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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

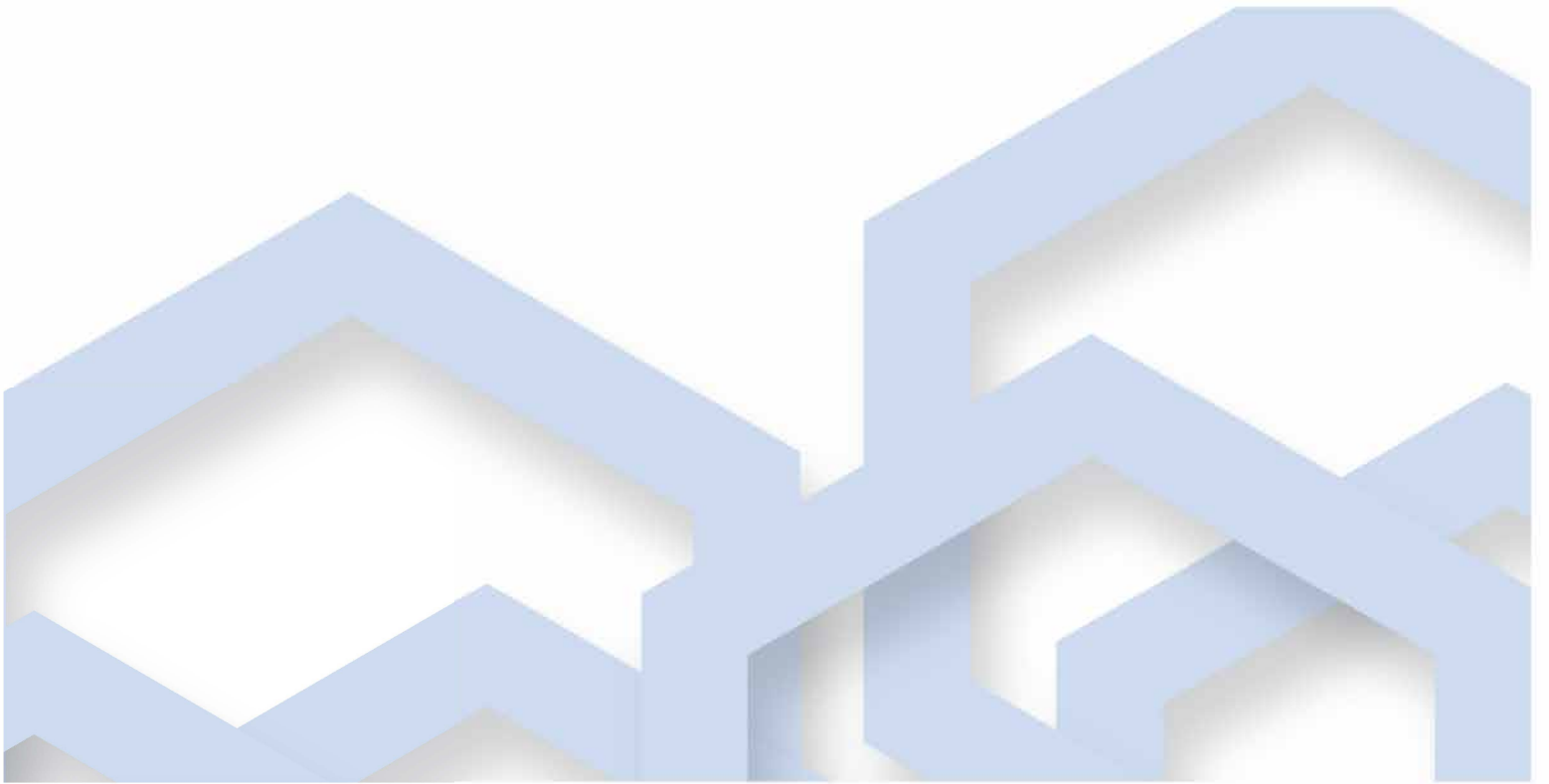


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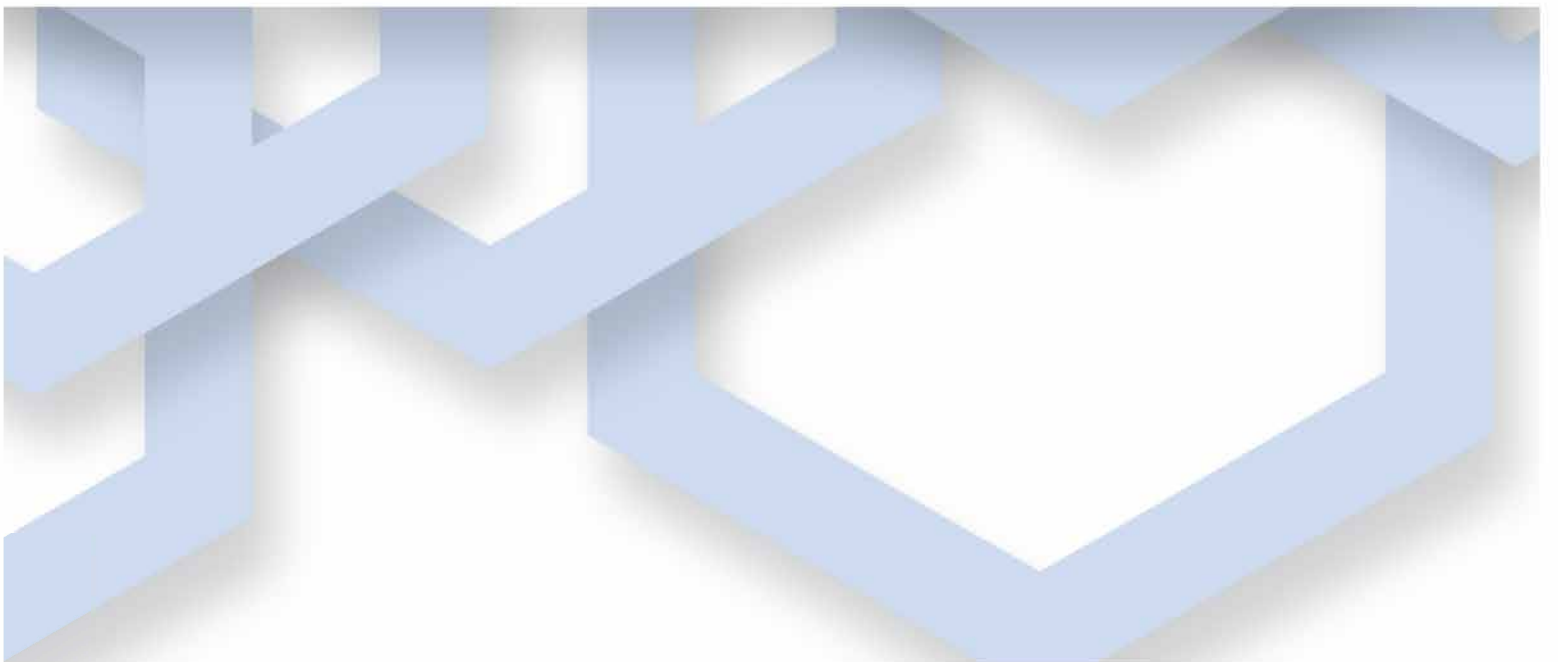
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Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.  
— *Henry Ford*



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It is widely accepted that the United States is facing a behavioral health crisis. It is no different in our community. We face unprecedented mental health challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic and a longstanding opioid epidemic. The key to our success in managing these challenges will largely rely upon community-wide, collaborative partnerships. Fortunately, HCMHRSB has been at the forefront of leading efforts of this nature, resulting in unique services and programs to meet the varied behavioral health needs of our community.

Among the many examples of these efforts, this year witnessed the 8th annual #askmewhoiam: Conference on Youth Culture at Xavier University sponsored by Journey to Successful Living and Talbert House. The Conference theme, “Reflect, Reimagine, Recharge,” brought 150 attendees including youth, young adults, youth-serving professionals, family members and caregivers.

This was our 12th year working collaboratively with Hamilton County Job and Family Services (JFS) and Central Clinic on the Family Access to Integrated Recovery (FAIR) program, a system of care providing coordination for child welfare-involved families with behavioral health treatment needs. The FAIR program works to enhance clinical outcomes while creating administrative efficiencies for the approximately 2,500 youth and family members served each month.

HCMHRSB also continues its longstanding partnership between Hamilton County JFS, Developmental Disability Services (DDS), Juvenile Court, and the Family and Children First Council through the HOPE program designed to meet the complex needs of multi-system involved youth through an intensive care coordination approach effectively reducing psychiatric symptoms (89%) and juvenile court involvement (90%).

Our collaboration with the Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition includes the Public Library of

Cincinnati, NAMI of Southwest Ohio, NAMI Urban Greater Cincinnati, Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio, Veterans Administration, Santa Maria Community Services, Hamilton County Public Health, 1N5, The Prospect House, First Step Home, and Talbert House. HCMHRSB also partners with MindPeace, Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati Health Department, and Hamilton County Public Health as members of the Suicide Epidemiology Team of Southwest Ohio to collect, monitor and analyze youth suicide data to inform suicide prevention efforts across the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and the region. The first annual report to the community on youth suicide was released this past year and the recommendations will guide future prevention efforts.

More than 30,000 individuals typically receive behavioral health treatment services funded by HCMHRSB, including a minority whose circumstances bring them into contact with the criminal justice system. HCMHRSB supports eight (8) Specialty Dockets that include Mental Health Courts, Veterans Courts, a Human Trafficking Court and a recently added Juvenile Court Family Treatment Docket. An increase this past year in membership on the HCMHRSB High Risk Committee from the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) and University Hospital (UH) was instrumental in enhancing outcomes for individuals with severe mental illness exhibiting a pattern of arrests. Additionally, this past year saw the formation of a partnership between the city prosecutor, public defender, Municipal Mental Health Court judges, Probate Court, multiple providers and UH that led to the successful diversion of a large number of individuals to Probate Court and expedited treatment.

Additional resources were also directed this past year to the Project for Assistance Through Transition from Homelessness (PATH) to assist those whose hardships have resulted in displacement from housing, and the Hamilton County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), a

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program that has trained over 1,275 criminal justice professionals since 2010.

As area rental housing costs continue to exhibit steep year-over-year growth resulting in limited access to affordable housing in Hamilton County, HCMHR SB budgeted additional funding to directly impact the increase in rental costs and lack of affordable units for persons with behavioral health treatment needs. In 2022, more than 890 individuals with mental illness sustained housing.

Competitive employment is often a key to recovery for individuals with mental illness and/or alcohol or drug addiction. The HCMHR SB supports competitive employment through its vocational and supportive employment programs that have placed more than 525 adults and 90 transition aged youth in competitive employment since the beginning of 2022. Hamilton County Behavioral Health providers have worked with more than 250 employers providing placement in over 50 different industries. This investment in employment and vocational services has been a major component of public behavioral health supportive services.

In addition, through partnership with the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation and implementation of the Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program (SUR Program), more than 50 small businesses partnered with the HCMHR SB in training more than 1,050 employees and supervisors in understanding substance use and managing employees in recovery. Employers received reimbursement for training, development of recovery-friendly "second chance" policies and procedures, and drug testing costs.

With the continuation of State Opiate Response (SOR 2.0), SAMHSA, OCJS, and AUD funding, our current annual AOD budget of \$19.5 million dollars is carefully distributed to partnering agencies to ensure program sustainability for critical behavioral healthcare services such as triage, withdrawal management, intensive

outpatient programs, residential treatment, and medication assisted treatment. Agencies continue to build capacity using Peer Recovery Coaches, expanded outreach efforts, peer mentorship, recovery supports, and recovery housing options. Our collaboration with the African American Engagement Workgroup, and the Hamilton County Health Department, have led us to networking opportunities among minority communities that provide vital outreach prevention services and harm reduction strategies for high-risk populations.

Additionally, HCMHR SB has partnered with provider agencies and local governments in a number of initiatives including the Hamilton County Drug Court Expanded Treatment Project, Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Linkage Project, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Project, and the Alcohol Use Disorder Project. Even though each project is focused on a population with specific needs, the overall goals remain: timely access to effective and individualized behavioral healthcare services, wrap around recovery supports, and long-term recovery and treatment with dignity and without stigma.

Strong and lasting partnerships and collaborations are fundamental in achieving our mission of developing and managing a continuum of mental health, addiction, and prevention services that have a positive impact on the community, are accessible, results oriented, and responsive to individual and family needs. We appreciate the many individuals and families, organizations, elected officials, faith leaders, and community groups that come together to make the Hamilton County public behavioral health system successful in achieving positive client outcomes, efficient practices, innovative programs, and in assisting individuals with leading productive, satisfactory lives characterized by hope, empowerment, and a meaningful role in society. None of this would be possible without the valued support from Board members, volunteers, employees, and citizens of Hamilton County.



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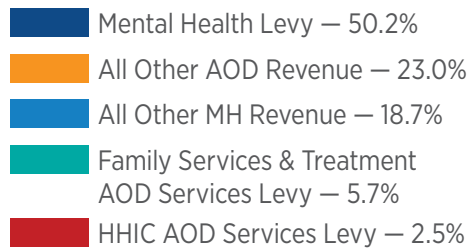


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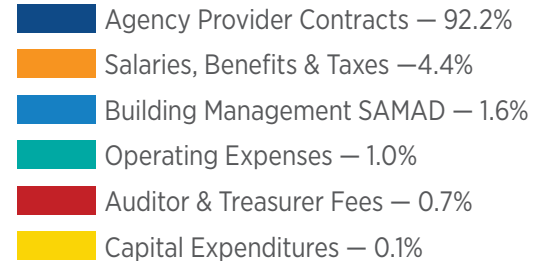


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## Total Revenue — \$72,005,758



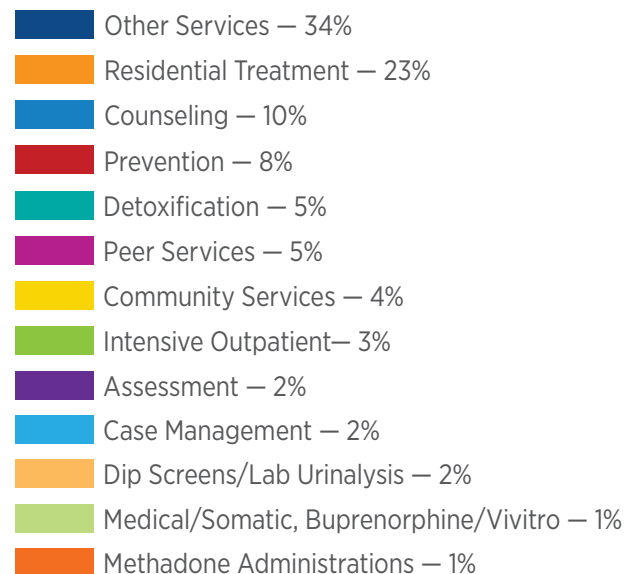
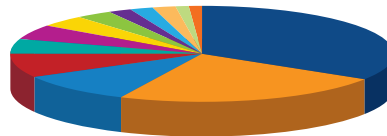
## Total Expenditures — \$64,996,777



## MH Services



## AOD Services



# Provider Agencies

Addiction Services Council	Hamilton County Sheriff's Department
Beech Acres Parenting Center	HER Cincinnati
Best Point Education and Behavioral Health	IKRON Corporation
Camelot Community Care	Foundations for Living
Center for Addiction Treatment	Lighthouse Youth Services
Central Clinic - MHAP	Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky & Southwest Ohio
Central Clinic – Outpatient Services	NewPath Child and Family Solutions
Central Community Health Board	Pressley Ridge
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	Prevention First!
Cornell Abraxas Group	Prospect House
Excel Development Corp.	Recovery Center of Hamilton County
First Step Home	Salvation Army
Free Store/Food Bank	Shelterhouse Volunteer Group
Glad House	Sojourner Recovery Services
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services	Talbert House
Hamilton County Adult Probation	Tender Mercies
Hamilton County Department of Pre-Trial & Community Transitions Services	The Crossroads Center
Hamilton County Juvenile Court	UMADAOP



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