

# Focused on Community

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



HAMILTON COUNTY  
**Mental Health &  
Recovery Services Board**

**The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.**  
— Coretta Scott King



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CY 2022 can best be characterized as a period of significant change for the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

We said goodbye to a dear friend, an amazing colleague, and a tireless advocate for those impacted by mental illness and addiction. Patrick Tribbe, who served as President and CEO of the Board since 1997, passed away in October following a brief illness. He is missed each and every day, though his legacy of compassion continues to live on in all those he touched.



**Patrick Tribbe**  
President/CEO  
1997-2022

Hamilton County residents displayed their own compassion this past year through their overwhelming support of a levy that provided additional funds that will allow us to meet the ever-increasing needs of those in our community experiencing mental illness. Residents of the county voted 63.6% in favor of a levy of 3.37 mills, the highest level of support for an increase since the original levy was established in 1980. HCMHR SB also receives funding in support of addiction treatment programs from the county's Health, Hospital, and Indigent Care (HHIC) levy which was renewed with a similar level of support.

During the year, the MHR SB, provider agencies, consumers, and other stakeholders came together to evaluate community behavioral health needs for the next five-year levy term. This needs assessment identified five priority areas requiring additional services and funding, namely crisis services, suicide prevention, housing, vocational services, and workforce support.

To address crisis needs, HCMHR SB partnered with the Hamilton County Board of County

Commissioners (BOCC) to expand the current mobile crisis services program. Using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, HCMHR SB will allocate \$5,000,000, over the next 3 years, to the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT), aligning response to national standards and allowing true 24/7 mental health crisis response on-site with or without police. The funding will result in strengthened partnerships with law enforcement and emergency dispatchers, improving communication, data collection, and service coordination.

HCMHR SB received monetary assistance in October 2022, to enhance our continuum of crisis services while providing evidence-based, trauma-informed care that is responsive to the unique and complex needs of each individual. With a three-year \$550,000 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, HCMHR SB will partner with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health (GCB) and the Cincinnati Police Department to design a 24/7 Crisis Receiving/Stabilization Center staffed by a multidisciplinary team ready to receive those experiencing a mental health and/or substance use disorder.

Suicide has become a leading cause of death for African Americans, ages 15 to 24. HCMHR SB, in collaboration with the Hamilton County Suicide Prevention Coalition, was awarded a grant to support a community media campaign promoting mental, emotional, and behavioral health among African American youth. "Life is Better with You Here" is the campaign message being used on social media, radio stations, bus advertisements, websites, newspapers, signs, and in materials distributed through the local library system. Additional outreach will focus on

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Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much.  
— Helen Keller

selected organizations that serve African American youth, and individuals that are known to be at higher risk and in need of referrals for youth alcohol and mental health treatment programs. Funding was provided by the Ohio Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Prevention and Promotion.

Client housing is an additional priority being addressed by HCMHR SB. As with many communities across the country, the cost of rental units in Hamilton County continues to increase, creating a barrier for clients in accessing affordable housing. To address this crisis, HCMHR SB has allocated additional funding to Excel Development for the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) and to address inflationary increases in fair market rent so that individuals with severe mental illness can live independently and safely in the community.

HCMHR SB recognizes the very significant challenge faced by mental health and addiction service providers, exacerbated by the COVID19 pandemic, in recruiting and maintaining staff necessary to meet the needs of our residents. To assist with this issue, HCMHR SB planned a two-percent increase for providers with the flexibility necessary to utilize this funding in a manner that will have the most impact upon this issue. And while employment for behavioral health professionals is important, employment for those experiencing a mental illness or a substance use disorder is also critical in assisting them in their recovery. For this reason, HCMHR SB will be working closely with provider agencies to implement enhancements in vocational programming,

increasing the number of clients receiving supported employment services.

Facing a continuing epidemic of opioid and stimulant addiction, HCMHR SB has received nearly \$3.2M in addiction response grants from OhioMHAS. Nine partnering agencies, and seventeen programs are providing evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery supports benefiting thousands of individuals. Many projects funded by these grants are focused on serving high risk and minority populations that have been disproportionately affected and historically underserved. Ultimately, the agencies under this grant collaborate and share resources with a unified mission of saving lives.

HCMHR SB will continue to develop and implement new strategies and refine current practices to meet our commitment of providing a continuum of mental health, addiction, prevention, and supportive services that have a positive impact on the community, are accessible, results oriented, and responsive to individual and family needs.

As in past years, these many achievements would not be possible without the valued support of our dedicated board members, volunteers, employees, contract agency staff, and citizens of Hamilton County. The Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board extends its appreciation to all members of the community for their resounding support in 2022.



Linda McKenzie



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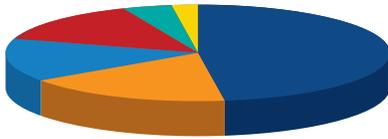
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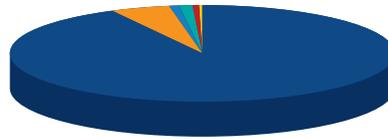
also serving on the Board  
— Traci Henry

## Total Revenue — \$79,615,593



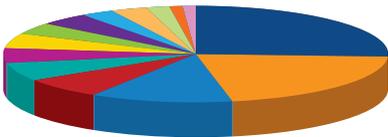
- Mental Health Levy — 47.9%
- All Other AOD Revenue — 17.4%
- Sale of Assets — 14.5%
- All Other MH Revenue — 14.0%
- Family Services & Treatment AOD Services Levy — 4.2%
- HHIC AOD Services Levy — 2.0%

## Total Expenditures — \$65,106,013



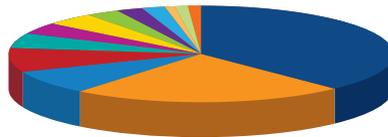
- Agency Provider Contracts — 92.3%
- Salaries, Benefits & Taxes — 5.0%
- Building Management SAMAD — 1.0%
- Operating Expenses — 0.9%
- Auditor & Treasurer Fees — 0.7%
- Capital Expenditures — 0.1%

## MH Services



- Residential Treatment & Housing — 26%
- Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment — 21%
- Other Mental Health — 12%
- Crisis Intervention — 7%
- Psychiatric Interview/Assessment/Evaluations — 6%
- Employment & Vocational — 5%
- Prevention & Education — 5%
- Care Coordination — 4%
- Emergent Need Expansion — 4%
- Consumer Operated & Peer Support — 3%
- Pharmacological Management — 3%
- Counseling — 2%
- Inflationary Adjustment — 1%
- Partial Hospitalization — 1%

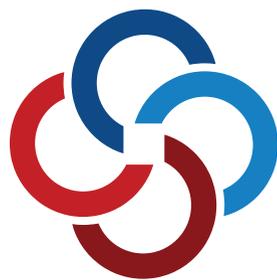
## AOD Services



- Other Services — 38%
- Residential Treatment — 23%
- Counseling — 8%
- Prevention — 8%
- Detoxification — 5%
- Community Services — 4%
- Intensive Outpatient — 4%
- Peer Services — 3%
- Assessment — 2%
- Case Management — 2%
- Dip Screens/Lab Urinalysis — 1%
- Medical/Somatic/Buprenorphine/Vivitrol — 1%
- Methadone Administration — 1%

# 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
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	Pressley Ridge
Cornell Abraxas Group	Prevention First!
Excel Development Corp.	Prospect House
First Step Home	Recovery Center of Hamilton County
Free Store/Food Bank	Salvation Army
Glad House	Shelterhouse Volunteer Group
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services	Sojourner Recovery Services
Hamilton County Adult Probation	Talbert House
Hamilton County Department of Pre-Trial & Community Transitions Services	Tender Mercies
Hamilton County Drug Recovery & Treatment Court	The Crossroads Center
Hamilton County Juvenile Court	UMADAOP



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