

Huron Behavioral Health



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Annual Report 2010

ANNUAL REPORT



Message from the Huron Behavioral Health Board of Directors to the Community:

We are pleased to present our 2010 Annual Report to the community.

It would be fair to say that the year 2010 was a year of change but having worked at Huron Behavioral Health for over thirty years, change should really be considered the “new normal”. In 2010, Huron Behavioral Health (HBH) experienced cuts in general funds and Adult Benefit/Medicaid Waiver funding – and more cuts are expected yet to come. For the first time in HBH’s history, we were forced to establish a waiting list for those requesting services.

Over the past years we have learned to accept and respond to change, meeting these challenges and remaining focused on our mission to provide timely, quality services. Our mission has been and always will be to achieve the best possible outcomes for individuals, families, and the community within the limits of our resources. Our ability to deal with changes has come from the careful planning of our dedicated Board of Directors and from the concerned and dedicated response of our staff.

Another asset helping us to deal with the ever-present changes has been the collaboration from our community partners and members of the Huron County Community Collaborative. This collaboration continues to encourage a partnership and well-rounded approach to the wellness and community inclusion of consumers. Our belief in recovery-focused and person-centered services, in true partnership with our consumers, has never faltered in these times of change and challenge.

We continue to advocate for funding equity for mental health services and will focus our energies to maintain the necessary supports and services in our community. In these uncertain times, we must remain faithful to our desire to help people learn to cope and respond to all of the challenges in their lives. Helping individuals experience satisfying and productive lives, lived to the fullest extent possible, remains our top priority in times of change and always.


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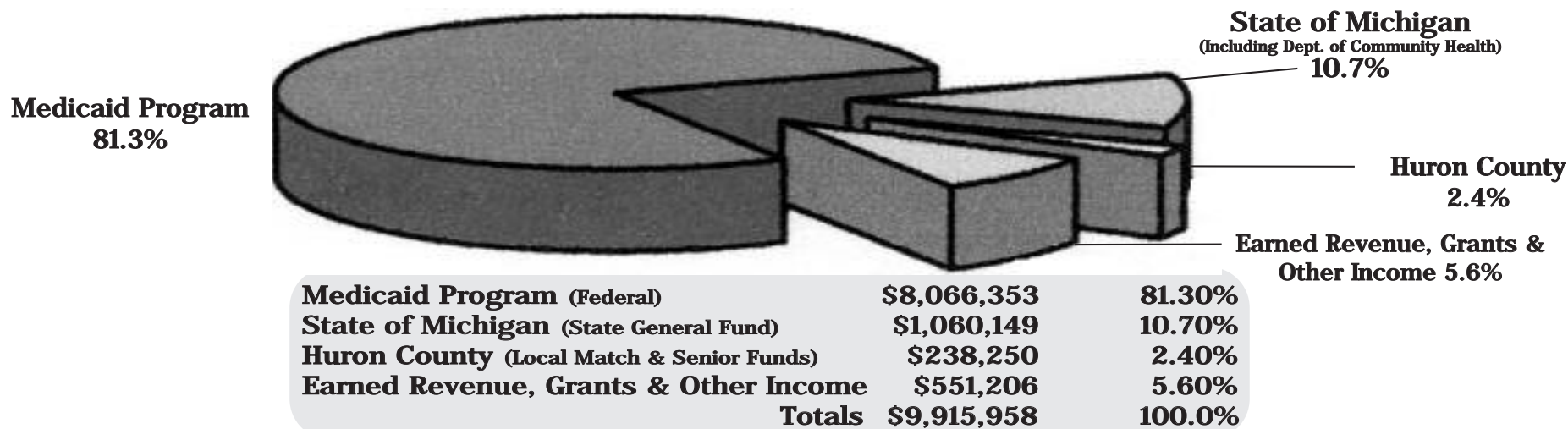


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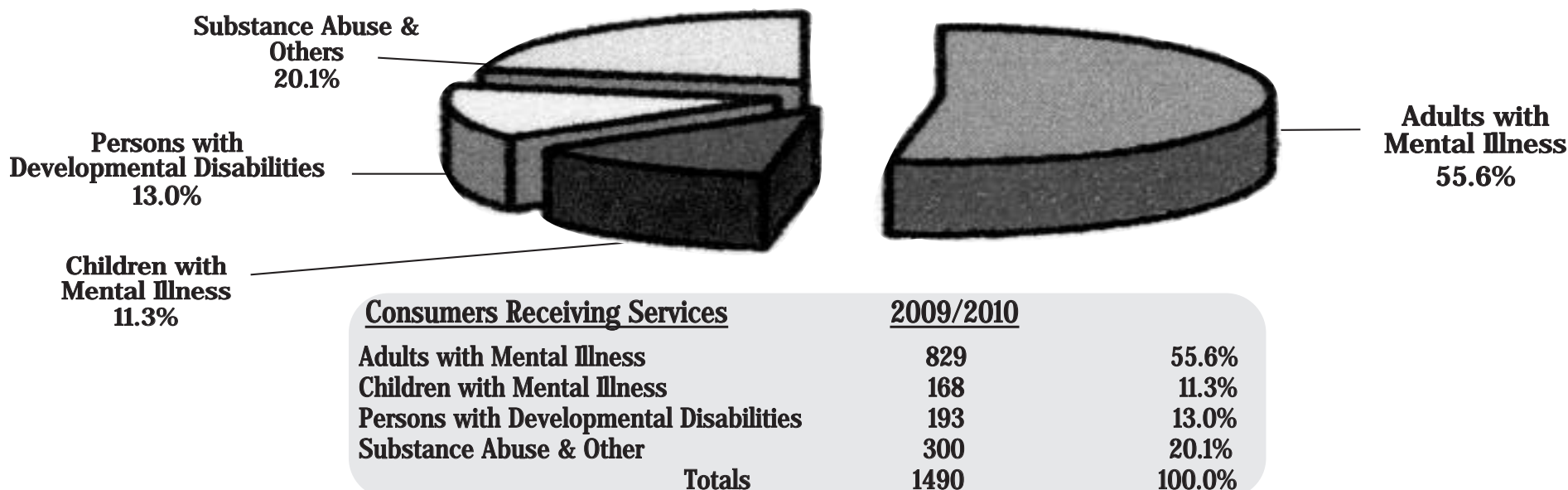


Patti Deneen
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2009/2010 SOURCE OF FUNDS



2009/2010 PERSONS SERVED



We would like to thank the following community groups for hosting our volunteers... Huron Medical Care Facility Gardens, Sunny Acres Nursing Center, Lakeview Extended Care/Rehabilitation Unit, Huron Learning Center, Huron Medical Center, Human Development Commission, Scheurer Hospital, Country Bay Village, Owendale and Gagetown United Methodist Churches, Faith Gospel Tabernacle Food Pantries, Helping Hands Thrift Store, Bay Shore Camp, Huron Intermediate School District, Thumb Christian Outreach Ministries, Special Olympics, Relay For Life, Adopt-A-Highway, Family Fun Festival, Regional Interagency Consumer Committee, Huron County Baby Pantry, Pigeon Library, Project Connect, Clothe-A-Child, Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

Flashpoint Center Celebrates Its 10 Year Anniversary

It was more than just a spring cleaning as members of Flashpoint Center scrubbed, painted, decorated and landscaped their center as they entered their "second decade" of service to the community. For the past ten years Flashpoint Center has functioned as a peer operated drop-in center for individuals along with their families that have a mental illness or a history of a mental illness. The Center has been providing support, social opportunities, transportation and just plain fun for its members. "I can't believe it has been ten years since we started in that small building up town with only a handful of members," says Ellen Rothfuss, Director of Flashpoint Center since its beginning in 2000. Today over 50 individuals utilize the center each day. Flashpoint Center employ their own social workers and peer support specialists, provide wellness programs and support an individual's recovery journey by promoting and facilitating community inclusion, self-determination and person centered planning. Congratulations Flashpoint Center and best wishes for your next ten years of service to our community.



Picture at bottom: Flashpoint member Stanley Cottick helps with the finishing touches as Flashpoint prepares for their second decade of service to the community.

Noted Author Comes To Huron County

In April of 2010 the Huron County Community Collaborative along with its community partners, Huron Behavioral Health, the CA/N Council, Great Start, Flashpoint Center and Early On, was pleased to sponsor a conference by Dr. Donna Beegle, a well-known expert on poverty in America. As the daughter of migrant farm workers she experienced first-hand the challenges of living in poverty in America and described her incredible journey to self-sufficiency through education. This day-long conference described the realities of poverty in our country and provided strategies for helping families develop genuine options for life-long success. Dr. Beegle states, "It is not programs that help families move out of poverty, but it is relationships that truly make the difference." Well over 125 community members and professionals attended this important event, learning how to motivate people in poverty and to overcome obstacles in communication. Emphasis was placed on building upon assets of those struggling financially instead of seeing only problems. Huron Behavioral Health staff learned how to frame goals from a poverty perspective and to more effectively help some of those they served.



Dr. Donna Beegle- Author of "See Poverty...Be the Difference" Discover the Missing Pieces for Moving People Out of Poverty.

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Huron Behavioral Health Has Been Re-Accredited By The Council On Accreditation

In 2010, the Council on Accreditation (COA) informed Huron Behavioral Health of their recent re-accreditation. COA is committed to maintaining the highest level of standards and quality improvement and is designed to identify providers that have set high performance standards for themselves and have made a commitment to their constituents to deliver the highest quality services.

COA re-accreditation is an objective and reliable verification that provides confidence and support to an organization's service recipients, board members, staff and community partners. The COA re-accreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of both an organization's administrative operations and its services delivery practices. All are "measured" against national standards of best practice. These standards emphasize services that are accessible, appropriate, culturally responsive, evidence based, and outcomes-oriented. In addition, they confirm that the services are provided by a skilled and supported workforce and that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

Because COA reviews and re-accredits the entire organization, not just specific programs, the public can have confidence in the credibility, integrity and achievement of the entire organization.

Huron Behavioral Health is proud to be recognized as a member of COA's Community of Excellence. Our thanks to all the dedicated employees that contribute to the agency's exceptional performance in providing mental health services to our community.

Huron Behavioral Health Awarded Federal Block Grant

In an effort to expand mental health services to the community, Huron Behavioral Health applied for a Federal Block Grant in 2010. This grant, in the amount of \$140,000, is to be distributed over a two year period funding a program that provides services to adults that qualify but, do not have Medicaid coverage. Adults with Medicaid currently do receive services, but due to substantial cuts in the state's general fund budget, those who don't qualify for Medicaid may go without needed mental health services or must wait until their condition deteriorates into a crisis situation before services are available to them.

This unique program is provided through Flashpoint, the community's drop-in center. The goal is to assist consumers without Medicaid with linkages to needed services so that they are able to maintain the least restrictive environment and enhance their life skills and ability to cope. This project compliments, supports and promotes a recovery oriented system of care, provided in a welcoming natural environment, with supports from consumers to non-Medicaid consumers, thus expanding access to adults with mental illness. In addition to case management services a variety of support groups and wellness programs are available to enhance the recovery process.