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OPEN ACCESS: A VITAL PIECE IN COMPREHENSIVE CARE

CMHS continued its commitment in 2019 to open access care. In delivering a Certified Community Behavioral Health Organization (CCBHO) model of care, we focus on creating access, stabilizing people in crisis, and providing the necessary treatment for those with the most serious, complex mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

We integrate additional services with an emphasis on recovery, wellness, trauma informed care, and physical-behavioral health integration.

In creating greater access to care, CMHS’ requests for services have increased by

26%

To accommodate the increased requests for care, CMHS has expanded its staffing by

22%

To stabilize individuals in crisis, CMHS ensures access to crisis services all day, every day.

24/7/365

SUCCESSFUL ACCREDITATION

CMHS had a successful 2019 accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Every program at CMHS was surveyed and received a three-year accreditation.

The accreditation ensures quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a rigorous consultative process. The results drive our daily commitment to continuous quality improvement to enhance the lives of the people we serve.

WHO WE SERVE

83% of CMHS consumers have income below the federal poverty level. Nearly half of all served access Medicaid benefits.

22% of those served are under 18 years of age, with 15% being adolescents.

211 consumers served are active duty military, have prior service or Veteran status.

75% of CMHS consumers receive Medicaid benefits or are uninsured. Only 9% are commercially insured.
CMHS WELCOMES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SITE VISIT

In the fall of 2019, we welcomed the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to review our agency as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Organization (CCBHO).

The goal of the CCBHO program is to expand mental health and substance use care in America. Eight states were selected to be part of the original Medicaid demonstration program and our organization is one of only 15 agencies in the state to earn the designation.

Adhering to the high standards of the CCBHO model has led to a 26% increase in the number of clients we have served from July 2017 through June 2019. In that same time period, we have increased our staffing by 22% to more effectively address consumer needs.

PEER-TO-PEER: DEVELOPING HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES

As a member of Mental Health Corporations of America, Inc. (MHCA), CMHS President and CEO Julie Pratt joined a 4-person executive peer group that assesses, coaches, and supports one another in innovative, entrepreneurial leadership.

The group joined CMHS leadership for two days in October, guiding group discussion and sharing their expertise as we continue the process of achieving our Strategic Plan goals.

95% of CMHS consumers indicated they were satisfied with the care they received in 2019.

20 community-focused events were attended by our staff to provide resources and education to citizens.

50 years of serving our community...2019 was a year to celebrate our history and our future!

12% of the CMHS annual budget supports Substance Use Services.
Meeting community needs with OUTPATIENT EXPANSION

A 2019 expansion project at the William H. Kyles facility made room for additional licensed therapists to meet growing demands for outpatient services. Individuals, families, and groups comprise the more than 18,330 visits to this facility each year.

Launching new treatment options in SUPPORTIVE RECOVERY

CMHS launched a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program, which combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance use disorders. The program also assists with client transportation, housing support, and medication co-pays.

Overall, nearly 1,250 individuals accessed substance use services at CMHS in 2019.

Engaging our caring community to ACCEPT ZERO

Nearly 350 participants and more than 120 volunteers supported the 2019 Accept Zero 5K Run/Walk. CMHS hosts the annual event at Truman Sports Complex to raise funds for suicide awareness and prevention programs.

Connecting with students through SCHOOL PREVENTION PROGRAMS

CMHS strengthened connections and support to students in Eastern Jackson County by adding three school-based therapists in the Blue Springs and Fort Osage school districts. We also expanded our outreach by implementing the Prevention Utilized for Student Health (PUSH) program.
HOPE IN MENTAL HEALTH: CYNTHIA'S STORY

Generous community partners, donors, and volunteers ensure that CMHS is always present to our community's mental health needs.

HOPE IN RECOVERY: JENNA'S STORY

As a teen, this quiet girl found solace in self-harm as she tried to deal with a family life fractured by her father's substance use and abandonment. Jenna's destructive behavior led to her own addiction in her early twenties to pain pills (opiates) and methamphetamines - an addiction that nearly cost her life.

Jenna eventually took the first step to recovery - a path that led to sobriety, clarity, and the strength she needed for a successful recovery as well as the birth of a healthy son.

Jenna's journey also led to her eventual employment at CMHS where she helps others achieve success in their recovery process. "I don't know where I would be without the care I received," she says. "I had run out of hope, and you helped me find it again."

HOPE IN MENTAL HEALTH: CYNTHIA'S STORY

When her panic attacks and depression became debilitating, Cynthia found the courage to seek help at CMHS. Severe anxiety in being uncomfortable in social situations - even going on a job interview - had prevented her from working and being a part of the community.

With the support of her CMHS care team that includes a therapist, community support specialist, and employment specialist, Cynthia not only secured work at a local restaurant, but has been able to address her mental health issues while on the job - greeting customers and interacting with co-workers. "These are things I could not have done a few months ago," she says. "I feel like I finally have my life back."
FINANCIAL SUMMARY | JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019

REVENUE & CONTRIBUTIONS

- State/Medicaid 83%
- Grants, Contributions, Other 4%
- Insurance, Medicare 2%
- County Levies 11%

Total Revenue: $16,308,705

PROGRAM EXPENSE/COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- General/Administration* 21%
- Medical Services 11%
- Support Services 20%
- Medical Services 11%
- General & Administration 21%
- Residential Housing 9%
- Emergency Services 2%
- Outpatient Services 4%
- Substance Use Services 12%
- Adult Community Services 13%
- Children & Youth Services 8%

Total Expenses: $15,272,016

*General/Administration costs are shared by all program areas of CMHS.
Thanks to our generous community partners.