# ITCMI Behavioral Health Division

## QUARTERLY UPDATES (JULY – SEPTEMBER 2026)

### Gambling Disorder Initiative – Lisa Moran, Director



- Continued offering monthly NODS Assessment trainings to all 12 Tribes. This screening tool helps identify gambling-related problems. Trainings were held on July 21, August 18, and September 17. The next training is scheduled for October 27.
- A total of 100 individuals were screened for gambling disorder, with three receiving a diagnosis, as reported through a quarterly survey completed by Tribal Behavioral Health Directors.
- Continued offering monthly Gambling Disorder trainings to all 12 Tribes and community members through Zoom, in-person, and self-paced formats. Participants receive 2 CEUs upon completion. Trainings were held July 22 and September 15. The next training is scheduled for October 22.
- Invited to serve again on the FY27 Gambling Disorder Symposium Planning Committee. Planning meetings have begun for the symposium scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2027, with the location, theme, and speakers still being determined.
- No youth gambling prevention presentations for students were held during summer break. Four summer school staff members at Sault Area High School received training on September 28. Outreach emails were sent to schools to gauge interest in FY27 presentations.
- Continued sharing videos highlighting individuals' recovery journeys from gambling addiction during trainings, on the ITCMI website, and across social media. Campaign periods are May - September 2026, and August 2026 – January 2027.
- Television PSA campaign: Generated 1,778 airings across three zones and 28 networks, including ESPN, ESPN2, Big Ten Network, Fox Sports 1, NFL Network, TNT, Golf Channel, CNN, History Channel, TOON, and Lifetime, among others.
- Streaming PSA campaign: Generated 269,276 impressions and 256,882 completed views, with a 95.39% completion rate.
- Continued displaying a Responsible Gambling banner on an exterior light pole at ITCMI to promote community awareness.
- ITCMI's Behavioral Health Division hosted the 5th Annual Tribal Behavioral Health Conference, "Each Story is a Sacred Journey," August 24–26 at Grand Traverse Resort. The conference welcomed 75 participants and received excellent feedback.
- Attended two trainings and two webinars covering topics including gambling disorder, online sports betting, and grant requirements.
- Recovery stories:
    - Jodi Joki, 3-minute video: https://youtu.be/LyBoEp7qaJs
      30-second video: https://youtu.be/RUfO8PN460c
    - Kathryn Connelly, 3-minute video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boRP-EjCHX4&t=17s
      30-second video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_KWK_rVsres

### Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation – Lisa Moran, Director

- ITCMI received a second cycle of funding from the Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation to provide culturally relevant behavioral health and prevention resources, including cultural activity kits, to Tribal programs.
- Tribes were contacted at the end of September to identify which resources would best meet their needs. Orders are planned for October.
- The resources are intended to support Tribal behavioral health, prevention, and wellness activities.

**Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Grant**

- ITCMI was awarded $300,000 for FY27. The project will focus on prevention and peer recovery support services through training, technical assistance, workforce development, and culturally relevant programming for all 12 Tribes. Planned activities include Wellbriety facilitator trainings, a peer recovery conference, cultural teachings, and resources to support community-based recovery groups.

**SOR4 Tribal Medication-Assisted Treatment & Recovery Initiative – Program Manager Position Vacant**

- The SOR4 Program Manager position is vacant. Lisa Moran is overseeing the grant until a replacement is hired.
- A total of 27 clients with opioid and/or stimulant use disorders were enrolled in Tribal evidence-based outpatient treatment programs.
- Met with MPHI to discuss FY26 data for development of a program infographic.
- Hosted educational resource tables at the following events to share information on cultural resources, mental health support, and treatment services. These events had a combined attendance of 738:
    - Recovery Event, Brimley, MI: July 15
    - Community Health Fair, Petoskey, MI: August 21
    - FAN'S 3rd Annual Celebrating Recovery Picnic, Sault Ste. Marie, MI: August 23
    - 5th Annual Tribal Behavioral Health Conference, Acme, MI: August 25-26
    - Sault Tribe's 16th Annual Behavioral Health Recovery Walk, Sault Ste. Marie, MI: September 24
- Trained 30 participants in naloxone administration and distributed 90 two-dose naloxone nasal spray kits.
- Continued providing technical assistance and training to partnering Tribes on federal data collection requirements using SUPRT forms.
- Two traditional billboards and one digital billboard campaign promoting naloxone awareness were displayed.
- Continued sharing videos highlighting individuals' recovery journeys.
    - Streaming advertisements featuring four recovery PSAs generated 545,652 impressions and 539,619 completed views, with a completion rate of 98.89% indicating strong audience engagement.
- Recovery stories:
    - John's story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7skZ49FINA0
    - Carole's story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRfBKGr1MpM
    - Andrew's story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzdTKowyevo
    - Anna's story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyzrOpql5H4

**Anishnaabek Community Opioid Intervention Prevention Program (ACOIPP)– Arlene Kashata, Program Manager**



- Hosted an ethics training on August 24 with CEUs provided. Participants gave positive feedback.
- Led the planning and coordination of the 5th Annual Tribal Behavioral Health Conference, "Each Story is a Sacred Journey," held August 25-26 at the Grand Traverse Resort. CEUs were offered throughout the conference. Presenters shared culturally integrated approaches to treatment, prevention, and recovery. Attendees provided excellent feedback.
- Contacted all 12 Tribal behavioral health programs regarding available funding for educational materials, overdose prevention and cultural materials, and travel reimbursements. Requests must be submitted by November 21.
- Attended the all-grantee meeting, which included a resource and innovation exchange. Presenters shared creative programming ideas and additional resources to support program implementation.

- A Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) is scheduled for November 17-19 at the Soaring Eagle Event Center in Mt. Pleasant. The gathering will support strategic planning for Lower Peninsula Tribal behavioral health programs for the current fiscal year. Contracts are being processed.
- Met monthly with the Project Officer and received the FY27 award notice, including an additional $125,000 in funding.
- Shared a flyer announcing upcoming virtual White Bison Wellbriety trainings with Tribal behavioral health programs.

**Anishnaabek Healing Circle – Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Initiative – Arlene Kashata, Program Manager**

- Conducted the annual MOUD assessment meeting with participating Tribes.
- Participated in monthly Tribal MAT consultations with Dr. Miljour and began planning a spring diversity training for Upper Peninsula Community Mental Health (CMH) providers.
- Attended monthly meetings with the Project Officer to share program updates and discuss concerns.
- Met with Nicky Bates from Superior Health Foundation. Hannahville connected with LivingWorks facilitators to schedule ASIST and safeTALK trainings.
- Total enrollment in the MOUD program reached 180 clients in FY26.
- Continued working on the annual SUPRT assessment in SPARS.



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

Title VI:

- The program supports nutrition, wellness, and other services for Native American elders. Participating Tribes continued providing meals and caregiver support.
- Submitted the FY26 Annual Report and continued work on the FY27-FY29 funding cycle.
- Attended the USAging Answers on Aging 51st Annual Conference and Tradeshow in San Diego, CA, July 18–21 to connect with Tribal aging programs and learn about services and support for older adults.
- Attended the Title VI National Conference, September 8-10, for federal program guidance and training on administration, reporting, and implementation.
- Received a new award under the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) for the period of September 1, 2026–August 31, 2027. The program supports outreach and education to help eligible Tribal elders learn about Medicare benefits and assistance programs.

Mental Health Delivery Systems (MHDS):

- Participating Tribal programs continued providing culturally responsive outpatient behavioral health services, including individual and group therapy, evaluations, and medication support.
- Submitted the FY26 third-quarter report and continued assisting the five participating Tribal communities with program and reporting requirements.
- Worked with MDHHS to clarify requirements for the new quarterly reporting form. Participating Tribes will begin using it for the final FY26 quarterly report.
- A total of 406 individuals received MHDS services during the quarter, including psychiatric evaluations, mental health therapy, and wraparound services. A total of 673 mental health therapy sessions were reported.

Tribal Behavioral Health Initiative (TBHI):

- Participating Tribal programs continued strengthening access to behavioral health services through integrated care, care coordination, community partnerships, and wraparound supports.
- Continued supporting the three participating Tribal communities with program requirements and the transition into FY27.
- FY26 fourth-quarter service totals have not yet been received from participating Tribes and remain pending.



**Administrative Assistant – Linda Grossett**

- Continued scheduling and arrangement for trainings and meetings
- Assisted with program reporting and communications.
- Provided administrative support for Behavioral Health Division operations.

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## Events





















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