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To: Board of Commissioners

From: Chet Janik

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Re: Community Mental Health Partnership Update

County Administrators have been meeting monthly (first Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in Wexford) to continue discussion regarding the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority (NLCMHA) and a proposed new Enabling Agreement.

During yesterday's meeting, the group recapped the following:

- The MOU for all six counties has been adopted unanimously – this was a critical first step so that we could all move forward together
- Grand Traverse County has taken the lead to work on a new draft Enabling Agreement
- Based on yesterday's dialogue, there are four provisions counties would like to see in the new Enabling Agreement:
 - A new Governance Model (currently using the Carver Model)
 - Inclusion of a dispute resolution process
 - Development of a tool for the Northern Lakes CEO performance appraisal by counties
 - County commissioners having free and unfettered access to any NLCMHA documents (excluding any documents protected by law or HIPAA)

There appear to be three “tracks” of separate yet interconnected movements happening simultaneously, that if choreographed correctly, should align early in 2023:

1) Listening Sessions:

- Grand Traverse County held a Listening Session to hear from key stakeholders (primary consumers) of CMH services. Sarah Bannon of Lakeview Consulting led the session. NMRE has approved funding for each of the other five member counties of NLCMHA to hold their own listening sessions. The listening sessions

will be approximately three hours in length and held on a weekday. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. A follow-up report will be written for each county. Leelanau and Missaukee will be the first counties to hold these sessions. Northern Lakes is paying for these listening sessions. Bannon will help identify primary consumers of CMH that would be invited to the Listening Session

- 2) First review of the new Enabling Agreement / make complimentary updates of the existing bylaws:
 - a. A draft of a revised agreement will hopefully be completed in the next few weeks. The next Administrators session will be on Monday, December 5
 - b. The bylaws also have some gaps and outdated language, and there was consensus that if we are updating the Enabling Agreement, we should also make sure that the bylaws are current

- 3) Hiring of new CEO
 - a. In order to provide stability, interim CEO Brian Martinez is currently in place
 - b. The CEO position was posted for 45 days beginning November 1, and will expire on or about December 15, 2022
 - c. NLCMHA has a committee to review the applications that come in during this time
 - d. Interviews could happen as early as January 2023, depending on the outcome of the job posting and applicants

The earliest we believe a new Enabling Agreement would be reached is March or April. There is no specific deadline, and the completion of the Listening Sessions and new Enabling Agreement will certainly have an impact on the hiring of the new CEO.