

# Washington County Behavioral Health Board

# FY22 Annual Report

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June 2022

*This year's annual report is dedicated to the Board and Staff on the achievement of the Culture of Quality (COQ) Accreditation!*

*It is a priority of the Board to be accountable and serve the community to the highest quality standard!*



## Board Members

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## 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*

*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



prevention  
education  
treatment  
recovery

# MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT

*MICHAEL BEARDMORE, BOARD PRESIDENT  
(JULY 2021-JUNE 2022)*

As this is my first term as President of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board, I am amazed at the amount of growth that I see in Washington County in regard to mental health care and substance abuse recovery services. Since the passing of our Mental Health Levy in 2017, we have been able to provide many opportunities to our community that they did not have prior to the levy.

One of the major programs that I am proud of that is being provided in our county is the Mental Health Court at the Marietta Municipal Court. This specialized, certified (through the Ohio Supreme Court) docket assists non-violent offenders diagnosed with mental illness with completing their probation.

I hope the Washington County community continues to grow and that we continue to support one another as we move forward with reducing stigmas associated with mental health and addiction.

Without the help of the Board members, Board staff, mental health and addiction service agencies, and our great community, we would not see the progress we see today. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in this field and I look forward to our bright future!

Thank you



Michael Beardmore, Board President

# 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. Quarterly reviews of progress to achieve the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.

## ***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.

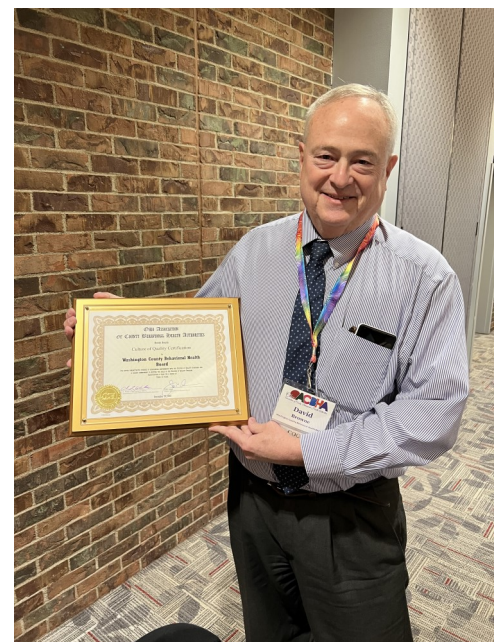


# Culture of Quality Accreditation!

The Washington County Behavioral Health Board (WCBHB) has been awarded the highest level of Culture of Quality accreditation in 2021 due to many years of the diligent work by the Board members, Board staff, and volunteers.

The Culture of Quality program has been developed by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) and its member boards to improve the quality of the statutorily mandated functions of county boards administering local alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services for Ohioans. The Culture of Quality is designed to promote community confidence and boards' public support through increased accountability. The Culture of Quality brings consistency to the local board system through self-regulation while preserving flexibility for boards to be responsive to the needs of their respective constituencies.

The WCBHB contributes their accreditation to the support of the community in passing the mental health levy in 2017. The community had significant involvement in planning and providing feedback on the local continuum of services available. With additional funding from the levy and local collaborations, the Board has been able to bring an array of services to community. Through community engagement, collaboration, levy funding, and a full continuum of mental health and addiction services, the Board has demonstrated compliance with the statutorily mandates and Culture of Quality standards to the highest degree.



Pictured: David Browne, Executive Director WCBHB, COQ Award

# Mental Health Levy Renewal

The Washington County Behavioral Health Board would like to thank the residents of Washington County for their continued support of the Mental Health Levy for fellow residents that benefit from mental health and recovery services, and for those that will benefit from these services in the future. Making these services readily available to those who need it most is vital for our community. We at Washington County Behavioral Health Board will continue oversee and allocate these funds in the most strategic ways possible. We will strive to address the variety of needs within our community.

One in five adults experience some type of mental health issue, and one in twenty experience a serious mental health crisis (NAMI). By providing our community members the opportunity to receive help and fight the stigma of receiving help is key to a strong community. Once again THANK YOU for your continued support for those in need for mental health and recovery services!



# Contract Service Provider Accomplishments

## *HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS*

1. Developed and implemented a First Responder Support Program whereby on-call licensed mental health clinicians are available to connect with first responders to listen and to debrief.
2. Implemented two evidence-based prevention programs in local schools and the Boys and Girls Club called “Zones of Regulation” for elementary aged children and “Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills in Schools” for middle and high school aged youth.



## *INTEGRATED SERVICES*

1. Developed a small emergency food pantry available to families and individuals who are HUD homeless in Washington County
2. Proud to announce that the agency has been selected by Aetna Better Health of Ohio to serve as a OhioRISE Care Management Entity.



# Contract Service Provider Accomplishments

## *LIFE AND PURPOSE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH*

1. Established ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) Program to service the severely mentally ill adults. In conjunction with ACT, we partnered with Marietta Municipal Court to develop the county's first Mental Health Docket.
2. Established a partnership with Makers Space to support clients struggling with Substance Abuse to provide them with a positive prosocial activity.



## *RIGEL RECOVERY SERVICES*

1. Detoxification and Residential treatment center for males and females opened on Rt. 7. This will allow clients to remain in a controlled environment while receiving treatment and assist in acclimating back into the community, workforce and/or schooling in order to be more successful upon returning home.
2. Oriana House, Inc. was one of nine within the country to be awarded a BJA Grant for Reentry for rural communities. This program will be based within the Washington County Jail staffing a Program Coordinator, two Case Managers and a Clinician.



# 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.



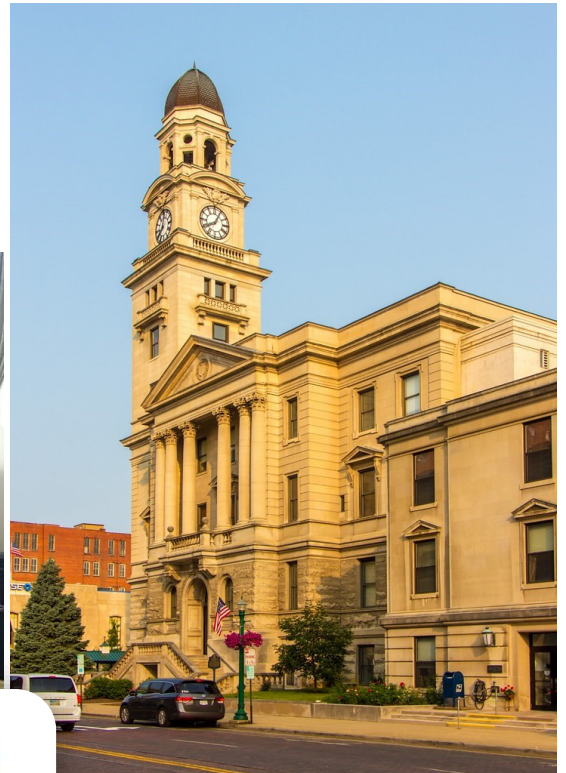


# Common Pleas Compass Drug Court

When Judge Kerényi 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 Kerényi, 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 Kerényi 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.
- 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.



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## PAX Good Behavior Games

- Washington County Levy funds were used twice this year to provide additional K-6 teachers the training in PAX Good Behavior Game (GBG) strategies for their classrooms. In Washington County, we have over 300 educators and school staff trained to use the science based strategies in the school setting.
- Teachers implement these strategies as part of their daily routines in carrying out tasks such as getting students' attention, selecting students for tasks, transitioning from one task to the next, working as part of a team, limiting problematic behavior and reinforcing prosocial behavior.
- PAX GBG has documented long term outcomes including increased high school graduation rates and a 64% reduction in opioid misuse among students who have had PAX.



# Celebrate Recovery 2021!

Washington County's 2nd Annual Recovery Walk



# Remembering Those Lost to Overdose

## 2021 Drug Overdose & Grief Awareness Walk

To bring awareness to drug overdose, empathize with the grief of families who have lost loved ones, and educate the community on how to be actively involved in reducing overdose deaths, the Washington County Behavioral Health Board, The Right Path for Washington County, the Suicide Awareness Alliance, and the Washington County Health Department hosted a remembrance and awareness walk.



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**Washington County  
Health Department**



**Suicide  
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OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

# The Right Path (TRP)—19th Summer!



We host 14-15 swim parties, 5 mini farmer's markets for youth, Grief and Overdose Awareness Day, Recovery Day, Medication Take Back Day 2xs/ year as well as health fairs and school education. Our events see as many as 250 each week.



## 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!



## *CARES Awards and Recognitions*

In this year's CARES awards, two Washington County community members were recognized for their dedication, Mrs. LeeAnn Price (Left) with Shaeleigh Sprigg (WCBHB staff) and Mrs. Cathy Harper (Right) with David Browne (WCBHB Executive Director).



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## ***Behavioral Health Matters Scholarship Recipients***

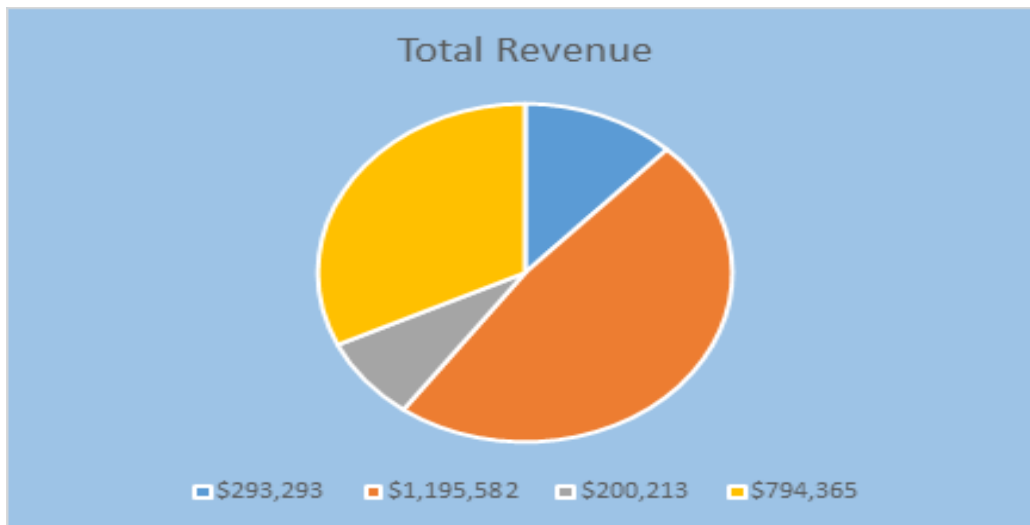
*The Washington County Behavioral Health Board supports local workforce development in the area of behavioral health, including the fields of social work and counseling. This year, the Board awarded three \$2,500.00 Behavioral Health Matters scholarships to provide support to students who are pursuing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



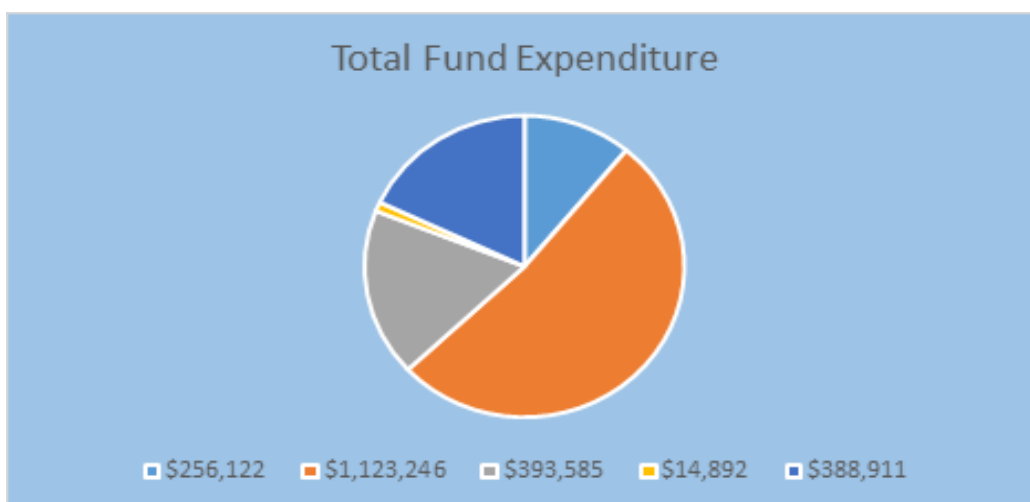
Pictured Left to Right: Michael Beardmore Fowler (WCBHB Board President), Lakyn Ellenwood (2022 Scholarship Recipient), Christiana Cantrell (2022 Scholarship Recipient), Kayla Howard (2022 Scholarship Recipient), and David Browne (WCBHB Executive Director)

# Financial Report (07/01/2021-06/30/2022)

TOTAL REVENUE		
Federal Funds	\$293,293	12%
State Funds	\$1,195,582	48%
Local Funds	\$200,213	8%
Levy Funds	\$794,365	32%
TOTAL FUNDS	\$2,483,453	

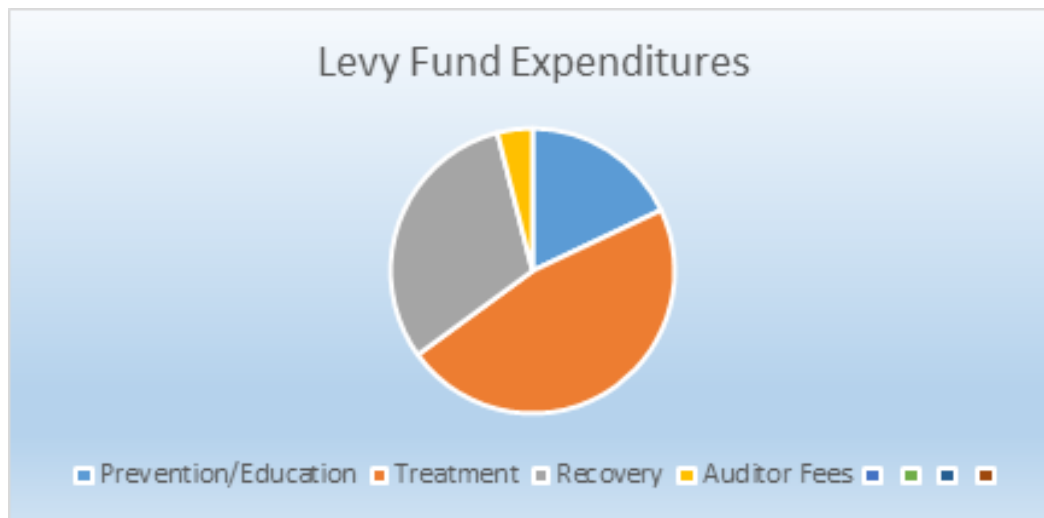


TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURE		
Prevention/Education	\$256,122	11%
Treatment	\$1,123,246	52%
Recovery	\$393,585	18%
Auditor Fees	\$14,892	1%
Administration	\$388,911	18%
TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,730,735	



# Financial Report (07/01/2021-06/30/2022)

LEVY FUND EXPENDITURES		
Prevention/Education	\$64,613	18%
Treatment	\$166,963	47%
Recovery	\$110,535	31%
Auditor Fees	\$14,892	4%
TOTAL FUNDS	\$357,003	



FEDERAL/STATE/OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES		
Prevention/Education	\$191,09	11%
Treatment	\$956,283	52%
Recovery	\$283,050	16%
Administration	\$388,911	21%
TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,819,753	

