Annual Report 2013

A new year is always a time of thoughtful reflection, and as we present our 2013 Huron Behavioral Health Annual Report to the community, we do so with a profound sense of hope and enthusiasm for the years to come!

Not so long ago individuals with mental illnesses or developmental disabilities would have been taken care of in state institutions. Their futures were often dim and limited. But today, thanks to a system of community-based mental health services, these folks are living person-centered, self-determined lives which can be rewarding and uplifting. But just as the name implies it is a “community-based” system and now, more than ever, we are realizing that a community based system of services, can create a holistic approach to care and a greater degree of wellness for our consumers.

One strategy in our progress has been collaboration with valuable community partners. A local satellite office of Saginaw’s Federally Qualified Health Clinic is a result of Community Collaboration with Huron Medical Center, the Huron County Health Department and the Huron Intermediate School District. It will provide both physical health and mental health services to low income individuals and families. Along with current Medicaid expansion and the recent widespread utilization of an electronic medical record, even more families will receive the integrated health care services they need in a more efficient, cost effective manner.

In 2013, when the Michigan Department of Community Health would no longer allow HBH to rent a building from Huron County, Huron Behavioral Health, under the direction of their Board of Directors, broke ground on new facilities located on the west side of Bad Axe on R Dale Wertz Drive (north of the Huron County Health Department & VA Clinic). With the cooperation of our county commissioners and other county departments, additional property and permits were obtained to move forward with this project in a timely fashion. We look forward to providing behavioral health services in our new energy efficient, consumer-friendly facility by midyear 2014.

We are privileged to live in a community that works so well together to create a community of hope, safety and wellness. Partnerships and collaborations benefit our community in many ways and that is how the “community” in Community Mental Health is created and nurtured. We thank our partners for their support and cooperation. So indeed it is with that sense of hope and enthusiasm we move into 2014... better prepared to face the challenges we encounter and the opportunities we seek.

Robert Witherspoon  
2013 Board Chairman

Suzanne Prich  
Executive Director

Letter to the Community

2013 Source of Funds

- Medicaid Program: $8,151,041  
  82.83%
- State of Michigan (MI Dept. of Community Health): $1,000,702  
  10.17%
- Huron County: $245,000  
  2.49%
- Earned Revenue, Grants & Other Income: $444,301  
  4.51%

Total: $9,841,044

2013 Persons Served

- Adults with Mental Illness: 897  
  65.0%
- Children with Mental Illness: 163  
  11.8%
- Persons with Developmental Disabilities: 189  
  13.7%
- Substance Abuse & Other: 130  
  9.4%
Mr. Jim Chalou was appointed to the Huron County Community Mental Health Services Board in January 1985. At the time of his appointment, Chalou worked as a Human Resource Manager and Journeymen Tool and Die maker for a local automotive manufacturing & stamping plant until his retirement. In addition to his career-related activity, Mr. Chalou was an Ordained Lay Minister, on the Fairhaven Township Volunteer Fire Department (12 years) and a Little League Manager (3 years) as well as a member of the Saginaw Valley Safety Council.

Mr. Chalou and his wife, Donna, resided in Bay Port, Michigan. They had five daughters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Chalou held a stellar attendance record on the Board of Directors – 100% attendance at Board meetings from 1985 until December 2012 when he began struggling with a personal health issues. He held many board positions over the years and served diligently on many subcommittees. It was with deep regret that the Huron Behavioral Health Board of Directors accepted Mr. Chalou’s resignation/retirement from service due to personal health concerns on July 24th, 2013. Mr. Chalou died on December 16, 2013. Mr. Chalou had volunteered his time over many years working within the Board of Directors for the public mental health system. With his diligence in mid-State Health Network the third largest PIHP in the state of Michigan.

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Looses a Dear Friend and Advocate

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THE FOLLOWING SERVICES MAY BE AVAILABLE:

IF YOU HAVE MEDICAID....

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• Supported Employment Program
• Skill Building
• Psychological Testing
• Occupational Therapy
• Community Living Supports
• Respite – Family Support
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Celebrates Another Year of Success!

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Mid-State Health Network Formed

As of January 1, 2014 Huron Behavioral Health is pleased to announce their membership in the Mid-State Health Network. For many years Huron Behavioral Health has been a member of the Access Alliance of Michigan, a five county alliance of community mental health agencies. 2013 was year of reorganization of the state’s community mental health alliances reducing the number of these alliances or Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plans (PIPHs) from 18 to 10 in order to maximize efficiencies and reduce administrative costs and redundancies. As of January 1, 2014 Huron Behavioral Health has become a member of Mid State Health Network, a new PIPH developed as a provider-sponsored regional entity drawing together twelve Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP) Participants. Twenty one counties will be served through this regional entity including Arenac, Bay, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Gladwin, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, Newaygo, Osceola, Saginaw, Shiawassee, and Tuscola. Over 500,000 citizens qualifying for Medicaid services live within this newly-formed region making the new Mid State Health Network the third largest PIPH in the state of Michigan.

Partners of this new alliance are working together to address the complex issues of meeting the needs of the recently expanded Medicaid population and developing strategies to insure capacity, competence and readiness for the implementation of the state’s mandated services for those on the Autism Spectrum, and the oversight of Substance Use Disorder treatment and services.

Our Mission

The following services may be available:

BASIC SERVICES

• Emergency Services
• Crisis Intervention
• Inpatient Hospitalization
• Groups (psychoeducation)
• Outpatient Therapy
• Medication/Psychiatric Evaluation
• Case Management
• Drop-in Services (Flashpoint)

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Suzanne Prich at the 2013 Annual “Celebrate Success” event.

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