

# FY23

## Annual Report



Washington  
County  
Behavioral  
Health Board



# Vision And Mission

## Mission

The Washinton County Behavioral Health Board 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 services
- 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 clients and the larger community
- Pursing 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 mental health and addiction disabilities, those in crisis, and those unable to pay for necessary services
- To provide, in a manner alertly responsive to communtiy 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 evaluatin of mental health and addiction services
- To apply managed care technologies to evaluate outcomes, establish best practices and promaoth efficient use of funding
- To ensure that services are sensitively keyed to local culture and are delivered by a staff who understands and knows 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 community
- To acquire local financial support which permits strengthening and expanding services

# Board members and staff

## BOARD MEMBERS

Michael Beardmore - President  
Eric Fowler, J.D. - Vice President  
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Anthony Touscher, J.D.  
David White

## BOARD STAFF

David Browne - Executive Director  
George Goddard - Assistant Director  
Tim Hahn - Assistant Director, Client's Rights Officer  
Tara Plaughter - Recovery Advocate  
Tammy Harris - PAX Coordinator  
Heather Parcell - Administrative Assistant



# Meet the Agencies



## COMPASS DRUG COURT

When Judge Mark Kerenyi took office 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. In the last year, there has been 43 participants in Compass court. 8 of the 43 successfully discharged from the program within the last year. The program is a five-phase program that lasts a minimum of 15 months



## MENTAL HEALTH COURT

The designated mental health levy has assisted in funding the Mental Health Court, including increased case management, probation, transportation, and effective delivery of recommended treatment and wraparound services. In November of 2021, this specialized docket was certified by the Ohio Supreme Court. The Court must meet specific requirements including evidenced based practices in order to be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court.

## WC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Washington County Health Department under the director of nursing, Angie Rarey, has been conducting the C-harm-ed (County Harm Reduction Education) at First Congregational Church 318 Front Street, Marietta, OH Thursdays from 2 pm to 4 pm. During these sessions, Washington County residents can attend the program to receive hepatitis vaccines, needle exchange, receive NARCAN training, and get a referral to a recovery program. The average age of person visiting the C-harm-ed program is 35 with the visitors by an even mix of men and women.



# Meet the Agencies

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## HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS



Hopewell strives to provide access to affordable health care, which includes primary care and behavioral health care. Through education and mental health services within Washington County schools to participation in the Recovery Engagement Team, Hopewell continues to be innovative and creative in providing care in our community. This is seen in the average of nearly 1,000 clients monthly to some sort of mental health service. On April 1st, 2023, Hopewell acquired L&P into their health system; adding over 1,500 clients to their behavioral health centers each month.

## HOUSE OF HOPE



The House of Hope is an adult peer-ran day facility that provides groups, activities, and links to services, such as legal advocacy. Participation in activities and programs are strictly voluntary. Meals are provided daily and, with limited space, trips to various activities outside of the county are also available.

## INTEGRATED SERVICES



Being in Washington County since the beginning of 2020, Integrated Services delivers care to clients for mental health and substance use disorder. With wraparound and in home services, and now with the expansion of OhioRISE into their programs, Integrated Services is expanding to the need of Washington County. Integrated Services averages over 200 clients monthly for mental health care and SUD. Integrated Services has purchased two new locations to assist in serving as many Washington County residents as possible.

# Meet the Agencies

## JFS - PREVENTION PROGRAM



The Prevention Unit was created in hopes to reduce the number of children in Washington County who experience abuse/neglect and removal from their home. JFSPP provides in home services and support to families, based on their needs to better their family and home life. JFSPP links families to services that already exist in the area and work with the family to develop goals that enhance the well-being of the children and family as a whole. "We have provided positive support to the families" In a 6 month span, the program served 104 children within 42 families.

## ORIANA HOUSE



Oriana House/Rigel Recovery Services provides both mental health and substance use disorder services to our community. Treating both adolescents and adults for mental health through outpatient services. While also providing low and high residential services to those struggling with substance use, with also outpatient and aftercare services. Averaging 123 clients for substance use monthly and 56 clients for mental health monthly.

## PAX



The PAX Good Behavior Game is a preventative intervention applied by teachers in the classroom. PAX helps to build children's self-regulation, resulting in improved focus and attention (both vital to a true learning environment). Data shows an average of 61% decrease in disruptive classroom behaviors across participating Washington County Schools. PAX Tools for parents is expanding into Washington County. The Mental Health Levy has assisted in providing over 350 teachers and school staff with PAX training to use the strategies in the school setting to help promote positive classroom behavior.



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## THE RIGHT PATH



The Right Path for Washington County recognizes that prevention is more than drug and alcohol education. It is a community call to action to help us provide opportunities for youth to feel connected and supported by their community. The main summer event is always the Family Night pool parties, encouraging families to spend some time together. The Right Path hosts the swim parties, along with farmer's markets, health fairs, and work in food pantries.

## MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEMS



2022-2023 has been a busy year for Memorial Health Systems. Being the biggest entity for health care, and beyond, MHS has worked hard to help those in crisis with mental health or substance use disorder. Linda Sistrunk, Director of Behavioral Health, has used the needs in the county to assist in the development of a peer support staff member to assist those in MH or SUD need. She has also developed an idea of providing an alternative route in the Emergency Department when having a MH or SUD crisis. It is called Vertical Triage

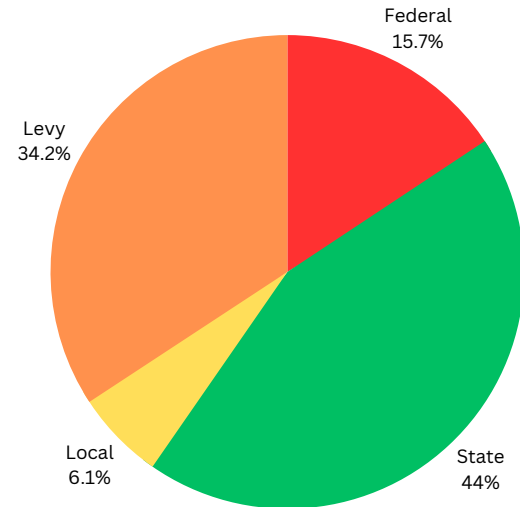
## LIFE & PURPOSE



2023 will be marked as the end of one of the original mental health providers in the county. L&P has made the hard decision to join forces with Hopewell Health Centers. L&P was very active within the county and will be missed for the willingness to try any program that would help those with mental health or substance use disorder. They will be greatly missed! Thank you to Doug and all of his staff for their endless hours of support to our community.

# Financial Management

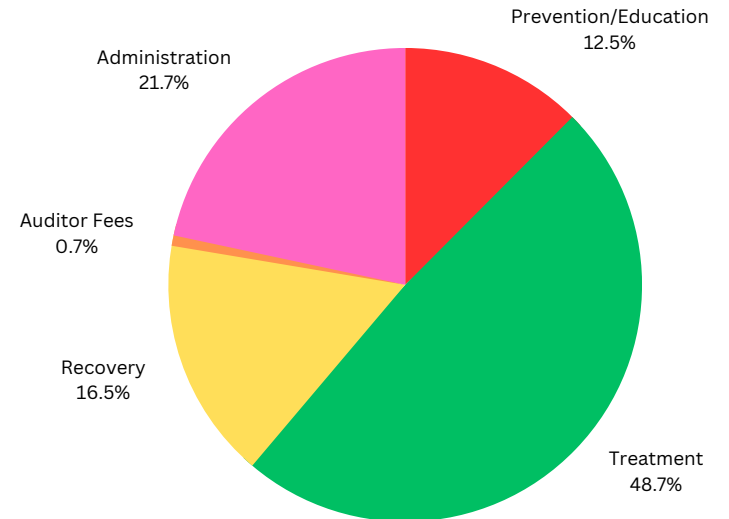
Total Revenue	
Federal Funds	\$377,225
State Funds	\$1,057,138
Local Funds	\$147,084
Levy Funds	\$823,622
Total Funds	\$2,405,068





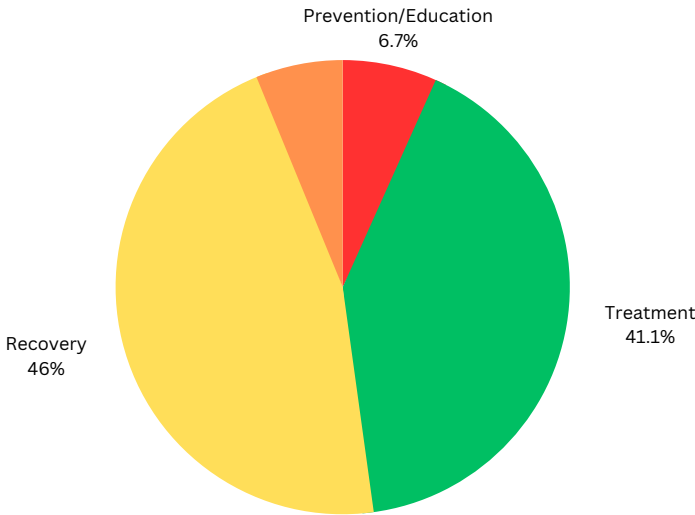
# Financial Management

Total Fund Expenditure	
Prevention/Education	\$270,638
Treatment	\$1,057,093
Recovery	\$357,376
Auditor Fees	\$15,442
Administration	\$469,906
Total Funds	\$2,170,455



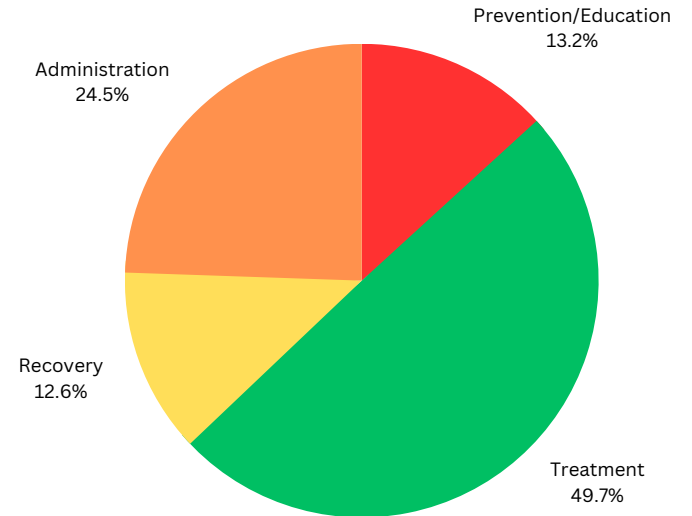
# Financial Management

Levy Fund Expenditures	
Prevention/Education	\$16,734
Treatment	\$102,343
Recovery	\$357,376
Auditor Fees	\$15,442
Total Funds	\$249,137



# Financial Management

Federal/State/Other Fund Expenditures	
Prevention/Education	\$253,904
Treatment	\$954,749
Recovery	\$242,859
Administration	\$469,906
Total Funds	\$1,921,418



# Message from the Executive Director

I have been a staff of the Behavioral Health Board for 25 years, the last 12 being the Executive Director. In all of these years, I have seen our community grow and flourish in many ways. But I have also seen it fail and wither with an increase in mental health crisis and substance use. Luckily for our community, we have grown in the amount and quality of care we can receive for our behavioral health. From programs such as Crisis Intervention Team training to the Recovery Engagement Team, the Washington County Behavioral Health Board has been supporting local agencies to bring in the resources needed to provide the necessary help the community needs.

The Board has strongly supported school prevention programs. Hopewell Health Center provides a day-long treatment center for children called REACH, but also provides in-school mental health services. The Board has supported the use of PAX Good Behavior Games as a way to help teachers and school personnel educate kids on self-regulation in the classroom and beyond.

The Board backs recovery service agencies throughout the county. Oriana House and Rigel Recovery Residential Center provide recovery services to those in need. The Board assist with funding the COMPASS Drug Court, which provides an opportunity for individuals facing drug-related charges to accept a rigorous 14-month treatment plan, in lieu of incarceration.

The Board funds and participates in several awareness programs and events throughout the year. Our main event would be Recovery Day in September. This is a walk with informational tables and shared recovery stories, for the purpose of celebrating individuals in recovery.

We encourage growth among the workforce in Washington County. The Board awards three(3) \$2500 scholarships to Washington County residents that are studying in the field of social work, mental health, or addiction treatment services. This year's winners are ... Elena Cisar, Maggie Tuten, and Kayla Howard. Congratulations!

There will be new and exciting opportunities ahead as I will be heading into retirement and will be leaving the Board in the hands of a new generation of staff that will continue to fight for prevention and treatment of mental health and addiction. I want to thank WCBHB Board members, Board staff (the many I have seen come and go), and mental health and addiction service agencies for leading the way to a better way of life for those in our community.

David K. Browne

# Contact Us

If you are in need of direction for services or information on available services in Washington County, please contact us:

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