

# mental health matters



# **Dear Friends and Supporters of MHA,**

Fifteen years ago, my first newsletter column as MHA's CEO began with the following: "As I assume the 'awesome' role of Chief Executive Officer of the Mental Health Association, I am so impressed with the incredible breadth and the quality of activities that MHA carries out. I am impressed as well with the amazing range of issues and other organizations with which we deal. These remind me daily of how integral mental health, good mental health, is to everything we do and are as human beings!" I went on to say that I believed that the most difficult mental health issue we faced in Frederick was "the age-old problem of the stigma that is still associated with mental illness".

In some ways, absolutely nothing has changed since then. I still believe my position is an awesome one, I am still so impressed with breadth and quality of services that MHA offers, and I fear that stigma is still a major mental health issue.

On the other hand, so much has changed. Mental health services have become so much more accessible with the advent of mobile crisis services for adults and children offered by the Way Station and the newest addition, the behavioral health walk-in program offered by MHA. Speaking of accessibility, not long after I began this position, MHA became the Western Maryland provider of 2-1-1 services, offering 24-hour telephone access to information and referral to all health and human services in Maryland, in addition to the crisis services we have always offered.

The most obvious difference internally is that, with the completion of our lovely new building, the staff are no longer crammed into a rabbit warren of offices in two long and narrow, albeit very charming, townhouses. Program participants no longer have to try to remember in which church or other building their activity is going to take place or to search for a place to park when coming to MHA, and they have a welcoming and comfortable place to receive services.

What makes me proudest about our beautiful and spacious building, however, is that it stands on a visible corner on a main corridor into Frederick City, with the words "Mental Health" detectable from all directions, demonstrating to all that everyone has a place where they can seek help, and that mental health and mental illness are out in the open, visibly and without shame.

Of late, on hearing of my retirement, folks have congratulated me on the work I've done while at MHA. While I appreciate the compliments, I am simply the face of this organization. Our quality and caring direct services are provided by the most amazing team of compassionate professionals, supported by incredibly dedicated and skilled financial and administrative staff. And every board with whom I have worked has been knowledgeable and supportive and has had the agency's back every step of the way. It has taken all of these people to make MHA the highly competent and responsive organization it is today.

This is the best position I have held in my career, bar none. It has been my pleasure to serve as the CEO of MHA and to serve the people of Frederick, helping them on their path to health and wholeness, thereby strengthening our whole community. There is no question that I will miss MHA's staff and board and the ongoing relationships I enjoy with my professional colleagues, sponsors and donors. I will, however, remain in Frederick and look forward to continuing my involvement in this wonderful community.

Patricia G. Hanberry

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CEO Mental Health Association of Frederick County

## SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Public Grants	\$ 1,702,864
Private Contracts	76,515
Program Service Revenue	214,227
United Way	47,969
Private Donations/Foundations	278,511
Special Events/Fundraising	109,282
Capital Campaign Revenue	200,352
Other Income	7,060
Investment Income	13,154

**TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE** \$ 2,649,934

# **EXPENSES**

## PROGRAM SERVICES

Child Care Choices	\$ 348,735
Community Support Services	584,588
Counseling Services	199,159
Family Support Services	564,317
MHA Programs	158,750

**TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES** \$ 1,855,549

#### SUPPORTING SERVICES

Fundraising Expenses	\$ 42,316
Capital Campaign	34,140
Management and General	264,511

TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES \$ 340,968

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**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$ 2,196,517

The financials listed above are un-audited figures.

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# Walk-in Clients »

(seen in first few weeks of service)



"I am so glad to have been able to talk

to someone about everything I am feeling

and have a plan about how to get through

this. I feel so much better."

-Walk-in Client

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88% of families were able to receive services from agencies Navigation referred them to

# 974

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98% of the children from participating families are developmentally on target

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