

Annual Report

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Letter from the Executive Director

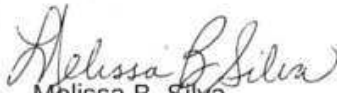
2014 was a year of many great things for MHA. We achieved CARF Accreditation for our programs, celebrated 60 years of service, advocacy and education and implemented an Annual Speaker Series.

MHA continues to pride ourselves on providing excellent services to persons with or at risk for mental health and substance abuse issues.

Believing in the importance of community education to help break the stigma surrounding mental illness and addiction, MHA celebrated our 60th Anniversary by hosting Saturday Night Live's Darrell Hammond as our special guest. Mr. Hammond's personal story of his struggle with receiving a proper diagnosis, his history of addiction and his fight to battle the stigma associated with his illness drew in a wide array of community members. Our hope is that Mr. Hammond's appearance and story will help fuel the much needed community conversation on the state of mental health and addiction issues within Baton Rouge and the surrounding areas.

As we look forward to 2015, we expect to further increase community awareness and education through our programs and services. MHA recognizes that access to services and resources within our community for mental health and addiction remains a critical issue. It is our hope that those in need in our community can find a way forward in their recovery.

With regards,


Melissa B. Silva

CARF Accreditation

MHA was awarded a CARF Three-Year Accreditation for the Alliance House Drop In Center and the Alliance House Residential Center.

CARF accreditation is a public seal of trust and commitment to quality based on internationally accepted standards. Achieving this accreditation demonstrates MHA's commitment to exceptional, personalized care. An organization receiving the highest level of CARF accreditation has undergone a detailed peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors, during an on-site visit, its commitment to providing programs and services of the highest quality. For more information on CARF, visit www.carf.org.

About Us

MHA specifically serves individuals who have been treated for any mental or emotional disorder and/or substance abuse, with a special focus on the seriously and chronically mentally ill adult population.

The Alliance House Residential Center is a community housing program for 24 men and women with substance addictions and co-occurring disorders (mental illness and substance abuse). Residents must work full time and are provided board, meals and support services including financial management, job placement and assistance with independent housing. Once a resident completes the three - six month program staff continue to offer support for an additional twelve months to assist them in maintaining sobriety, employment and independent living.

The Alliance House Drop-In Center, our flagship program since 1980, is a consumer-run, day program for adults with chronic mental illness that offers social, educational and recreational activities. These consumer-run services, operating 8:30 am to 2:30 pm weekdays, help to keep members mentally stable and out of the hospital.

The BRIDGES program provides peer-run educational classes and support groups statewide.

Outcomes

In 2014 99% of MHA's Drop In Center Clients remained free of in-patient hospitalization saving the Baton Rouge community more than \$1,000,000.

Last year 59% of Residential Center clients served remained alcohol and drug free in independent housing 6 months post discharge. Nationally only 20% of clients discharged from drug and alcohol programs are drug free 3 months following discharge.

MHA takes its stewardship seriously as 98 cents of every dollar received directly supports programs and services for persons with mental illness and substance addictions.

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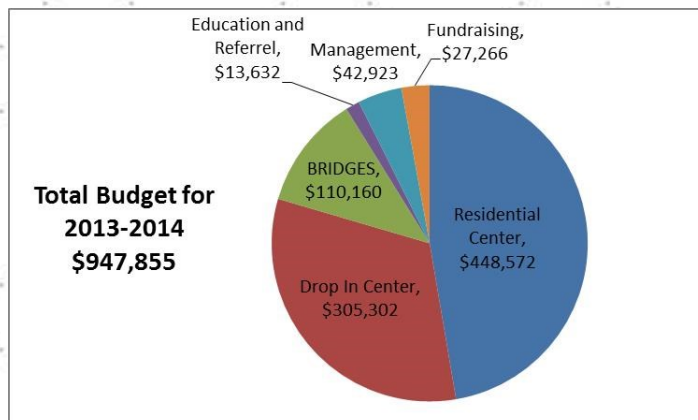
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