Manager’s Comments

We dedicated our efforts in 2013 to increasing and enhancing programs, especially in two areas. Our Jail Behavioral Health Program made significant improvements, helping those individuals struggling with addiction and mental illness to find a pathway to treatment rather than the treadmill that continues to return them to the criminal justice system. Our school programs experienced an increase in services. The importance of prevention and early intervention is paramount in promoting our youth to become healthy, productive citizens. We have worked with our school superintendents and their staff to ensure student connection to support, treatment and a positive school and community environment. These early experiences pave the way to a hopeful perspective of the future and the confidence to reach for one’s dreams. We continue to be grateful for the opportunity to offer these local programs with our local funds.

Guiding Principles

- Delivering Cost Effective Programs and Services
- Blending Funding with Other Resources
- Promoting Quality Programs and Services

Highlights of 2013:

- Provided training to local law enforcement and fire districts in working successfully with individuals experiencing acute symptoms of mental illness.
- Increased services to housing programs that provide on-site support and treatment to adults living with mental illness and addiction and improved stability of debilitating symptoms as well as sustainable housing.
- Jail Behavioral Health Professionals received accolades from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) for effective and successful services in the jail.
- School programs helped to reduce student truancies, suspensions, discipline problems, and helped to improve academic achievement.
- District Court Probation’s Behavioral Health Unit significantly improved the successful completion of probation for adults living with mental illness, and reduced their criminal justice involvement as a result.

People Served by Program Area
(for individual client services)

Service Expenditures for 2013

- School Programs: 15%
- Crisis Stabilization: 7%
- Jail Services: 10%
- Court Services: 24%
- Community Treatment: 19%
- Community Prevention: 8%
- Recovery Support: 17%

*Based on $3,167,537 See back for budget details on Direct Service Expenditures (Does not include Adminis-trative or Direct Program Support).
VISION AND GOALS

Develop a comprehensive infrastructure of behavioral health care that will:

1. Provide effective recovery-oriented services that mitigate the need for citizens to default to utilization of the emergency room, hospital beds and the county jail.
2. Provide access and availability for intervention and treatment services to citizens who may have no funding support that affords independent access.
3. Promote the provision of services in natural environments in order to reduce the incidence and severity of chemical dependency and mental and emotional disorders of our citizens.
4. Provide interventions that divert mentally ill and chemically dependent citizens from the criminal justice system to more appropriate options of care.

“It’s easier to build a child than mend an adult”