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Bill Peterson, Chairman
Alpena County Board of Commissioners
720 W. Chisholm Street, Suite 7
Alpena, MI 49707

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners periodically appoints new representatives to the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board. This appointment takes effect at our first meeting in April and each appointment typically extends for three years. The current members of the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board from Alpena County are Robert Adrian, Lynnette Grzeskowiak, Judith Jones, Eric Lawson, and Patricia Przeslawski. Eric Lawson's term expires on March 31, 2024, and we encourage the Board of Commissioners to renew his appointment.

Patricia (Pat) Przeslawski's term also expires on March 31, 2024, however she wishes to retire from the Northeast Board at the end of her term. When she completes her term, she will have served our Board for twenty-four years. Her commitment to helping those most in need in Northeast Michigan is admirable and she will be sorely missed.

Pat has also served an important role on our Board as a Primary Consumer. According to the Mental Health Code, the laws we must follow as a community mental health service provider, a Primary Consumer is defined as an individual who has received or is receiving services from MDHHS or a community mental health services program, or services from the private sector equivalent to those offered by MDHHS or a community mental health services program.

This means that Pat's replacement appointee will also need to be a Primary Consumer meeting the above definition. Please let us know how we can be of assistance in finding a qualified candidate.

Sincerely,

Eric Lawson, Chair
EL/RD