Washington County Behavioral Health Board

FY21 Annual Report

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This year's annual report is dedicated to Dr. Charles Pridgeon

Dr. Pridgeon has served the Washington County Behavioral Health Board for 24 years; He has served Boards in the county since 1974. Thank you for your years of dedication and public service.



Board Members as of 06/30/2021

Eric Fowler, J. D. (Board President)

Michael Beardmore (Treasurer)

Jarrett Barnhouse

Larry Hall

Laura Knab, J.D.

Brett Nicholas

Charles Pridgeon, Ph. D., retired June 30, 2021

Beverly Prigge

Jim Raney, Ph.D.

Larry Schwendeman

Anthony Touschner, J. D.

David White

Michael Williams, Ph. D.

Mission & Vision of the WCBHB

Mission: The WCBHB serves the residents of Washington County by providing a unified system of mental health and alcohol and drug addiction services; thus we are responsible for:

Planning, maintaining and reviewing mental health and addiction programs

Coordinating services among contract agencies and other providers of care

Administering all funds to ensure timely, cost-effective delivery of services

Cultivating a dialog between the Board and both our consumers and the larger community

Pursuing local financial support to supplement state and federal funding

Vision: We strive...

To provide, as our highest priority, a comprehensive continuum of care to those with severe mental health and addiction disabilities, those in crisis, and those unable to pay for necessary services

To provide, in a manner alertly responsive to community needs, preventive, early intervention, treatment and recovery services

To develop active partnerships with our consumers and their families in treatment and recovery processes as well as in the planning, development and evaluation of mental health and addiction services

 $\label{thm:continuous} To apply \ managed \ care \ technologies \ to \ evaluate \ outcomes, \ establish \ best \ practices \ and \ promote \ efficient \ use \ of \ funding$

To ensure that services are sensitively keyed to the local culture and are delivered by a staff who understand and know how to work within that culture

To develop ongoing educational programs promoting both public acceptance of persons with mental illness as well as public awareness of mental health and addiction issues and their impact on the community

The WCBHB meets the **FOURTH THURSDAY** of every month at **6 p.m.**

(with the exception of November & December)

1115 Gilman Avenue, Marietta OH 45750

2nd floor conference room or via Zoom





prevention education treatment recovery

MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT

ERIC FOWLER, J.D., BOARD PRESIDENT (JULY 2019-JUNE 2021)

I have served two terms as President of the Washington County (Ohio) Behavioral Health Board (WCBHB). The amount of progress in behavioral health services since our Mental Health Levy passed in November of 2017 has made Washington County healthier, and has made treatment accessible to all community members. I want to personally thank our community for your continued support!

One new endeavor that I am personally excited about is the establishment of the mental health court at Marietta Municipal Court. Mental Health Courts focus on the treatment and rehabilitation of offenders with a history of severe and persistent mental illnesses who bear an increased risk of criminal recidivism. Moving from incarceration to a treatment-based setting frees up needed and expensive jail beds and supports individuals' progress towards healthy re-entry to the community. As a public defender, I witness the need for a specialized docket and look forward to seeing community members reap the benefits of a structured program to provide rehabilitation and stabilization.

I am so proud of the impact our staff, Board members, agencies, and community members have been able to accomplish this fiscal year and I look forward to the future of our work Washington County. I have enjoyed my two years served as President of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board, and look forward to continuing to serve Washington County as a WCBHB Board member. Thank you to Dr. Charles Pridgeon to your many years of dedication and pubic service to Washington County.

Stay Well,





Looking Forward: Strategic Plan

Improve Board Operations

Aim to maximize the use of federal, state, and local funds, to meet locally identified outcomes. Utilize a blended funding approach that aligns resources and improves coordination between local community treatment providers and stakeholders. This approach enhances accountability and allocates scarce tax payer dollars in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

Enhance public knowledge and develop a strategy to reduce stigma associated with Mental Health and Addiction

Work to improve public understanding and support of mental health and addiction services as a permanent civic priority; enhance public perceptions and support of people with mental illness and addictions; increase public support for funding prevention, treatment, and recovery of mental illness and addiction; broaden communication, cooperation, and partnerships with consumers, family members, service providers, other government entities, and the public; and oversee and support the public information, education, and training activities of the Board.

Improve the Continuum of Care

Promote the health, wellness, and safety of individuals and our community by offering a continuum of services that includes prevention, community education, crisis services, treatment, and recovery supports, such as housing, employment supports, and peer support. When individuals are healthy and stable in recovery, they can meet their fullest potential, businesses have access to a healthy, drug-free workforce, and families in our community flourish.





Contract Service Provider Accomplishments

HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS

- 1. Initiated teaching Dialectical Behavior Therapy skills at Fort Frye and Frontier middle schools.
- 2. Provided the Marietta and Belpre Boys and Girls Clubs with prevention groups using zones of regulation curriculum.
- 3. Expanded PAX in Washington County by providing PAX Tools training for parents.



INTEGRATED SERVICES

- 1. Rolled out Risk Management in Washington County for families of children at risk of removal/placement.
- 2. Partnered with the WCBHB to utilize GOSH funding to provide services to uninsured/underinsured Washington County residents.
- 3. Continued to thrive and grow serving Washington County residents in the face of a pandemic and major changes within our agency's leadership.



Contract Service Provider Accomplishments

LIFE AND PURPOSE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- 1.Established Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Services in Washington County.
- 2. Officially hired Dr. Swanson, Board Certified Child Psychiatrist.
- 3. Adopted Relias as an employee retention tool which provides free CEU trainings covering a large variety of clinical and non-clinical courses.



RIGEL RECOVERY SERVICES

- 1. Even with the pandemic in full force Rigel had a record number of kept appointments with minimum interruptions in service by utilizing telehealth and in-person services.
- 2. RRRC began process for expansion of residential services to be able to increase detox capacity and add female residential.
- 3. MAT Services increased to 29 clients and beginning process of adding Sublocade



Marietta Municipal Mental Health Court

WCBHB has been collaborating with community partners and sponsoring Crisis Intervention Training for law enforcement for the past six years. Crisis Intervention Training, while helpful with emergency response, cannot address the long term need of those individuals who cycle in and out of the criminal justice system, and who bear the burden of untreated and severe mental illness. A local Mental Health Court would complement the training as a next step for offenders being addressed in the criminal justice system.

The Washington County Behavioral Health Board (WCBHB) passed a motion at the April 22nd Board meeting to support the Marietta Municipal Court's proposed Mental Health docket utilizing levy funds. David Browne, Executive Director of the WCBHB, states "We see the mental health court as a perfect use of levy funds entrusted to the Board".

The designated mental health levy funding will support the first full year of the proposed Mental Health Court, including increased case management, probation, transportation, and effective delivery of recommended treatment and wraparound services. During the first year, the Marietta Municipal Court will apply for their certification as a Mental Health Court specialized docket. The Court must meet specific requirements including evidenced based practices in order to be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court.



Common Pleas Compass Drug Court

When Judge Kerenyi took office as a judge in 2017, he pledged to create a fully certified drug court. His efforts began with research, planning, and conversations -- with community partners and the public.

The Compass Drug Court program, under the guidance of Washington County Common Pleas Judge Mark Kerenyi, received its final certification from the Ohio Supreme Court in the late winter months of 2020.

After laboring for years on development and implementation, Judge Kerenyi and the Compass Drug Court program is seeing the rewards. The program is a five-phase program that lasts a minimum of 14 months. Since program inception in 2018, the court has had 15 graduates. Of those graduates, two have relapsed but since worked their way back into recovery.



Peer Recovery Support

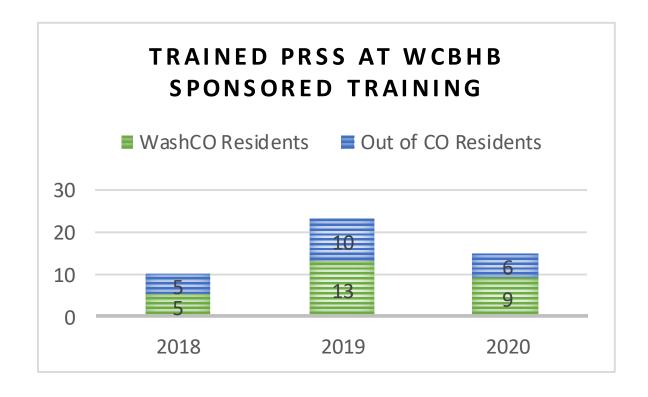
Accomplishments

- Formed local peer support coalition to discuss local resources, barriers, challenges, and best practices for providing peer support.
- Volunteered to go door-to-door in high risk, drug prevalent, or income-based areas to promote mental health and addiction treatment resources.
 - Created value for peer services in multiple sectors of the community including the local hospital, employment agencies, WIC/housing authority offices, the community resource center, and local behavioral health providers including the residential treatment center.
 - Implemented a data tracking tool to identify how many individuals are receiving peer support in Washington County, how many receive multiple contacts/supports, and what the most common barrier was each month.
 - Uniquely addressed stigma with proving recovery is possible and doing good work in the community.









Celebrate Recovery 2020!

Washington County's 1st Annual Recovery Walk









The Right Path—18th Summer!



In the 18th summer of safe teen and family events, TRP hosted 3 mini-farmer's markets, 8 summer swim nights, and the annual block party.













House of Hope



Had record number of attendees to the House of Hope with the month of April 2021 having 160 members attend throughout the month. Began traveling again since COVID-19 and had an open house in May of 2021!









President's Partnering for Quality Award

Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) has awarded its annual **President's Partnering for Quality Award** to the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC).





Pictured: Shaeleigh Sprigg and Tara Plaugher (Washington County Behavioral Health Board Staff) presenting the certificate of recognition to Anne Goon, Health Commissioner of Marietta/Belpre Health Department and Dr. Richard Clark, Health Commissioner of Washington County Health Department.

Behavioral Health Matters Scholarship Recipients

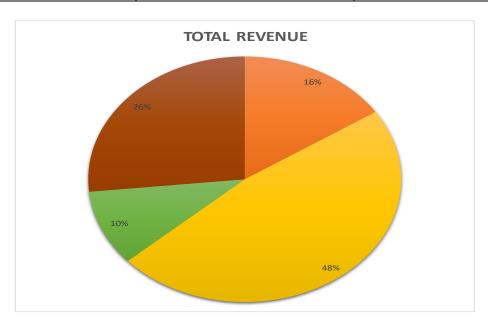
The Washington County Behavioral Health Board supports local workforce development in the area of behavioral health, including the fields of social work and counseling. This year, the Board awarded three \$2,500.00 Behavioral Health Matters scholarships to provide support to students who are pursuing an associate, baccalaureate, or master's degree in the behavioral health field.



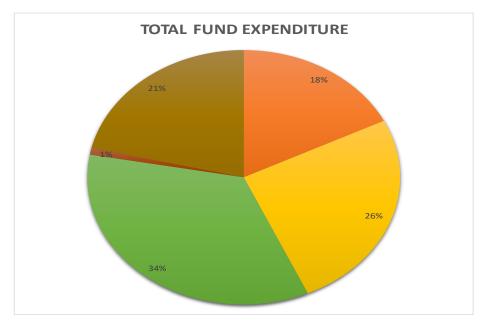
Pictured Left to Right: Eric Fowler (WCBHB Board President), Laura Knab (WCBHB Board Member/Chair of Scholarship Committee), Lacey Wilson (Scholarship Recipient), Derek Layton (Scholarship Recipient), Megan Gilliam (Scholarship Recipient), and David Browne (WCBHB Executive Director)

Financial Report (07/01/2020-06/30/2021)

TOTAL REVENUE			
Federal Funds	\$461,009.00	16%	
State Funds	\$1,394,754.00	48%	
Local Funds	\$291,290.00	10%	
Levy Funds	\$778,776.00	26%	
TOTAL FUNDS	\$2,925,829.00		

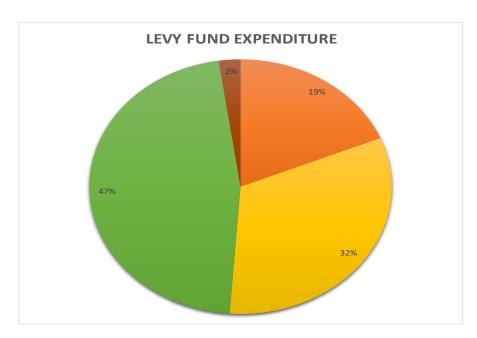


TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURE				
Prevention/Education	\$305,832.00	18%		
Treatment	\$443,276.00	26%		
Recovery	\$598,326.00	34%		
Auditor Fees	\$14,748.00	1%		
Administration	\$368,553.00	21%		
TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,730,735.00			



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LEVY FUND EXPENDITURES				
Prevention/Education	\$119,510.00	19%		
Treatment	\$206,331.00	32%		
Recovery	\$296,438.00	47%		
Auditor Fees	\$14,748.00	2%		
TOTAL FUNDS	\$637,027.00			



FEDERAL/STATE/OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES				
Prevention/Education	\$186,322.00	17%		
Treatment	\$236,945.00	22%		
Recovery	\$301,888.00	27%		
Administration	\$368,553.00	34%		
TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,093,708.00			

