

ITCMI Behavioral Health Division

QUARTERLY UPDATES (OCT. – DEC. 2025)



Gambling Disorder Initiative – Lisa Moran, Director



- Continuing to offer monthly NODS Assessment Training to all 12 tribes. The NODS is a screening tool used to identify gambling-related problems. Trainings were held on October 25 and December 18, with 7 clinicians trained.
- 200 individuals were screened for Gambling Disorder, with 12 individuals receiving a diagnosis. These figures were collected through a quarterly SurveyMonkey distributed to Tribal Behavioral Health Directors.
- Continuing to offer monthly Gambling Disorder Trainings to all 12 tribes and communities via Zoom, in person, or self-paced options. Participants receive 2 CEUs upon completion. A training was held on October 15, with 3 participants trained.
- Delivered Youth Gambling Presentation to Sault Area Middle School 6th grade classes, Malcolm High School students, and Malcolm High School staff, reaching a total of 217 individuals.
- Attended the 6th Annual Opioid Summit in Mt. Pleasant, held November 4-6.
- Contracted with Lamar Advertising to display a Responsible Gambling Billboard from September 29 through December 31.
- Continuing to share a video highlighting an individual's recovery journey from gambling addiction during trainings, on our website, and across social media. In addition, a PSA campaign will run from September 12, 2025, through February 1, 2026, airing during NFL, Red Wings, Tigers, and College Football games, as well as on other sports streaming & television networks.
- Television Advertising:
 - 237 total airings across major sports networks, including ESPN, ESP2, Big Ten Network, Fox Sports 1, NFL Network, and TNT
- Streaming Advertising:
 - 225,869 total impressions
 - 220,774 total completions
 - 97.78% average completion rate, indicating strong audience engagement
 - Links to view the gambling recovery stories: 3:00 min video - <https://youtu.be/LyBoEp7qaJs>, :30 sec video - <https://youtu.be/RUfO8PN460c>

Anishnaabek Healing Circle – Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Initiative – Melissa Colby, Program Manager



- 158 tribal members have received services through the MOUD program since October 2022.
- Continuing to plan project objectives & budgets for the MOUD grant award. Tribes with initiatives or needs that support increased access to MOUD or harm reduction services are encouraged to reach out.
- Provided technical assistance and training to partnering Tribes on the new federal data collection forms, known as SUPRT forms (previously referred to as GRPA).
- Submitted the federally required FY25 programmatic annual report.
- Attended the 6th Annual Opioid Summit in Mt. Pleasant, held November 4-6.
- Hannahville Indian Community was approved as a new partner site for this initiative. A harm reduction vending machine has been installed on-site at Hannahville to improve access to harm reduction supplies.

SOR4 Tribal Medicated Assisted Treatment & Recovery Initiative – Amanda Virden, Program Manager



- Enrolled 3 clients with opioid and/or stimulant use disorders in Tribal evidence-based outpatient treatment programs; 5 clients entered residential treatment or were referred to a Healing to Wellness Court.
- Trained 14 participants on naloxone administration, harm reduction practices, and community distribution strategies; distributed 41 double dose nasal naloxone kits across Tribal communities.
- Participated with an educational resource table at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Youth Education & Activities 4th Annual Leadership Conference on November 21, with 128 attendees, and at the New Years Eve Sobriety Powwow in Sault Ste. Marie on December 31, attended by approximately 250 individuals. Materials shared included information on medications for opioid use disorder, cultural resources, mental health support & other treatment-related services.
- Provided technical assistance and training to partnering Tribes on the new federal data collection forms, known as SUPRT forms (previously referred to as GRPA).

Anishnaabek Community Opioid Intervention Prevention Program– Arlene Kashata, Program Manager



- Attended the 6th Annual Opioid Summit in Mt. Pleasant, held November 4-6.
- Facilitated the ASAM Criteria (American Society of Addiction Medicine) virtual training on December 2, providing an overview of this nationally recognized, evidence-based framework used to assess substance use treatment needs and determine appropriate levels of care, 23 participants attended.
- Assigned Tribal programs their education materials, prevention funding, and travel reimbursement allocations.
- Submitted the ACOIPP continuation budget for FY26 on December 2.
- Presented, at the invitation of my project officer, on my data collection and evaluation approach as a model for other ACOIPP grantees and project administrators. Dr. Monal Shroff (MPHI) co-presented as a contracted partner on this initiative.
- Confirmed dates for the Tribal Behavioral Health Conference, scheduled for August 24-26 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI.
- Coordinating a virtual cultural presentation on Anishinaabe Izhitwaawim – Anishinaabeg Culture: Family Values and Traditions on January 16. Joseph Sutherland will serve as the presenter.
- Completed and submitted a PSA for television and streaming distribution. View here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNcNllvZzeA>



Title VI, Mental Health Delivery Systems (MHDS), Tribal Behavioral Health Initiative (TBHI) – Christin McKerchie, Program Manager

Title VI:

- Provides nutrition, wellness, and supportive services to Native American elders.
- In FY25, tribal communities provided 8,000 meals and supported more than twenty caregivers.

Mental Health Delivery Systems (MHDS):

- Provides culturally responsive outpatient behavioral health services, including individual and group therapy, evaluations, and medication support.
- In FY25, MHDS served 1,416 unduplicated individuals through 5,458 service contacts.

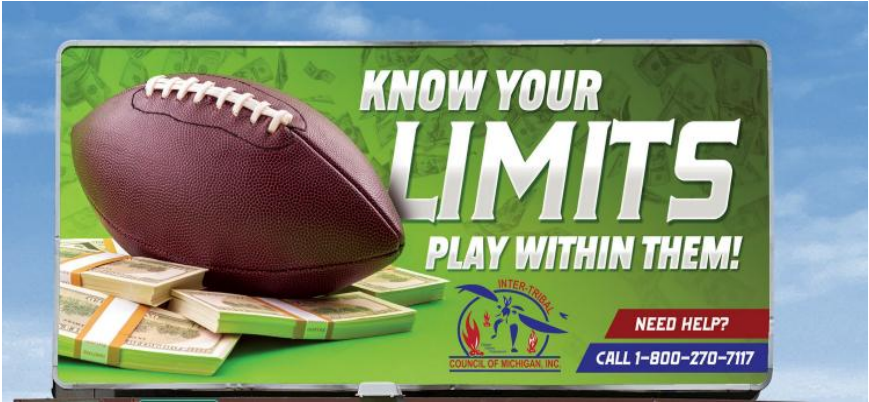
Tribal Behavioral Health Initiative (TBHI):

- Strengthens access to behavioral health services through coordination, outreach, and support of Tribal service delivery systems. Provides transportation assistance for behavioral health and medical appointments, grocery shopping, pharmacy visits & court appointments.
- In FY25, TBHI served 1,274 unduplicated individuals, supporting thousands of therapy, evaluation, and medication-related contacts.

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Billboard Displayed – Gambling Disorder Initiative



Events: Youth Gambling Presentations, NYE Powwow

