total Treatment Expenses

Services Provided

Prevention Services

Number of individuals receiving:

274	Botvin's Life Skills Training
5	Coalition Participation
1242	Communities That Care (CTC)
6	Tobacco Vendor Education
1527	Grand Total

Treatment Services

Number of individuals receiving:

4	Detox
1	Methadone
48	Outpatient
3	Peer Services
6	Recovery Housing
25	Residential
6	SUDHH

County Requests

Services provided from County Requests

- Case Management
- Home checks
- Soberlinks
- Alcohol and Drug Testing
- SCRAM
- Transportation assistance
- Referrals to SUD Counseling
- Referrals to Mental Health Services

Regional Grant Funding

Regional Grant Funding Expenses by Funding Source

\$	1,494,513.40	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
\$	89,586.00	Alcohol Use Disorder Grant
\$	377,944.92	Community Block Grant Prevention
\$	81,451.79	Gambling Use Prevention
\$	553,836.00	Healing and Recovery Infrastructure Grant
\$	260,741.11	Michigan Partnership for Advancing Coalitions (MIPAC)
\$	13,770.00	Recovery Incentives
\$	371,899.10	State Opioid Response 4 (SOR)
\$	4,000.00	Tobacco grant
\$	3,247,742.32	Total Grant Funding

Service Availability

Residential

- DOT Caring (Freeland)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - ARS (Men)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - New Hope (Men)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - New Hope (Women)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Teal Lake (Women)
- KBIC Phoenix House (Calumet)
- Sacred Heart (Richmond)

Withdrawal Management

- DOT Caring (Freeland)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - ARS (Men)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - New Hope (Men)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Teal Lake (Women)
- Sacred Heart (Richmond)

Opioid Treatment Program (methadone services)

- Sacred Heart - St. Ignace

Outpatient

- Catholic Social Services - Escanaba -
- Catholic Social Services - Marquette
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Escanaba
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Iron Mountain
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Ironwood
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Marquette
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Munising
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Negaunee
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Sault Ste Marie
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - St. Ignace
- KBIC - L'Anse Phoenix House - Bessemer
- Phoenix House - Calumet
- Phoenix House - Ontonagon
- Sacred Heart - St. Ignace
- Upper Great Lakes - Calumet

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, held at the Wexford County Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan on the eighteenth day of February 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Sogge, Nelson, Nyman, Bengelink, Bush, Theobald, Baughan, Potter & Taylor.

ABSENT: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Theobald and supported by Commissioner Bush.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-06
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPEALING MCL 46.415 (2)**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners currently establishes all aspects of compensation, benefits and mileage reimbursements for its officials and its employees and fund the same, solely from County funds; and

WHEREAS, mileage reimbursement for County Board of Commissioners and county officials and employees is currently statutorily different as the County Board of Commissioners is limited by the limitations set forth in MCL 46.415(2); and

WHEREAS, many counties adopt the applicable IRS mileage rate for business travel which for 2026 is 72.5 cents per mile; and

WHEREAS, a County Board of Commissioner generally is required to undertake travel in the performance of the duties of their office; and

WHEREAS, when officials and employees of a County travel, the mileage reimbursement exceeds that of County Board of Commissioners mileage reimbursement for their County travel; and

WHEREAS, the current statutory difference in mileage reimbursement for official travel at the County level is both irrational and illogical.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Michigan Legislature are called upon to repeal MCL 46.415(2) in its entirety to allow Counties to establish all aspects of compensation and mileage for their commissioners, officials and its employees to be paid solely from County funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to all Michigan Counties and members of the Michigan Legislature.

MINUTES:

BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, 5:00 PM - BCMH Main Conference Room (ABCD)

Present: Jayne Walbridge (online), Cathy Wadaga, Shirley Younggren, Carole LaPointe, Burt Mason, Jim Loman, Kate Beer

Admin/Guests: Rob Stowe, Emily Dault, Gregg Fisher, Kelly Engle, Gail Jestila, Thomas VanEss, Sue Ingram

Absent: None.

1. Call to Order – Beer

Ms. Beer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda ** - All

Motion: Wadaga, Second: Mason - All in favor, motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board Briefing of December 11th , 2025*
- b. Closed Session of December 11th, 2025*
- c. Board of Trustees Meeting of December 16th, 2025*

4. Medical Staff –Beer

- a. Medical-Dental Staff Meeting Minutes of December 10th, 2025**

Motion: Wadaga, Second: Younggren - All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Medical-Dental Staff Executive & Credentials Committee

- i. Medical Staff Appointments, Reappointments, and Deletions of January 2026** - Belpedio

Motion: Younggren, Second: Wadaga - All in favor, motion carried.

5. Financial Update - Jestila

- a. Approval of October 2025 Financial Statements
- b. Approval of November 2025 Financial Statements
- c. Approval of December 2025 Financial Statements

Jestila presented the financial statements to the Board. Cash on hand totaled \$10,524,330. The organization reported net income below budget, which was attributed primarily to patient write-offs, as well as the purchase of new equipment and supplies.

A motion was made by Mason and seconded by Loman to approve the financial statements. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

*Consent Agenda Item **

*Action Item ***

*To be distributed at meeting ****

6. Bayside Update - Stowe/Dault

Dault shared that Bayside was cleared by the state as of last Tuesday. The survey went well, and the surveyor provided helpful tools to use going forward. Census is currently at 54, with a Medicaid patient scheduled to be admitted on Thursday from Iron River, and efforts are ongoing to bring in additional admissions.

7. Wound Care Update - Stowe

We currently have a hyperbaric patient receiving his fourth treatment. He is from Ishpeming and came to us after seeing our news coverage. He had previously been treated in Iron Mountain and is now receiving care here. We are also working on another potential patient.

8. Physician Group Update - Van Ess

Van Ess shared an update on a new Collaborative Care Management program through Blue Cross that focuses on behavioral health care management. There is an incentive for us to participate, and the care manager needs to be an RN or higher. Leanna Miller, who has been providing behavioral health support from home for the past four years, is a great fit for this role and her training has been initiated. This program allows for collaborative care, giving patients better access to behavioral health services on an outpatient basis. Miller will work directly with patients and have weekly reviews with psychiatry for oversight, then come back to the primary care provider with a care plan.

Sue Ingram reviewed the incentives, the ability to bill for care management, and an uplift in E&M charges, making this a win for both patients and the organization. Dr. Ingram will serve as the physician champion, and once the program is up and running, any provider will be able to refer patients to Miller.

Van Ess also shared a provider update. Dr. Daya, incoming cardiologist, is scheduled to start the first week of March, and work is underway to create additional space. Drs. Menge and Abbott are both scheduled to start in April, and Dr. Angela Robertson (now Dr. Stillwell) is expected to start this summer.

A grant with the National Kidney Foundation and the Michigan Center for Rural Health has kicked off, with monthly meetings planned to move the work forward. Stowe thanked Dr. Ingram, Van Ess, and Sue Ingram for leading with "yes" and for the work they've done to make this possible.

9. Management Update (attached)

- a. CEO Report*: Marketing, Employee Recognition, Home Care and Hospice, Corporate Compliance, Senior Life Solutions, Human Resources, Pharmacy
- b. CFO Report*: Finance, Revenue Cycle, Purchasing, Information Technology, DME
- c. DON Report*: Acute, Emergency, Surgical Services, Ambulatory, Social Services, Utilization Review/Infection Prevention, Education
- d. Director of Provider Services Report*: Physician Group, Telemedicine, Specialty Clinic
- e. Director of Ancillary Services Report*: Imaging, Laboratory, Therapies
- f. Director of Quality Management Report*: Maintenance, Housekeeping, Dietary/Dietician, HIPAA/Risk

10. Other - Stowe provided an update that he is working with Heidi Darcy to come up with a plan related to TriCare. Also discussed the robot names in the "Name the Robot" contest and the winning entry. Stowe shared positive patient feedback after being approached in the hallway by a patient who recently had robotic hernia surgery and reported feeling great just a few days after the procedure.

11. Public Comment - None.

12. Next Meeting: February 17th, 2026 5:00pm –BCMh Main Conference Room

13. Adjournment –Beer

Ms. Beer adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Motion: Younggren, Second: LaPointe - All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Carole LaPointe, Secretary CL/lmb

ABOUT BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: BCMH is a 15 bed critical access hospital. Founded in 1952, BCMH is a thriving rural healthcare system focused on addressing the needs of community members of Baraga County. Employing over 200 people, BCMH houses a family medicine clinic, walk-in convenient care clinic, specialty clinics, surgical services, 24/7 emergency services, imaging, rehab, laboratory, and social services.

MISSION: BCMH partners with patients to educate, coordinate, treat, and manage the health of the community.

VISION: To improve the well-being of the community.

CORE VALUES: PRACT- Patients First, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Compassion, Teamwork

ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY: BCMH educates the community, coordinates care, and treats and manages disease.