Under The Jacket
is an agency effort to improve
the relations with those we
serve at the agency, with
our providers, and in the
community.

The goal is to look inside and see what is there.



MISSION of Under the Jacket:

To create a culture of mutual respect and value for all.

#### **Whom to Contact**

If an individual is at immediate risk of seriously harming themselves or someone else call 911

For crisis call 1-833-295-0616 (TTY 711)

To access services call (231) 922-4850 or 1-800-492-5742 or one of the four offices listed below

To access Substance Use Disorders Services call NMRE 1-800-834-3393

For Customer Services call 1-800-337-8598

#### OFFICE HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 AM-5 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE 105 Hall Street, Suite A Traverse City, MI 49684 (231) 922-4850

2715 South Townline Road Houghton Lake, MI 48629 (989) 366-8550

527 Cobb Street Cadillac, MI 49601 (231) 775-3463 204 Meadows Drive Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 348-8522

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If you speak a language other than English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call Customer Services 1-800-337-8598 (TTY 711).

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## **Under the Jacket:**

Seeing the person inside, not our perception



### Who do you see?



a neighbor?
a parent?
a friend?
a coworker?
a voter?
a volunteer?
a home owner?
a person like myself?

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#### What can we do?

- Be unbiased
- Don't assume/presume
- Accept others as they are
- See the person's strengths
- Focus on the person, not the disability or diagnosis
- Let people be all they can be
- Offer HOPE, faith, charity
- Recognize challenges with respect and exercise humility
- Eliminate barriers, help others find access
- Create opportunities for others to express their thoughts and feelings
- Build relationships, be accessible



#### Look Under the Jacket!

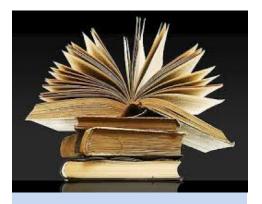
Some books have been well loved and read numerous times and others have been abused and tossed around to become torn and dirty, discarded in the trash bin.

Yet inside these books are talent, knowledge, love, hope, and life itself – waiting to be revealed!

You do not know the jewels that are hidden under the jacket until you open the book and begin to read.

The same is true for diversity of people in our community and the people with whom Northern Lakes CMH Authority and its providers work.

Northern Lakes CMH Authority pledges to model to others how the people it serves should be treated: with mutual respect and value, as neighbors who belong and enrich our community with their uniqueness.



# Creating a cultural shift to include all people and foster belonging

Stereotypes, prejudgments, labels, and categories are disrespectful to all, especially to those we serve and their families. We see you and we welcome you.

In an inclusive culture, we:

- Value
- Respect
- Welcome and
- Partner with those we serve, their families and the community at large.