

AGENDA
HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2020 - 5:00 PM

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of Minutes
- E. Approval of Agenda/Additions
- F. Public Comments
- G. Approval of Bills
- H. Correspondence
- I. Reports
 - 1. Standing committee
 - 2. Special Committee
 - 3. County Officers
- J. Old Business
 - 1. Houghton County Jail
- K. New Business
 - 1. Second Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution
 - 2. Great Lakes Recovery Centers
 - 3. Western U.P. Manpower Consortium Resolution
 - 4. Appropriations
 - a. Northwoods Rail Transit Commission - \$200.00
 - b.
 - 5. Travel Requests
 - a. MAC Conference
 - b. Jennifer Kelly – Houghton County Clerk
 - 6.
 - 7.
 - 8.
 - 9.
- L. Public Comments
- M. Announcements
- N. Adjournment

RESOLUTION OF HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution affirms, “[a] well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed,” and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual’s right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, including self-defense within the home, and in *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that such rights are incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opined that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment, or with use that could contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second Amendment, and in *Caetano v. Massachusetts*, 136 S. Ct. 1027 (2016), affirmed that the “Second Amendment extends, prima facie, to all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding,” and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution affirms, “[e]very person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state,” and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution affirms, “[a]ll political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal benefit, security and protection,” and

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to securing and protecting the rights of all citizens of Houghton County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners is concerned about, and wishes to express its opposition to, any law or current and future legislation containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Houghton County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County for the right to keep and bear arms and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Michigan, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of Houghton County to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power to appropriate public funds, the right to petition for redress of grievances, and the power to direct the law enforcement and employees of Houghton County to not enforce any unconstitutional law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Houghton County Michigan:

That the Houghton Board of Commissioners hereby declares Houghton County, Michigan, as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary", and

That the Houghton Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent to uphold the rights of the citizens of Houghton County, Michigan, as protected by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, and

That the Houghton Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent that county resources, including employees and funds, not be used to infringe or restrict the rights of any citizen affirmed by the Second Amendment and Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, nor be used to aid any state or federal agency in infringing or restricting such rights, and

That the Houghton Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its support for "Constitutional Carry" legislation that would eliminate existing draconian punishments for exercising a constitutionally protected right without first obtaining an expensive government license, and

That the Houghton Board of Commissioners hereby affirms that, until the enactment of "Constitutional Carry" legislation, Houghton County citizens should not be arrested nor prosecuted for solely exercising such rights affirmed by such legislation, and

That the Houghton Board of Commissioners hereby affirms that the rights protected by the Second Amendment and Article 1, Section 6, apply to all bearable arms, including so-called modern sporting rifles.

The undersigned clerk of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Houghton hereby certifies that the resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on January 14th, 2020, by the Board of Commissioners with the following votes:



County of Marquette
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Gerald O. Corkin, *Chairman*

Joe Derocha, *Vice-Chair*
Karen Alholm
Bill Nordeen
Johnny DePetro
Stephen Adamini

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE BOARD'S SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

At a regular meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners on the 21st day of January 2020, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners resolved to support constitutional rights as follows:

WHEREAS, we have been requested to adopt a proposed "Second Amendment Sanctuary County" resolution; and

WHEREAS, our civil counsel has opined that the proposed resolution exceeds our authority to the extent it directs the activities of the Sheriff or Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, when we assumed office, we all took an oath of office under which we swore to support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of this State, and to faithfully discharge the duties of this office; and

WHEREAS, support of the constitution of the United States, includes all of its amendments, including the Second Amendment thereto; and

WHEREAS, this Commission and all of its members wish to reaffirm their commitment and promise to support the same.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners that this Commission does support and will continue to honor our pledge to support the constitution of the United States as well as the constitution of this State, including all amendments thereto.

Dated: January 21, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Derocha

Second by Commissioner DePetro

Roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm., DePetro and Chairperson Corkin.

Nays: None.

Motion: Adopted

Great Lakes Recovery Centers is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides behavioral health services, residential and outpatient substance abuse programming, prisoner re-entry services, trauma assessments, prevention services, peer recovery and much more.

GLRC Mission:

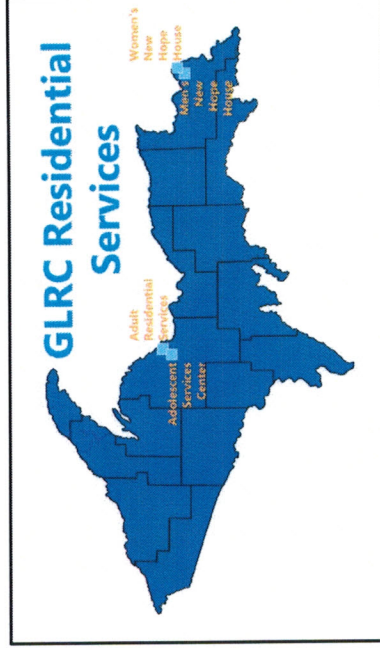
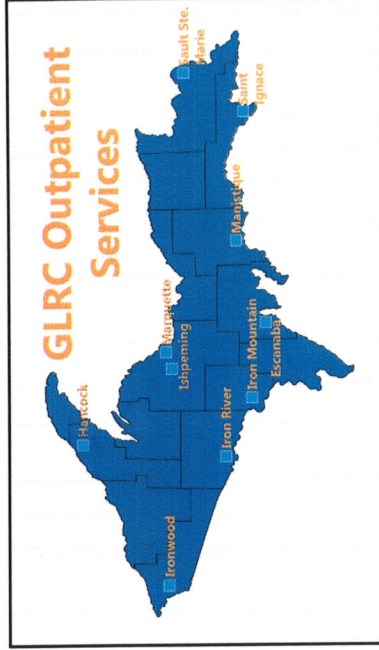
to empower recovery
through hope
and change

Core Values:

- We value:
- ♦ caring, respect and empathy for all persons
 - ♦ a commitment to our clients' recovery
 - ♦ a strength-based environment for ourselves and our clients
 - ♦ dependable, trust-based relationships
 - ♦ service to our communities
 - ♦ the quality of life through relationships
 - ♦ a strong and dependable work ethic

LOCATIONS

GLRC has 10 Outpatient Services offices and 4 residential facilities across the Upper Peninsula.



For more information about the services at any of our locations, call the Access Center at (855) 906-4572 or (906) 228-9696.

www.greatlakesrecovery.org

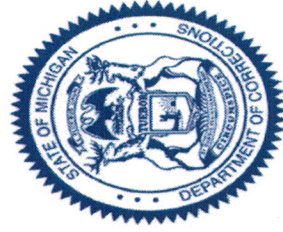
Great Lakes Recovery Centers is licensed by the State of Michigan and accredited by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities). We are also HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) compliant. GLRC actively protects the confidentiality and privacy of our clients.



Great Lakes Recovery Centers is a non-profit, non-denominational, 501 (c)(3) corporation. Funding comes from a variety of sources. GLRC is a partner agency with the United Ways of Marquette County and the Copper Country United Way.

**Great Lakes
Recovery Centers**
Behavioral Health Services

Region 1
Upper Peninsula



**Offender
Success**

GLRC
**Creating Healthy
Communities One
Person at a Time**

Offender Success, Region 1



**Offender
Success**

Offender Success Mission:

The MISSION of the Michigan Offender Success Model is to reduce crime by implementing a seamless plan of services, supervision and opportunities developed with each offender and delivered through State and Regional collaboration with the ultimate goal of obtaining sustainable employment and self-sufficiency. The mission is accomplished by targeting service provision to meet the identified needs of returning offenders, thereby reducing their risk of recidivism and enhancing their employment opportunities.

Offender Success Vision:

The VISION of the Michigan Offender Success Model is that every offender released from prison will have the tools needed to succeed in the community and the opportunity to utilize those tools to be productive, self-sufficient citizens.

The Michigan Offender Success Model:

- The Model incorporates--
- The three phase reentry approach of the Department of Justice's Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative (SVORI).
 - The seven decision points of the National Institute of Corrections Transition from Prison to Community Initiative (TPCI Model).
 - The policy statements and recommendations from the Report of the Reentry Policy Council that is coordinated by the Council of State Governments.

How is this accomplished?

- **Resource Specialists:** Assure all counties have adequate services and vendors to meet the needs of all returning parolees.
- **Job Development Specialists:** Coordinate job placement activities for OS parolees and develops employer relationships to provide employment opportunities to offenders.

Regional Steering Team:

Provides planning oversight whereby the community and the MDOC come together to collaborate locally on developing solutions and leveraged services for programs, services and job development efforts.

Advisory Council:

- Advisory Councils are in place within each region to create a strong base for community support and to act as a vehicle for public education and input for the Offender Success Program.
- The Advisory Council represents an opportunity for service provider input to the process, especially through a specifically named committee of the Council.
- Advisory Council members attend Advisory Council meetings and participate in reaching out to the public at-large to educate them about Offender Success in their community.

Want to get involved?

Contact: Jason Sides, Community Coordinator

(906) 458-0616

- Residential Stability Services
- Social Support Services
- Health and Behavioral Health Services

Rental Opportunities

The following are potential benefits for landlords renting to Offender Success returning citizens:

- **Dependable payments:** Offender Success (OS) provides guaranteed, dependable rental payments.
- **No court eviction process:** When renting through OS, the parolee agrees and signs a rental agreement through OS/Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC), as well as adhering to the landlord's rental agreement. If a parolee deviates from these agreements, or becomes problematic, the Parole Agent will remove them from the rental unit.

• **Extra oversight of the unit:**

Parole Agents will inspect the unit initially and periodically thereafter. OS Resource Specialists will do an initial safety and inventory inspection. This process will also occur upon the parolees' exit. OS Resource and Job Development Specialists will meet with parolees, at minimum, on a monthly basis.

For more information or if you're interested in rental opportunities please contact Jason Sides at (906) 458-0616.

**Services Offered to Parolees
Through Offender Success:**

- Transition
- Employment Readiness
- Job Development Services



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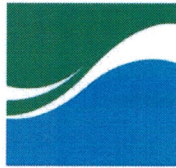
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Sparking Success



Training Grounds

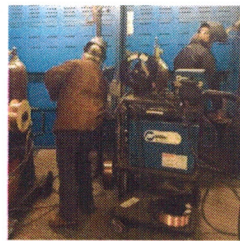
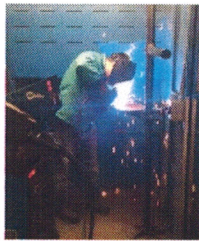


Staff Spotlight



UPcoming Events

40 Hour Welding Class Held In November At Bay College In Escanaba



Bay College Providing Vital Training To Returning Citizens



Renée Lundberg

Renée Lundberg, Manager of Workforce Development at Bay College had this to say about their training programs:

"Bay College is excited to be part of the network contributing to the Offender Success program. Working with Great Lakes Recovery and Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Bay College built and delivered two successful training programs designed to prepare our returning citizens to the workforce with the skills needed to be competitive in today's job market. Bay College is committed to a continued partnership with Great Lakes Recovery by offering training opportunities that can assist in the success of this program and our communities." Thank you Renée!

Region 1 Program Manager: Natalie Patron



Natalie Patron

Natalie Patron succeeded long time MPRI/OS Program Manager Gary Matheny upon his retirement from the program in September 2018.

An Ishpeming native and graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelors degree in Psychology, Natalie has spent the last 16 years at Great Lakes Recovery Centers with a majority of that time working in Adolescent Services prior to joining the OS team in 2017.

Blending strengths of organization and data collection with her passion for helping others is a strong combination for continued program success and management of the Region 1 team.

"It is rewarding to help others. Whether it is providing a simple gas card, purchasing some much needed clothing, or assisting a parolee with finding employment, you can see that every little bit helps."

WHAT'S UP?



Mark Your Calendars!

Region 1 Steering Team Meeting
Wednesday January 8th, 2020
10:30 at Michigan Works! in Marquette



*"Success is not final. Failure is not fatal.
It's the courage to continue that counts."*

-Winston Churchill

TRIVIA: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's epic poem "The Song of Hiawatha" refers to Lake Superior by this interpretation of the Ojibwe name for Great Sea?

Email your answer to:

osinfo@greatlakesrecovery.org

Previous Months Answer:

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CONGRATULATIONS!

TINA BAROSS



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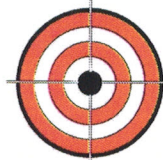


Happy New Year!



MSU EXTENSION

Adding Opportunity



Staying On Target



UPcoming Events

Happy New Year! From The Region 1 Offender Success Team At GLRC

Offender Success



L to R: Job/Resource Specialist Bill Mourufas, Resource Specialist Bob Boivin, Job/Resource Specialist Katie Poston, Resource Specialist Sylvia Wentela, Job/Resource Specialist Tom Jayne, Accountant Tracy Busse, Community Coordinator Jason Sides, Executive Director Greg Toutant, Program Manager Natalie Patron.



Michigan State University Extension To Offer Train The Trainer Courses



MSU Extension has partnered with Offender Success to provide train the trainer courses for staff and community partners

Dollar Works 2: A comprehensive financial education program that teaches individuals about personal finance within the context of their personal culture and life experiences.

RELAX: Alternatives to Anger Series with Parent and Caregiver Module is an interactive series that actively engages adult learners to increase knowledge and skills around anger management and give them constructive ways to deal with anger.

The Informed Renter: To help individuals who have little to no rental experience and those who have had difficulty obtaining rental housing. Participants may be first time renters; homeowners transitioning to renting; individuals with poor rental or credit history; or individuals who have other issues that may cause potential landlords to perceive them as high-risk tenants.

Training Dates Forthcoming - Stay Tuned!

Offender Success Mission and Vision Statements:



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Michigan Works! In Marquette



TRIVIA: In 1836, the U.S. Congress offered 3/4 of the Upper Peninsula territory to Michigan in exchange for the disputed land known as?

Email your answer to:

osinfo@greatlakesrecovery.org

Previous Months Answer:
Gitche Gumee

CONGRATULATIONS!
Shawn Baker



Offender Success



Joint Resolution of the Counties of Gogebic, Houghton, Iron,
Baraga, Ontonagon, and Keweenaw

Whereas, since 1974, and up until October 1, 2015, the above-named Western Upper Peninsula Counties provided job training services to their residents through several agencies which were almost exclusively funded by the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, the Western Upper Peninsula Manpower Consortium was disbanded in 2015, along with two other Upper Peninsula Employment and Training providers, all of which were consolidated into the UPWARD Talent Council, pursuant to the Governor's directive, and,

Whereas, the State of Michigan and the affected Western Upper Peninsula Counties were all aware of the shortfall in the pension fund created for the employees of the Manpower Consortium, and the State of Michigan paid for an audit to determine the extent of the potential shortfall, and,

Whereas, the initial Manpower Consortium pension shortfall was \$300,924.00, which the State of Michigan promised to address after the actuarial report, and,

Whereas, the unfunded liability has grown to \$970,165.00, and will continue to grow until funded, as the State of Michigan has yet to fund this known liability, and,

Whereas, there was a shortfall as it concerned the pension benefits owed the former employees of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Employment and Training Consortium and that shortfall was corrected by subsequent legislative action, and,

Whereas, the failure of the State to fund the Manpower Consortium pension shortfall, as it did for the similarly situated Eastern Upper Peninsula Employment and Training Consortium, creates an unfunded pension liability that adversely affects some of the most vulnerable counties in Michigan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the six Counties of the Western Upper Peninsula urge and demand that the Legislature correct the shortfall that exists in the pension fund for the seven employees who have retired from the Western Upper Peninsula Alliance Board, all of whom fulfilled their obligation to the State of Michigan by devoting years of hard work to the economic well-being of the State of Michigan.

Date: _____

By: _____
Its: Chairperson, Houghton County Board

Date: _____

By: _____
Its: Houghton County Clerk

Northwoods Rail Transit Commission

Members: Ashland, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langelade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Rusk and Vilas
Counties of Wisconsin & Baraga, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Marquette, Menominee and Ontonagon
Counties of Michigan.

Visit us at: www.ncwrpc.org/NorthwoodsRail/

January 31, 2020

Invoice No: 2020-17

Jennifer Kelly
Houghton County Clerk
401 E. Houghton Ave.
Houghton, MI 49931-2016

County Clerk
Received On
FEB 05 2020

INVOICE

RE: Annual Administrative Fee
for 2020

\$200.00

Amount Due

\$200.00

*(Make checks payable to Northwoods
Rail Transit Commission)*

Thank you.

Northwoods Rail Transit Commission

* Due 30 days from statement date.

If you have any questions, contact:

Darryl L. Landeau
Senior Planner
(715) 849-5510, Ext. 308
dlandeau@ncwrpc.org

