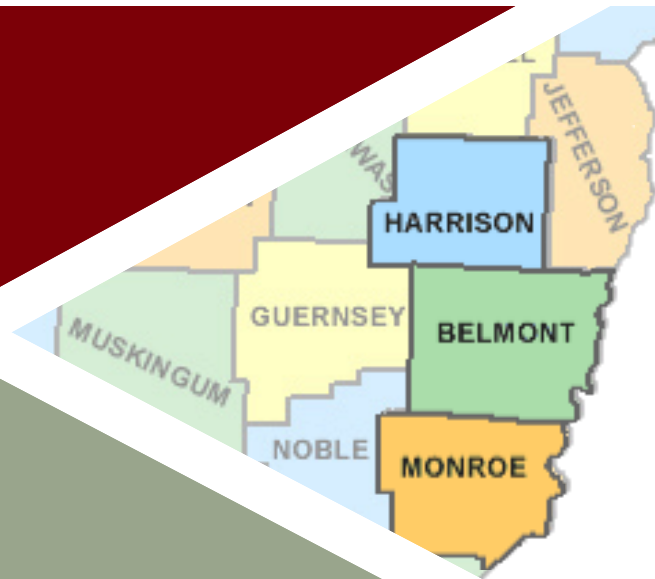


MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD

Belmont, Harrison, and
Monroe Counties



FY2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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From the Executive Director

We are honored to share the annual report of the Mental Health and Recovery Board, highlighting a year of meaningful progress in advancing behavioral health services across our community. This report reflects our steadfast commitment to expanding access to care, promoting early intervention, and cultivating a culture of mental wellness for all.

Over the past year, we have deepened our partnerships with local organizations, launched innovative programs, and witnessed the positive impact of our collective efforts. These initiatives have strengthened the support systems available to individuals and families, ensuring that no one faces mental health challenges alone.

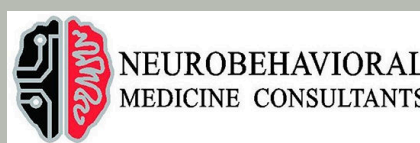
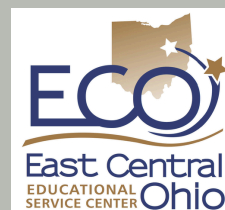
This report is more than a summary of achievements—it is a testament to the power of collaboration, compassion, and resilience. We remain dedicated to our mission: empowering every resident to achieve mental wellness and lead a fulfilling life.

Thank you for your continued support and shared dedication to this vital work.

Lisa Ward

Our Providers

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Income and Expenses

INCOME STATEMENTS

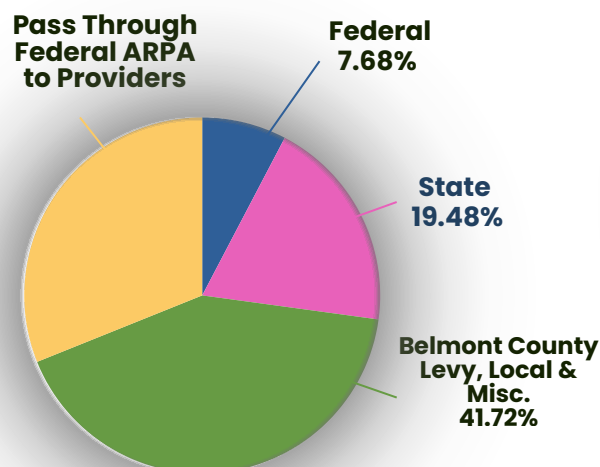
REVENUE	AMOUNT
Federal	998,807
State	2,534,548
Levy and Local	5,431,144
Other and Reserve	4,044,306
Total	13,008,805

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Mental Health Services	3,867,235.00
Substances Abuse Services	2,160,784.00
Community Planning and Operations	1,702,680.00
Youth Services and Prevention	5,278,106.00
Total	13,008,805

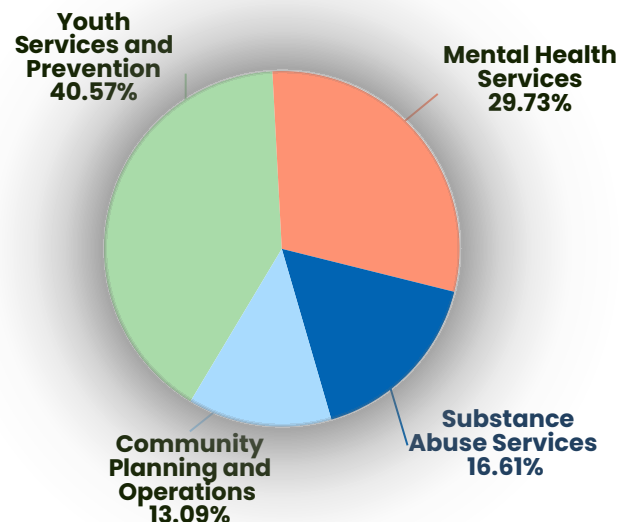
EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Substance Abuse Treatment Services	1,434,274
Mental Health Treatment Services	2,718,042
Crisis Services	560,331
School Based Services and Support	797,834
Operation and Support	908,177
Corrections, Jail Diversion and Court Supports	726,510
Domestic Violence Supports	247,824
Prevention Education and Services	794,503
Youth Services and Residential Care	435,966
Provider Agency Supports and Assistance	341,038
Pass Through Federal ARPA to Providers	4,044,306
Total	13,008,805

*Financials are Unaudited

FY2025 REVENUE SOURCES



FY2025 EXPENSES



Community Engagement & Events

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY EVENTS

With support from OhioMHAS, the MHRB provided funding to Belmont County C.A.R.E.S., Harrison County General Health District, and Monroe County Health Department to host Overdose Awareness Day activities. Each agency distributed personal care items and educational materials to raise awareness and connect residents with local resources.



WEEK OF APPRECIATION

The MHR Board received funding from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) to honor behavioral health staff during the week of September 16th through the 20th. The funds were used to buy over 300 battery chargers, which were given to contracted agencies providing direct behavioral health services. Additionally, the board aired radio ads to express gratitude to the behavioral health staff for their services.



RECOVERY SUMMIT

The 22nd Annual Recovery Summit, held in Marietta, marked a record-breaking turnout. Co-hosted with regional behavioral health boards, the event celebrated individuals in recovery from mental health and substance use disorders. Attendees were inspired by keynote speaker Molly O'Neil and personal stories shared throughout the day. The Summit fostered hope, resilience, and community solidarity.

Community Engagement & Events-Continued

CRISIS COALITIONS

Organized by the Mental Health and Recovery Board, Community Partners meet together in each county, with a specific focus on crisis services impacting their communities.

For more information or if you're interested in joining a county crisis coalition, please contact Patty Allen at patriciaa@bhmboard.org or by calling (740) 695-9998.



2024 KIDS SUMMIT

In 2024, the MHRB joined child-serving leaders from all 88 Ohio counties at the KIDS Summit in Columbus, hosted by the Department of Children and Youth. The summit focused on strengthening support for children and families through a person-centered approach, fostering collaboration among agencies, and learning about the department's mission to serve all Ohio children.

The MHRB was proud to represent Belmont, Harrison, and Monroe Counties alongside local partners. Special recognition goes to Staci Brown (Belmont and Harrison) and Audrey Lydick (Monroe County), Family and Children's First Council Coordinators, for their leadership in advancing community-based support for youth and families.



Community Engagement & Events-Continued

NAMI's Comedy Night



COMEDY NIGHT

In February, The MHR Board, NAMI Greater Wheeling, and the YAY Foundation partnered to host a transformative Comedy Night at Undo's West in St. Clairsville. The event used humor and storytelling to empower survivors of addiction, depression, and suicidal ideation. Preselected storytellers were mentored to share their journeys, creating a powerful and uplifting experience for all attendees.

MONTHLY PREVENTION COALITION MEETINGS

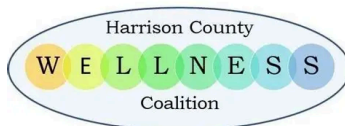
The meetings are hosted by Professionals and Community Partners in each county, with a specific focus on suicidality, behavioral health, and substance abuse issues impacting their communities.

For more information or if you're interested in joining a county coalition, please contact Wendy Ware - Community Based Prevention Specialist at (304) 830-3817

Monroe County
Hope Alliance



Harrison County
Wellness Coalition



Belmont County
Partners in Prevention



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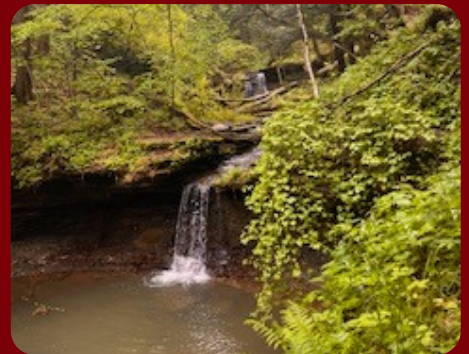
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Community Engagement & Events-Continued

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

The month began with a vibrant morning at Piatt Park, hosted in collaboration with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Monroe County Park District, and Oglebay Zoo. Families and community members gathered to enjoy a K-9 demonstration, meet friendly zoo animals, and explore the park's scenic trails. The event fostered connection and joy, setting a positive tone for the month's activities.

To compliment these in-person experiences, the Board launched a series of media campaigns aimed at raising awareness and providing year-round resources for mental health support. These campaigns extended the reach of our message, ensuring that vital information and encouragement were accessible to all.



In May 2025, we proudly honored five exceptional individuals as Community Champions for their unwavering dedication to behavioral health advocacy. These champions have worked tirelessly to break down stigma, expand access to care, and build a more inclusive and supportive environment. Their efforts have sparked meaningful change, creating spaces where mental well-being is prioritized and everyone feels empowered to seek help. We are deeply grateful for their passion and impact.



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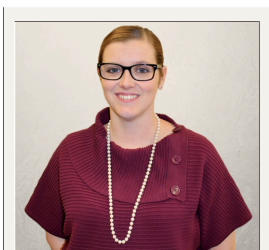
Dr. Amanda Fisher
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Linda Masters
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Beverly Peach
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Crisis Services & Infrastructure

MOBILE RESPONSE STABILIZATION SERVICES (MRSS)

Launched in early FY2025, MRSS provides immediate, in-home crisis support for youth and families across Belmont, Harrison, and Monroe Counties. Operated by Coleman Health Services, this program ensures timely intervention and stabilization, helping families navigate behavioral health challenges with professional guidance.



GROUNDBREAKING PROJECTS

In October, the MHRB celebrated two major milestones in expanding crisis care. The first was the groundbreaking of a Crisis Stabilization Unit in partnership with Coleman Health Services. This facility will include a 24/7 walk-in assessment center and serve as the base for a mobile crisis team, forming a comprehensive Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center.



The second project, in collaboration with The Village Network and regional partners, introduced an expansion that will add 16 short-term residential beds and 4 crisis stabilization beds—significantly enhancing youth mental health treatment capacity.



Community Grants & Housing Support

MOUNTAIN MEN MINISTRIES

Through a community grant, the MHRB supported the Mountain Movers Program operated by Mountain Men Ministries in Bridgeport. This faith-based initiative provides mentorship and transitional housing for men completing a 12-week recovery program. Grant funds were used to enhance existing supports so participants maintain stability and continue their recovery journey.



OHIO VALLEY OPTIONS

Located in Brookside, Ohio Valley Options offers housing for men facing mental health challenges. With capacity for up to three residents, the program connects individuals to emotional and social support systems. The MHRB's grant funding helped launch this initiative, expanding local housing options for vulnerable populations.

OXFORD HOUSE EXPANSION

In 2024, Oxford House Inc. opened a new sober living facility for women in Monroe County, and in March 2025, a house for men in St. Clairsville, thanks to support from the MHRB. This expansion increases access to structured, peer-supported housing for individuals in recovery. The homes accommodate eight residents each and is part of a broader effort to strengthen recovery infrastructure across Belmont, Harrison, and Monroe Counties.



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