

Township of Breitung Agenda-Special Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Special Board Meeting 06/14/2023

Breitung Community Center 5:30pm

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - 05/25/23 Regular Board Meeting

New Business

- Care Crossing North Project-Vermilion Park Inn
 - 5-10Min Informational Presentation by Cathy Harvieux then Q & A
- Juneteenth as a Holiday
- Establish 2023 Rate for Mowing

Old Business

- Culture & Tourism Grant
 - Playground Equipment
- Blight

Next Regular Board Meeting-June 22nd, 2023 @ 12:00noon at the Breitung Community Center

Adjourn

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 05-25-23 at 12:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

Board Members: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Deputy Clerk Renee Pearson

Public: Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Valeda McDonald, Daniel Wiire-Stuntz Bay Association, Tony Neari Goombaz Security Systems (left @ 1:25pm)

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tim Tomsich

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the minutes of the 05/11/2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the April 2023 Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- League of MN Cities-*Introduction to Race Equity *Upcoming Events *Legislative Recap
- Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging
- MAT-May 2023 Newsletter
- IRRR-*Ranger May 3, *EV Growth *Rural Housing Projects *Ranger May 17th
- Thank you from Daniel Reing

Public Input

Stephanie Ukkola asked the Board about a pollinator garden, board stated as long as it wasn't a violation of the blight ordinance.

Reports

- Police-See Attached. Board asked Chief Reing to move taser training to the back of the building next year, Chief Reing working on the summer schedule
- Fire-See Attached

- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-Nothing to Report
- Recreation-Will not know about grant until the end of June
- Wastewater Board-Bonding Bill not approved for the Wastewater Project, will move forward with PFA funding. 1M loan and 1M plus in grants
- Ambulance Commission-No updates, Supervisor Tekautz attended in Supervisor Tuchel's absence

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

IRRR

- Meeting with IRRR-see report. Supervisor Tuchel reported that the biggest difference in funding projects and seeking funds is everyone is looking for higher dollar projects.
- 2023 Infrastructure Project-Discussion to continue to seek funds, possibly tie another project with this and the 5-year plan to make it more attractive. Supervisor Tuchel will sit down with USDA and review the scope of the project

Broadband

- CTC Quote for McKinley Park Guests and Quote for Increased internet speed-Discussion about quote from On Systems for 2 antennas on the building with approximately 14 poles and repeaters @ a cost of \$855.00. On Systems suggested bumping up internet speed to 200m @ a cost of an additional \$50.00 to original contract. Township can recoup costs next year in the rates system.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the installation of wi-fi equipment for \$855.00, and increasing the internet speed at a monthly cost to the township of \$50.00.

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Blight-Chief Reing stated the house on Jasper is looking better, but will follow up. Also reports will look further into the 2 houses on Superior St as well as Bill Johnsons house on the Junction Rd. Clerk Sundahl to send a blight letter to Bill Johnson. Supervisor Tuchel will review the bridge issue on Bill Johnsons property as well.

New Business

Pay Bills as presented

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to pay bills as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Stuntz Bay

- Bench @ Stuntz Bay-Dan Wiire in attendance for the Stuntz Bay association, received 2 donations for Stuntz Bay. The first is for bench in memory of Franklin Gornick. Discussion on where to put the bench, would like a concrete pad, and would like a removable bench. Some discussion if it could be placed on the dock, but also concern it may get used for purposes not intended for a bench. Consensus by the Board to have Maintenance Supervisor work with Dan on the best placement of the bench. 2nd donation by the Joe Zubert family was \$1000 towards the new dock. Zubert family can make plaques at their cost and would like one put up on each side of docks. Stuntz Bay Association has the lease to the landing. Maintenance/Chairman Tomsich and Dan Wiire will look at a good option for all.
- Traffic Control-Dan Wiire asking if Chief Reing can ticket on DNR Property as people are parking in "No Parking" Areas, and not everyone has a Stuntz Bay pass. Stuntz Bay Association to put out reminders to buy passes. The Township has a map of property and Chairman Tomsich will locate to review property lines. Trail cams to be put up, but last years break ins were from the lake side, not the road side.

Fire Department

- Request for SCBA-The Fire and Rescue Department was unsuccessful in securing FEMA grant funding last year for this, but equipment out of date.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve purchasing the new SCBA as presented

2nd by Chairman Tomsich

Motion passed 2-0

Supervisor Tuchel abstain due to possible conflict of interest and being on the Fire and Rescue Department

Police Department

- Impounded Vehicle/2015 KIA Truck -Forms submitted to the State, awaiting approval
- Goombaz Security Proposal-Original quote was for 1 Outside camera and 4 inside cameras, additional quote for 3 more outside cameras on the Police Building, could not give a price on Community Center as he did not know how the township wanted it laid out. After Tony Neri's presentation on the camera's, he stated that "new installation" needed to be compliant with new federal regulations. Chief Reing stated best security would be 3 inside camera's and 2 outside cameras.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to request another quote from Goombaz for 3 interior cameras and 2 exterior cameras and to apply for the OSHA 10K 50/50 grant for these cameras

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Waiver of Fees for Shara Dostert Event

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to waive fee for Shara Dostert Event due to double booking

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Dust Control

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to have Maintenance Supervisor arrange for Dust Control
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Request for Propane Bids

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to request sealed bids from the local propane companies, both 1 and 2-year contracts to be open at the July 2023 Regular Board Meeting

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Soudan Surface Story Tour-Sign Request

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to allow the State Park to place signs as per their suggestion on the Soudan Entrance signs with cost to be paid for by the State Park.

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Meet your Supervisor

Consensus by the Board to participate in "Meet your Councilor/Supervisor" at Tower's Gathering Gallery. Calendar to be put out at a later date, waiting to see if the City of Tower is interested.

Resolution 2023-16 Certification of the 2024 Township Property Tax Levy

Motion by Chairman Tomsich to approve Resolution 2023-16 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Resolution 2023-17 Accepting Donations

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Resolution 2023-17 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Next Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, June 22nd, 2023 @ 12N Breitung Community Center

Breitung Clean Up Days-June 5th, 6th, 7th, 2023

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to adjourn the meeting @ 1:38pm

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

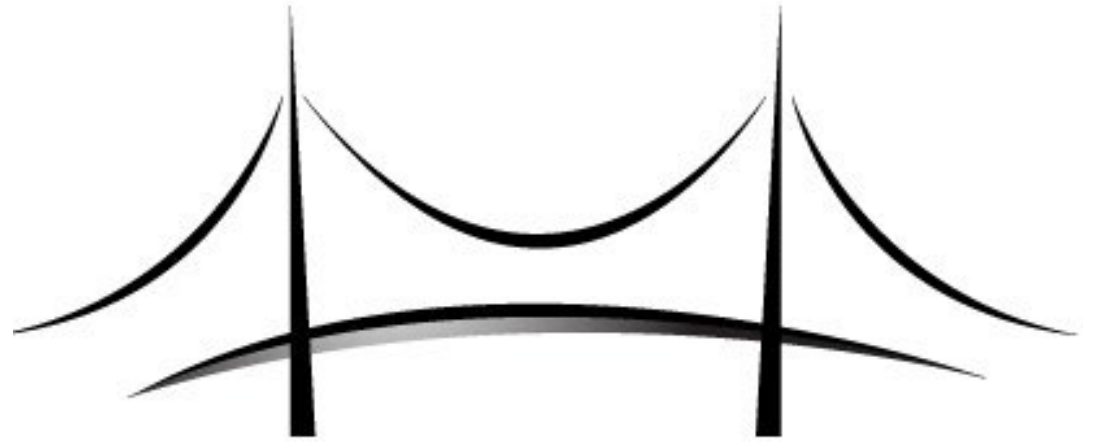
Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl
Clerk, Breitung Township

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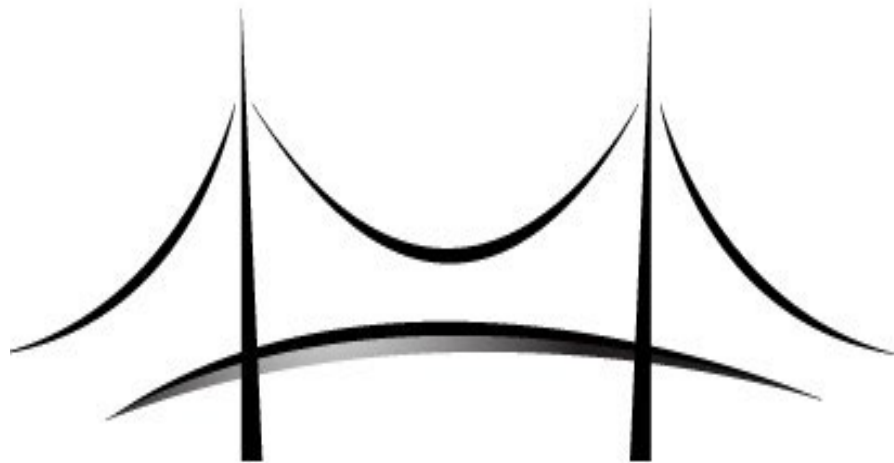
WHO WHAT WHERE

- Care Crossings in Partnership with NE MN partners/supporters
- **PROVIDE**
 - Substance Use Treatment
 - Community Prevention Education
 - Adolescent Prevention
 - PIE: Prevention Intervention Education
 - Build Supportive Sober Housing
 - Partnerships to Work Services
 - Partnership with Non-Methadone Provider/s
 - Support Client Centered Methadone Choice



PROJECT PLAN PHASE ONE

SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES



Care Crossings

INTENSIVE
Out-Patient up to 30
hrs. per week

Client centered
scheduling/day and
evening

Assessments

Peer Recovery
Specialist Services

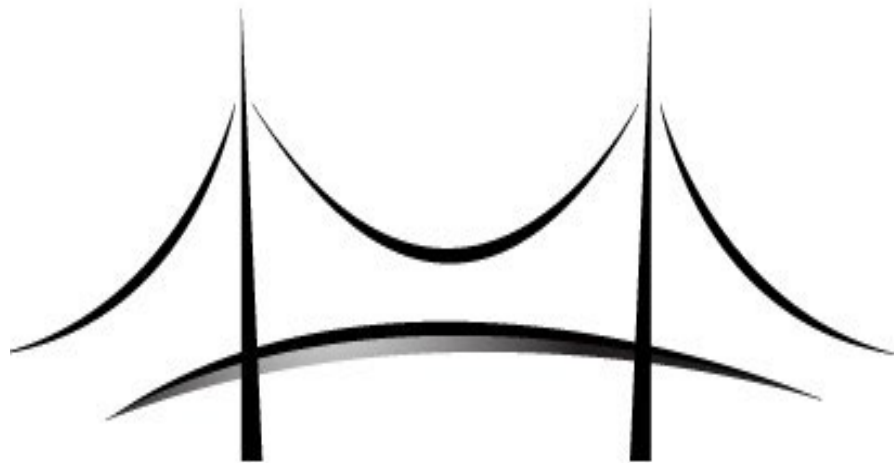
PRE-TREATMENT

Intervention and
Prevention

Community
Prevention/Education

PROJECT PLAN PHASE TWO

SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES



Care Crossings

INTENSIVE
Out-Patient up to 30
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Client centered
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Assessments

Peer Recovery
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PRE-TREATMENT

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Sober Housing

Treatment to Work

SOBER HOUSING

Care Crossings Sober Housing with Treatment

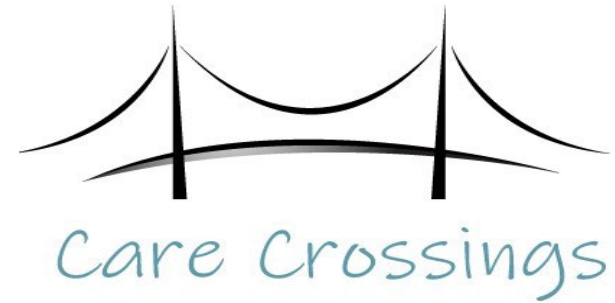
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HOUSING SEPTEMBER 2023



SOBER HOUSING/TREATMENT

- 20 beds total
 - non-medical detox beds
 - short term (less than 30 days)
 - long term (30 days plus)
- Live-in House Manager
- Live-in Treatment Staff
- Housing Contingency Management Therapy
 - Client Centered Treatment Engagement, offering/paying for housing program fees
 - Enables client to self direct/manage treatment attendance while seeking and maintaining employment
- Access to Housing Stabilization and Transition Services



TREATMENT TO WORK

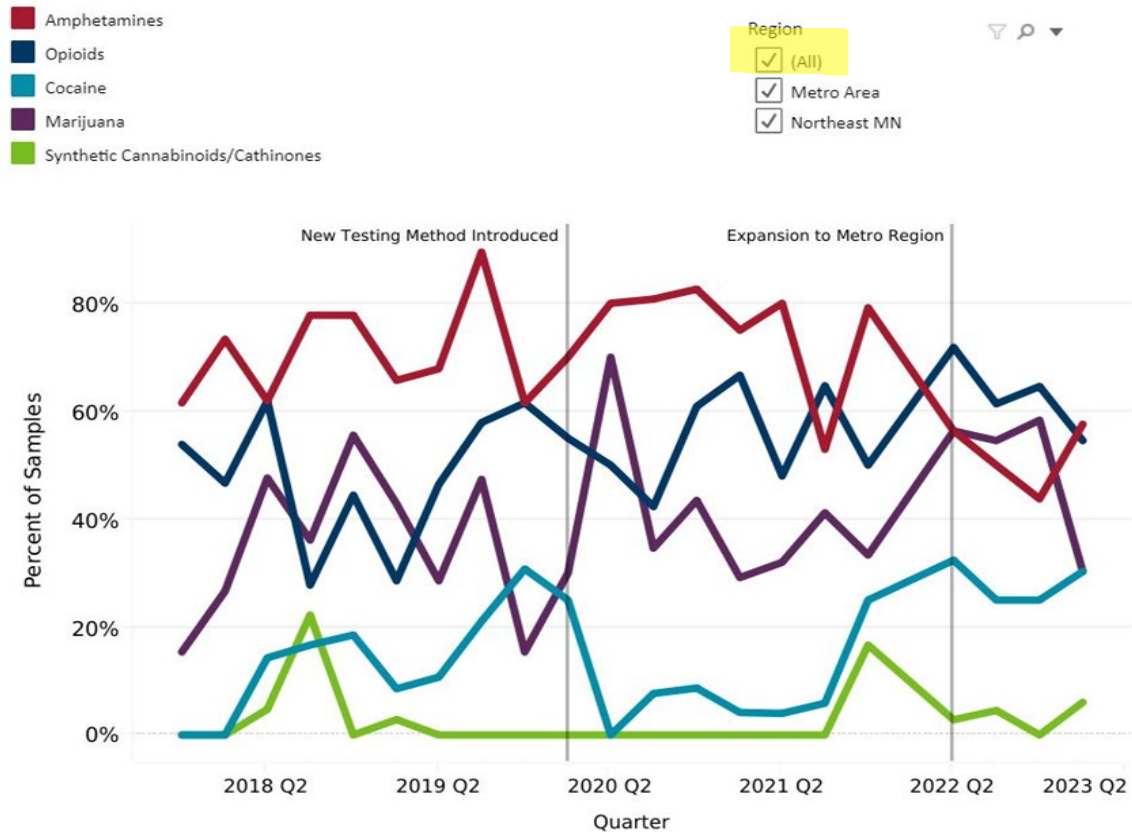
- Onsite employment partnerships (ie maintenance, yard work, etc.)
- Future sober housing expansion
- Offsite employment thru community partnerships
- Peer Recovery Specialists transportation
- Enabling clients to meet financial goals to independent living



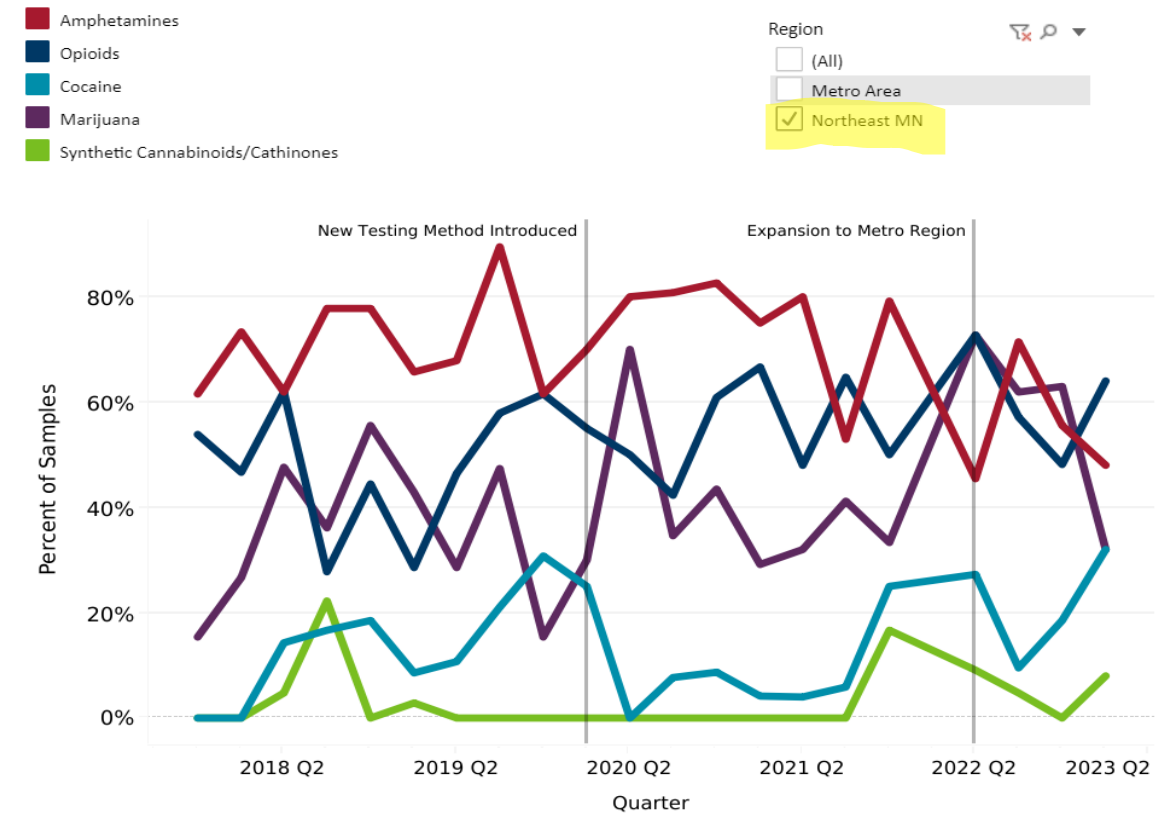
DRUG TRENDS



Opioids, Amphetamines, Cocaine, Marijuana, and Synthetic Cannabinoids/Cathinones Detection by Quarter
Click on an item to highlight line in the chart



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OVERDOSE RESULTS BY GENDER AND CULTURE IDENTITY



In 2021, there were 11,506 nonfatal hospital visits for all drug overdoses among Minnesotans, according to the dashboard. Through September 2022, there were 8,359 nonfatal hospital-treated overdoses. These numbers are like those seen during the first nine months of 2021.

Though Black and American Indian residents are more likely to be treated in the hospital for a nonfatal drug overdose, the greatest number of overdoses were experienced by white males and 30 to 34-year-old Minnesotans in 2021.

SUBSTANCE USE AND HOMELESSNESS IN NE MN



May 4, 2023

[Contact information](#)

Overdose tracking sheds light on housing and treatment links in Northeast Minnesota

A recent study of participating hospitals in northeast Minnesota found that among emergency department visits for substance misuse and overdose, nearly one-third of patients were experiencing homelessness — even though less than 1% of area residents lack housing. The findings highlight the need for a comprehensive approach to break the harmful relationship between chemical dependency and homelessness.

“Minnesota families from every part of the state have been impacted by drug overdoses and deaths,” said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dr. Brooke Cunningham. “To prevent these tragic incidents, we must continue to respond with naloxone distribution, treatment programs, transportation and housing. The basics are so important. The reality is that people can’t get treatment if they can’t get to treatment, or if they’re more worried about where they will sleep at night.”

This MNDOSA report included data from five Essentia Health emergency departments. It showed that of the 459 patient visits for substance misuse or overdose between November 2017 and October 2021, 134 of those patients were experiencing homelessness. The impact of structural inequities and systemic racism on health and housing is also seen in the data with 39% of American Indian patients and 55% of Black patients studied by MNDOSA experiencing homelessness.

ST LOUIS COUNTY RESPONSE GOVERNORS PROPOSAL



“These results point to the reality that we need a proactive, trauma-conscious, integrated and responsive approach in supporting people facing homelessness,” said Laura Birnbaum, the St. Louis County’s Housing and Homelessness supervisor. “We need culturally responsive, integrated teams to build relationships and trust with people living outside and in shelters, and to connect them with housing and other areas of care including harm reduction tools.”

Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan’s budget proposal includes more than \$225 million to address the opioid and substance use crisis. These investments include new dollars to strengthen the entire continuum of care from prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery, as well as at the intersection of housing and substance use.

TEXAS HOUSE BILL STUDY ON SOBER HOUSING



Introduction

Pursuant to House Bill (H.B.) 707, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, the Texas Legislature required HHSC to conduct a study of recovery residences and how they are operating. Further, H.B. 707 called for the study to explore the opportunities for, challenges of, and need for expansion of recovery residences in the state. The Bill seeks recommendations for action, including policy changes, best practices, and the need for training and/or technical assistance.

H.B 707 defines recovery residences as “a shared living environment that promotes sustained recovery from substance use disorders by integrating residents into the surrounding community and providing a setting that connects residents to supports and services promoting sustained recovery from substance use disorders, is centered on peer support, and is free from alcohol and drug use.” Recovery residences provide a safe, supportive and healthy environment for those in recovery to improve their social, mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing (NARR,

RESULTS OF THIS STUDY RELATED TO HOUSING



- “The connection with people in the house [was] immediate, like [a] social support system...if I was not living here, I would probably have ended up living in like a studio apartment by myself or something. And the isolation is really definitely not good for my recovery.” Resident

House managers and owners discussed the safety measures they took beyond the basics of having working smoke detectors and working door locks including not publishing the address of the home to protect the residents from unwanted visitors and regularly monitoring the vicinity to make sure drug dealers were not lingering around. Many homes also provided residents with locking storage areas to store their personal belongings as well. Having the basic need for safety met allowed residents to focus more on their recovery.

By design, recovery residences should be located in a safe neighborhood (Wittman et al., 2014). Many of the facilities we visited were in safe neighborhoods, a fact not lost on the residents. Many residents were intentional about keeping their neighborhoods safe, indicating that they would alert authorities if there were illegal activity occurring in their neighborhoods. This safety was viewed as a valuable component of several residents' recovery. This was contrasted with the experiences many people had before entering their recovery, which often included being unhoused and/or incarcerated. On the other hand, a few of the facilities we visited were in areas where drug use was common—possibly due to the difficulty of finding affordable homes to purchase or lease. To help mediate this, some of the houses were gated so residents could go to their cars and leave without being approached by drug dealers.

“The sober house has been the safest, best place I’ve ever lived in” Focus Group Participant.



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Letter of Understanding

By and Between

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 346

And

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

This Letter of Understanding ("LOU") is made by and between Breitung Township ("Employer") and Teamsters General Local Union No. 346 ("Union").

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Union is the exclusive representative for certain Employees employed by Employer in appropriate unit ("Bargaining Unit");

WHEREAS, the Employer and Union are parties to a Labor Agreement for January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025;

WHEREAS, a new Federal Holiday of "Juneteenth" was recently adopted by the State of Minnesota and the Federal Government;

WHEREAS, Breitung Township, and the Teamsters Union have approved changes to the current Labor Agreement regarding adding Juneteenth as a recognized holiday for City Employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, all parties hereto agree as follows below.

Agreement

Article 1.

1. Article X, Holidays, paragraph 10.1 is amended to include June 19th "Juneteenth" to the list of legal holidays observed by Staff as illustrated below.

HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day

Veterans Day

Memorial Day

Juneteenth

4th of July

Labor Day

Easter Monday

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

Thanksgiving Day

Breitung Township

Teamsters General Local Union No. 346

Date: _____

Date: _____

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into between the Breitung Township, hereafter ("Township") and Local 49 of the International Union of Operating Engineers hereafter ("Union").

WHEREAS, the Township and the Union are parties to a collective bargaining agreement in effect January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota designates state holidays under Minn. Stat. 645.44, Subd. 5 and after being duly passed in both the House and the Senate, the Governor signed into law a bill amending Minnesota Statute 645.44, subdivision 5, recognizing Juneteenth as a State Holiday; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 645.44, Subd. 5, no public business shall be transacted on Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, the bill went into effect upon the Governor's signing, before June 19, 2023, and the Township wishes to provide Juneteenth as a paid holiday to all full time Township employees effective immediately in 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Juneteenth will be added to the list of paid Holidays found in Article 17 and all holiday language in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) will pertain as they normally would for holidays currently recognized in the CBA.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding represents the full and complete agreement between the parties regarding this matter.

FOR BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

Board Chair

Town Clerk

FOR LOCAL 49 INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

Tom Gorsma, Steward

Daniel Manick, Area Bus. Rep.

EXHIBIT B: PAYMENTS

Culture &
Tourism

The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the Grantee under this grant contract will not exceed \$18,000.00 The Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation will promptly pay the Grantee after the Grantee presents itemized invoices for the services actually performed and the agency's Authorized Representatives accepts the invoiced services. Invoices must be submitted timely and according to the following schedule: reimbursement upon submission of invoices upon completion of stages of work on the project and/or completion of the entire project done in accordance with this Agreement.

Expense Description	Funding Source: Applicant	Funding Source: IRRR	Funding Source: McKinley Park Campground	Funding Source: Stuntz Bay Association	Funding Source: Lake Country Power	Total Funding
Expense 1 Stuntz Bay Dock replacement	\$7,300			\$7,500		\$14,800
Expense 2 McKinley Park dock decking; playground upgrades; sound system & bullhorn; large capacity canopy; serving tables; picnic tables	\$12,700	\$18,000	\$12,000		\$2,500	\$45,200
Expense 3						
Expense 4						
Expense 5						
Expense 6						
Expense 7						
Expense 8						
Expense 9						
Expense 10						
Total	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$12,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$60,000