

SPECIAL GRANT PROPOSAL FORM

Proposal Name:	Northern Michigan Mental Health Campus
Legislative Sponsor:	Possibly Senator Damoose and Representatives Coffia and Roth
Appropriated Amount:	\$25,000,000
Department:	

PROJECT PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Northern MI mental health campus will provide youth and adult inpatient psychiatric beds, along with step-down mental health treatment, such as IOP and PHP, for residents of Northern MI and the UP. The purpose is to alleviate the severe shortage of psychiatric beds and services in Northern Michigan and the UP.

This campus could or should also offer a residential step-down in care similar to the Rogers Behavioral Health program and what is offered in the SUD (Substance Use Disorder) care continuum.

The MI mental health continuum has huge gaps in care at both the inpatient level, and also after discharge from hospitalization. Patients need quality mental health support (residential as appropriate) immediately after hospital discharge. **There should be 3 steps available, depending on need and presence or lack of home support group: inpatient (7-14 days)- short term residential (30 days)- long term residential (6 months +), AFC (Adult Foster Care) or home.**

Tentative Psychiatric Inpatient Beds to be provided: 10-12 adults, 8-10 youth and 8-10 justice-involved, diverted youth. Two high acuity beds for each of the three populations. (We recently had a high acuity youth board in the ED for 50+ days. He is now in the state hospital.)

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT'S PUBLIC BENEFIT

The 21+ counties of Northern MI desperately need psych beds close to home. These beds could serve families in the UP as well. The benefits to having beds and loved ones close to home are numerous, as you can imagine. Having beds in Northern MI will also take pressure off downstate bed-deficient facilities since we currently send many of our loved ones to downstate facilities.

Providing effective and adequate mental health care reduces homelessness, increases public safety and the overall well-being of the community. Better mental health care benefits the workforce and economy.

Similar to other diseases, prevention and up-stream care is essential...but like cancer and most diseases, there will *always* be a need for acute and more focused hospital care. Many mental illnesses are physiological in nature and as such, will persist in spite of preventative measures. To say that inpatient psych beds are not needed is like saying that general hospital and ICU beds are not needed.

RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION AND ADDRESS

TBD- Pine Rest, Rogers Behavioral Health or other provider whose *concentration* is mental health care.

If this funding is set aside, we will find a highly qualified provider for this project in six months or less. We want a provider whose primary focus is mental health care.

ORGANIZATION CONTACT INFO

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (I.E. NONPROFIT, LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT, ETC.)

Non-profit or state hospital

HAS THIS PROJECT RECEIVED STATE FUNDING IN THE PAST? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE STATE FUNDING SOURCE AND AMOUNT.

No

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION OR ATTACHMENT

Please see <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/-/media/Project/Websites/mdhhs/Doing-Business-with-MDHHS/Health-Care-Providers/Certificate-of-Need/CON-Eval/Bed-Inventory/2024/March-2024/PSYCHBEDINV--March-1-2024.pdf>. Note that our HSA 7 (Health Service Area) is the most in need of child and adult beds in the state with a total shortage of 60 adult plus 15 youth or 75 beds. (The report does not reflect online beds, in that McLaren Cheboygan has only 12 beds online, not 28, so **the actual total shortage is 91 beds.**

Location, location, location. Our plan is to locate the mental health campus close to the bulk of the Northern MI population (Traverse City) and as convenient to reach as possible by others in the region. A location that fits this description is just west of Kalkaska, off M-72 and reasonably close to US-131. This location will be a 20-minute drive for workforce who want to live in Traverse City (east side). One of Cheboygan's biggest problems bringing beds online has been staffing. **It is absolutely critical to find a location close to where people/workforce want to live.**

Funding- The state awarded a \$25 million grant to Complete Health Park, Clare in a 2022 budget bill. This grant was put on hold pending an investigation. <https://www.bridgemi.com/michigan-government/michigan-double-payment-concerns-suspended-25m-clare-health-campus-grant>. What happened to this money? Our HSA region is clearly in greater need of mental health beds than the Clare region.

Detention-diverted youth- Since pediatric psychiatrists and clinicians are in such scarce supply and there is currently no place for justice involved youth to go, we envision a separate floor or wing for these young people.

Ronald McDonald House? - Why not have a place for families from the UP or the far east side of Northern MI to stay and be able to participate in a family member's care. **Afterall, mental health care is health care.** Let's provide parity.

IS THE LEGISLATIVE SPONSOR AND/OR ANY FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE SPONSOR ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ORGANIZATION? (EX: BOARD MEMBER, EMPLOYEE, FINANCIAL DONOR, ETC.)

YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: