

Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC)



Mission: To engage Northern Michigan in a coordinated response to reduce substance use disorders (SUD).

Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC) brings together many partners to address the opioid epidemic across a 25-county region in northern Lower Michigan. Partners include healthcare facilities (hospitals, hospital affiliated clinics, Rural Health Clinics, and Federally Qualified Health Centers), Community Mental Health agencies, Local Public Health agencies, prevention and harm reduction organizations, counseling centers, treatment centers, recovery community resources, law enforcement, and EMS.

NMORC utilizes targeted resources to implement core activities through the *Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Grant Funding* opportunity awarded by the Health Resources & Services Administration.

Core Activities:

- ***Stigma reduction:*** helping change the narrative to recognize substance use disorder (SUD) as a chronic brain disease, not unlike diabetes or cancer. NMORC offers mental health first aid training; integrates the NMSAS (partner organization) Speaker Series into community/healthcare events; provides supplemental funding for Recovery Month events; educates stakeholders and communities to invite the recovery community and support recovery activities; and uniting to build Families Against Narcotics (FAN) chapters.
- ***Naloxone distribution, training & expansion of access:*** provides community naloxone administration training; advocates for pharmacist participation in the distribution of free naloxone resources; promotes education in local county jails; supports integration of naloxone into EMS response to overdose and as part of the discharge process from emergency rooms for high-risk patients; distribution of wall-mounted naloxone safety kits for placement in public locations; champions Naloxone in schools.
- ***Harm reduction activities:*** educates partners and communities on the benefits of engaging directly with people who use drugs to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission as well as improve the physical, mental, and social wellbeing of those served and offer low-threshold options for accessing SUD treatment and services.
- ***Behavioral Health integration:*** provides training on evidence-based approaches to integrating behavioral health services into primary care; advocates for integration of group counseling activities into primary care, education on behavioral health and SUD/ODD billing/coding, documentation and workflows, recruitment of behavioral health professionals to the region.
- ***Provider trainings:*** provides local providers education to address: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), addiction science, Adverse Childhood Experiences, pain management alternatives, DATA 2000 Waiver Trainings, pathways to recovery, stigma, harm reduction, and pre-exposure prophylaxis.
- ***Workforce:*** provides technical assistance for National Health Service Corps (NHSC), Michigan State Loan Repayment Program (MSLRP) and 3RNet. Advocates for increasing recovery professional pathway careers.
- ***Building recovery capital:*** develop recovery support resources; promote youpickrecovery.org; develop recovery community organizations; increase number of peer recovery coaches through trainings; advocate for integration of peer recovery coaches into healthcare settings by supporting community health worker training; increase number of peer recovery coaches affiliates with EMS, Fire & Law Enforcement; leadership development for peer recovery coaches to increase involvement in governance positions, and develop collegiate recovery networks.
- ***NMORC website:*** house training materials, county by county support resources.

Benefits of NMORC Membership:

NMORC is a membership-based organization focused on engaging Northern Michigan in a coordinated response to reduce opioid and substance use disorders. Membership in NMORC allows a more active voice in this discussion, advocacy participation, and connections to others addressing these and related concerns. All members of NMORC are provided:

- Bi-Weekly updates via an email brief from NMORC
- Invitation and no cost attendance to NMORC Quarterly Consortium Meetings
- Connection with NMORC network to share information, identify issues, find solutions and work collaboratively with other NMORC members and the Northern Michigan community
- An updated website with electronic publications and information on SUD/ODU issues, conferences, and bulletins relevant to your interests
- No cost access to 3RNet including posting positions on their job board and attending the Academy (the Academy cost is \$500)
- No cost Mental Health First Aid training for staff (savings of \$170 per person)
- Technical assistance/support from both NMORC and the Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH) teams in areas such as Recovery Housing formation, Recovery Community Organization development, FQHC and RHC billing and coding seminars, National Health Services Corp application, and more
- Reimbursable expenses for Community Health Worker Training and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Training
- Financial support of Recovery Month events and development of Recovery Community Organizations
- Full voting rights for NMORC Board of Directors and any changes to membership fees and bylaws
- A discount on registration fees at the MCRH Annual Opioid Summit where professionals, consumers and families share knowledge and resources
- The annual membership fee of \$100 can be recouped through participation in any of these cost and possibly life-saving activities. If your organization is interested in membership, please contact any of the NMORC staff.

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