

BUILDING ON OUR STRENGTHS

This past year presented our community and the Lorain County Board of Mental Health with many significant challenges. Dramatic funding cuts from the State Of Ohio combined with greatly increased needs for mental health services in the local community forced the Board to make some difficult funding decisions.

Despite these major funding cuts, the Board was able to maintain funding for priority mental health services. This was only possible with the continued generous support of local tax payers. It is gratifying that, despite experiencing one of the worst economies in recent history, the Mental Health levy was renewed last May by 67 per cent of Lorain County voters. This levy enables our mental health system to continue to provide critical services to those who are most in need in Lorain County. Our goal is to insure that essential mental health services are there for the people of Lorain County when they need them.

The Board is constantly looking for ways to work more efficiently and improve our service delivery system. The Board continues to seek out opportunities to minimize administrative costs and maximize resources for direct services. The Board continues to build upon its relationships with community partners and Network agencies to improve collaboration in order to provide the community with high quality, cost effective, client-centered services.

The Board realizes these economic challenges are not yet behind us. In addition, we also will be actively involved in implementing health care reform as it unfolds in Ohio and Lorain County. We are committed to our belief that behavioral health care is health care. The Board will continue working toward a service delivery model that supports the integration of physical and behavioral health care. This is not just the smart thing to do, it is the right thing to do.

Building upon our strengths and the many partnerships we have forged in Lorain County, I am confident that the Board will not merely withstand the current economic downturn, but will emerge stronger than ever. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express my appreciation for the community's support of the continued passage of mental health levies. The Board is dedicated to being good stewards of these dollars and to be thoughtful in our funding decisions to best meet the community's mental health needs.

Jacqueline M. Burns, Chair
Lorain County Board of Mental Health

Financial

Receipts		
Federal	\$8,519,711	31.7%
State	\$5,052,461	18.8%
Local	<u>\$13,282,555</u>	<u>49.5%</u>
Total Receipts	\$26,854,727	100.0%

Expenditures		
Board Administration	\$1,401,572	5.2%
Professional Service Contracts	\$161,228	0.6%
Patient Care Contracts	<u>\$25,439,572</u>	<u>94.2%</u>
Total Expenditures	\$27,002,372	100.0%

Gender			Race		
Female	5,808	52.7%	African American	1,257	11.4%
Male	5,217	47.3%	White	9,153	83.0%
			Other	615	5.6%

Agencies

Applewood Centers
Beech Brook
Bellefaire JCB D.
Berea Children's Home
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Catholic Charities Services
El Centro
Far West Center
Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services
Gathering Hope House
Genesis House
Lorain County Labor Agency
Lucy Idol Center for the Handicapped
NAMI of Lorain County
New Sunrise, Inc.
The Nord Center
Pathways Counseling & Growth Center
Volunteer Guardianship Program

Ethnicity			Age		
Hispanic	792	7.2%	Under 18	3,663	33.2%
Non-Hispanic	10,233	92.8%	18 and over	7,434	67.4%

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11,025 People Served in FY2010, a 4.9 % Increase over FY2009



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In addition, community based prevention, consultation and education services were provided to audiences that totaled more than 35,000 Lorain County residents.

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