



# 2018 Annual Report

**Brown County Board of Mental Health & Addiction Services**

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## **A Message from the Executive Director**

I am pleased to share our Board and its service area highlights from 2018 and to provide a report of our revenues and expenditures.

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) awarded the Culture of Quality certification to the Brown County Board of Mental Health & Addiction Services. This is the highest level of certification that a local behavioral health Board can receive. The independent association of county alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health boards provides three-year certifications to Boards that can demonstrate compliance with over 140 standards. A multi-year certification offers conclusive evidence that a board is operating with very high levels of competency, skill and efficiency.”

Our Coalition for a Drug Free Brown County continues to work and grow. We held our Third Annual Recovery Run/Walk in September and were thrilled with the turnout. The citizens of our county are realizing that we are in the middle of an extraordinary drug epidemic and the only way we are going to overcome it is to collaborate and work together, progress is being made to this end. The Coalition and Board also collaborated with the Brown County ESC and Prosecutor’s office to bring Dreamland author Sam Quinones to Brown County for a speaking engagement. We held a luncheon and an evening forum. Six teens from each school district in the county were able to meet with Mr. Quinones and share their questions and concerns with him prior to the luncheon. Over 450 community members attended one of the sessions!

Our relationship with the Brown County Educational Service Center and with the school districts continues to grow and we are focusing our energies and monies toward prevention. As Ben Franklin stated, “an inch of prevention is worth a pound of cure” and the Board firmly embraces that belief. The children and youth of our county need to develop self-regulation, a sense of belonging, and resiliency to be successful and healthy.

We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated board members and staff as well as committed and hard-working local providers who collaborate to provide high quality mental health and addiction treatment and recovery services to the citizens of Brown County.

While addiction is a strong focal point with the current opiate epidemic, mental health is still crucial and is being addressed. This year NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Brown County was established, we are excited about the programming this group offers the citizens of our county.

The Board strongly believes that recovery is attainable and that it should be celebrated! Working towards recovery is a difficult job but one that leads to a fulfilling and productive life. Recovery is Beautiful and we are committed to responding to the needs of our community to offer the prevention, treatment and recovery supports necessary to achieve recovery and wellness for individuals and families in Brown County.

I would like to personally and publicly thank our Board members, who graciously volunteer their time and energy to help ensure the system of care for behavioral and addiction services is available and accessible to the citizens in our communities.

Sincerely,

Deanna Vietze

## **Mission Statement**

The Brown County Board of Mental Health & Addiction Services supports a Recovery Oriented System of Care for delivering effective mental health &, addiction treatment, prevention, education and advocacy services for its residents.

## **Vision Statement**

To ensure that Brown County citizens have access to quality behavioral health services, so they can lead mentally healthy and addiction free productive lives.

## **2018 In Review**

-  **Coalition for a Drug Free Brown County-** Regular monthly meetings have continued and the number of participants has remained steady. We have already met many of our goals and continue to work toward accomplishing the others. We co-sponsored Sam Quinones author of Dreamland to present at a luncheon and an evening forum and both were well attended.

- ✚ **NAMI Brown County Chapter-** We received official affiliate status in February. A kickoff event was held in June to introduce NAMI Brown County to the community with an In Our Own Voice presentation. NAMI Connection groups are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:30 pm and the Family Support Group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 pm both meetings are held at the Board office. In Our Own Voice and Ending the Silence Presentations are available to be scheduled for community organizations and schools by contacting the Board office.
- ✚ **Quick Response Team-** The Quick Response Team continues to make visits. In 2018 36 visits were made (actual face to face), 8 individuals received NARCAN training and kits, 4 requested and received treatment referrals and 3 follow-ups were made. As the shift from opiates to other drugs of choice like methamphetamine occur we are seeing fewer overdoses so the team is looking at other ways to make contact with individuals in the community who need substance use assistance.
- ✚ **Interact for Health-** The Executive Director is a member of a grant team with Interact for Health with The Brown County Educational Service Center and is a member of a Recovery Support committee. Interact also provided a mini grant to help with the Coalition for a Drug Free Brown County's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 5K Recovery Run.
- ✚ **Talbert House Recovery Housing-** The Recovery House has capacity for six men and one resident manager. The house has been full most months and continues to be supported by the Board.
- ✚ **40 Developmental Assets-** The Board continues to fund the 40 Developmental Assets in all our county school districts. Each district has a coordinator who works with the administration and staff to develop programming to incorporate the 40 Developmental Assets into their school(s).
- ✚ **PAX Good Behavior Game-** All Brown County ESC pre-school staff were trained in PAX Good Behavior Game as part of the CURES funding. In August the Board paid for all Fayetteville Elementary School staff to be trained too. Fayetteville is implementing the program school wide at the elementary. This is an evidence-based program powerful evidence-based practice, consisting of proven instructional and behavioral health strategies used daily by teachers and students in the classroom. This universal preventive approach not only improves classroom behavior and academics, but also provides a lifetime of benefits for every child by improving self-

regulation and co-regulation with peers. This program has been made available to all Brown County school districts.

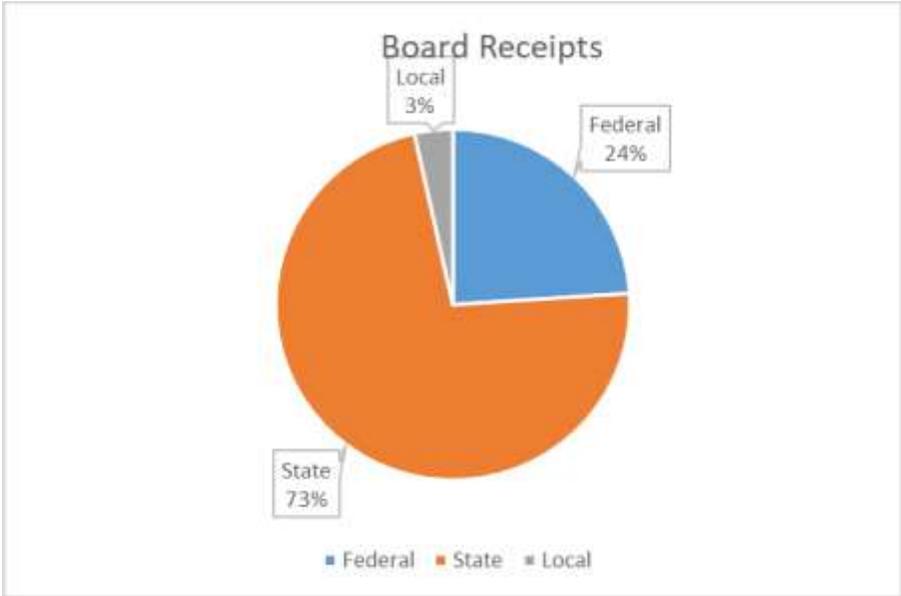
- ✚ **Culture of Quality-** The Board received Culture of Quality certification by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA). This is a goal the Executive Director set to accomplish when she became the director. OACBHA awards three-year certification to Boards that demonstrate substantial fulfillment of its standards, including compliance to Medicaid rules, risk management and insurance, health and safety, human resources, mission and program, governance, finance and operations, continuous quality improvement, and ethics. A few of the Board's strengths mentioned in the Certification Report were small staff (2) serving the community and exceeding requirements, strong visibility in the community, strong involvement and positive relationships with provider agencies, leadership with Coalition for a Drug Free Brown County and partnerships with the Health Department and schools, and strong fiscal management.
  
- ✚ **Appreciation Week April 9-13-**
  
- ✚ **Opiate Conference June 11-12** The Executive Director attended the conference hosted by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) in Columbus.
  
- ✚ **Mental Health First Aid Trainings-** The Board held one Youth Mental Health First Aid Training in August with Fayetteville Middle and High School staff.
  
- ✚ **Brown County Board of Developmental Disabilities-** The Executive Director is a member of the Human Rights Committee with the Brown County Board of DD and meets quarterly to review cases and have training.
  
- ✚ **Recovery Conference October 1-2-** The Executive Director, 1 Board member, 4 professionals and several Brown County residents in recovery attended the Recovery Conference held by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) in Columbus. Individuals in Recovery attended and celebrated sobriety and learned about Recovery supports and strategies.
  
- ✚ **Executive Council** -The Executive Director continues to be on the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authority's (OACBHA) Executive Council representing Brown, Clermont, Hamilton, Butler and Preble Counties. She is still the chairperson for the Governance committee and participates in several other OACBHA committees.

- ✚ **Coalition for a Drug Free Brown County Events-** August 4-5 The Board in conjunction with the Coalition sponsored a booth at Summerfest and information was shared about treatment, crisis text line and the Coalition. The Coalition in conjunction with the Board sponsored the Third Annual Recovery Run (5K) September 15<sup>th</sup>. We had 4 people in Recovery speak and over ??? runners participated.
  
- ✚ **Fair Booth-** The Board in conjunction with the Coalition sponsored a booth at the Brown County Fair. The Executive Director and Coalition volunteers manned the booth and offered information regarding drug and alcohol treatment, NAMI, and crisis text line.
  
- ✚ **Community involvement-** The Executive Director spoke 6 times at schools about drug prevention and crisis text line. She helped with 2 Real World Real Money simulations in schools and with 3 poverty exercises for bus drivers.
  
- ✚ **Crisis Text Line-** The Board in collaboration with Ohio MHAS and OACBHA began marketing a free Crisis Text Line. Text 4Hope to 741741 and a trained counselor will respond via text within five minutes. The Executive Director presented Crisis Text Line information at various meetings and schools and with OACBHA grant funding purchased ads and banners at the fair, Summerfest, a soccer tournament and in sports programs.
  
- ✚ **Grant writing-** The Executive Director has helped write 7 different grants. Three of the 7 were funded with one still awaiting notification. The Generation Rx grant was funded to the Ohio State Extension office and will train adults and students on how to talk about prescription drug abuse with others. The other was a grant from NeoMed to have Child Focus provide QPR training to college students that will teach the signs of suicide and how to make referrals to treatment. These trainings will take place in 2018. A grant from OACBHA was received to advertise the crisis text line services.



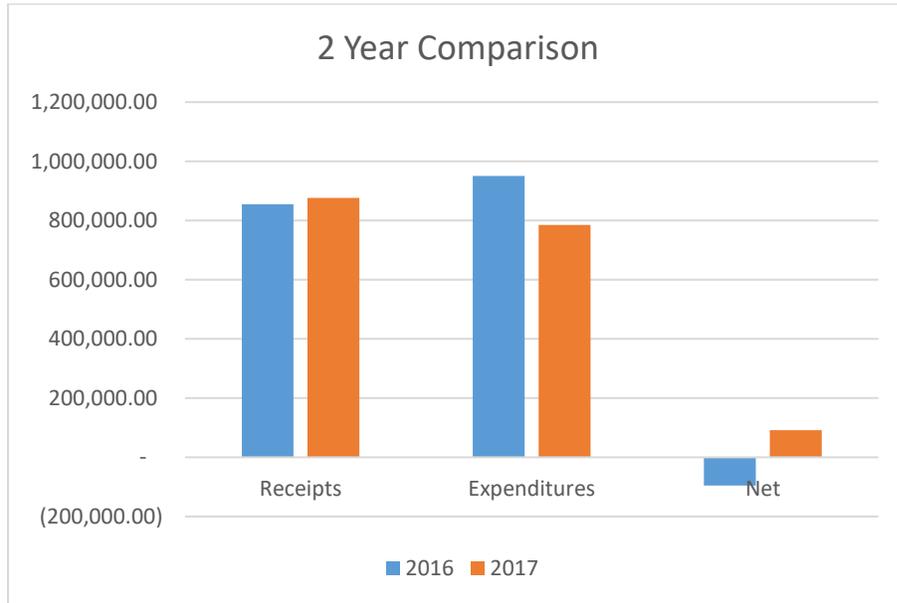
Executive Director Deanna Vietze presenting at the Coalition’s Community Forum September 6, 2017

**Brown County Board of MHAS 2017 Calendar Year Revenue**



|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| Federal | \$210,105  |
| State   | \$ 635,414 |
| Local   | \$30,660   |

**Brown County Board of MHAS 2 Year Expenditure Comparison**



|              | 2016       | 2017      |
|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Revenue      | \$854,772  | \$876,179 |
| Expenditures | \$950,679  | \$784,901 |
| Net          | (\$95,907) | \$91,278  |

**CONTRACT ORGANIZATIONS**

Talbert House dba Brown County Recovery Services-Georgetown Office  
75 Banting Drive Georgetown, OH 45121

Talbert House dba Brown County Recovery Services-Mt. Orab Office  
116 North High Street Mt. Orab, OH 45154

Child Focus, Inc.  
204 S. High Street Mt. Orab, OH 45154

Brown County Educational Service Center  
9231 Hamer Road Georgetown, OH 45121

**BOARD of DIRECTORS**

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