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Annual Meeting

At noon on Thursday, January 20, Northern Community Mediation (NCM) will hold its annual meeting via Zoom. Outgoing board members Izabella Babinska, Nikki Devitt and outgoing board president Bob Banner will be recognized for their service. Incoming board president Brian Kasiborski will then introduce the new board members: Mark Andresky, Jenny Brower, Bill Cattin, Lisa Hoyt and Cyndy Tonkavich.

Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar will then summarize the annual report. NCM's 2021 strategic plan focused on four areas: 1) facilities evaluation; 2) expansion of funding sources; 3) marketing, specifically as related to social media; and 4) staff compensation. Although COVID-19 has impacted NCM, the organization has been able to continue offering quality services through Zoom without interruption.

NCM, along with the other 16 Citizen Dispute Resolution Program (CDRP) centers in the state of Michigan, is a member of the Michigan Community Mediation Association (MCMA). Through this affiliation, MCMA has been awarded two substantial grants. The first is from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) for the Behavioral Health Mediation Services Program. This program is designed to give assistance to clients of Community Mental Health (CMH) centers. The second grant is from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provides mediation services at no cost to the farmers of Michigan.

The year-end financial report will also be shared at the annual meeting. NCM is fortunate to be in a healthy and stable financial position. For a copy of the year-end financial statement, go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/financialstatements/> on the NCM website. The annual report is also available on the NCM website at <https://www.northernmediation.org/annual-reports/>

Anyone interested in attending the NCM annual meeting at noon on Thursday, January 20 should call NCM at 231.487.1771 to obtain the Zoom link

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict.

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