

## Principles, Values & Organizational Purpose

The Board is regulated by State and Federal funding, program and service population requirements. Consistent with these principles and the mission (as an oversight agency and a guardian of State, Federal and local laws and values) to reduce the incidence and severity of alcohol, drug addiction and mental health problems experienced by persons of all ages, the following values serve as the Board's organizational purpose:

- ❖ Persons with Serious Mental Illness and Serious and Persistent Mental Illness will move toward Recovery.
- ❖ General public will understand the importance of prevention and early intervention relative to behavioral health.
- ❖ Clients of the public behavioral health system will benefit from effective programming across all levels of the continuum of care.
- ❖ Youth and their families will benefit from targeted, family-focused interventions and treatment.
- ❖ Clients of the public behavioral health system will receive individualized treatment based on their mental illness and/or substance use disorder.
- ❖ Consumers will have choice among clinicians, service providers and treatment options.
- ❖ Residents of a Conestoga Program neighborhood will receive targeted mental health & alcohol/drug treatment & support.
- ❖ Residents of Erie and Ottawa Counties will benefit from a stable and diversified economic base supporting local mental health and alcohol/drug services.

*Erie-Ottawa will have a community behavioral health care system that is responsive, flexible and outcome-oriented and is based on the changing needs of the communities and the persons experiencing mental health, alcohol and/or drug addiction problems.*

If you would like more information or would like to request a speaker, please contact the Board office.

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## The Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties



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## What is the Mental Health and Recovery Board?

The Mental Health & Recovery Board (MHRB) is the local government agency charged with planning, developing, funding, managing and evaluating a range of mental health and alcohol and drug abuse and addiction services and programs.

The board is governed by eighteen local citizens appointed by the County Commissioners, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH).

The creation of Ohio's county-based system of alcohol, drug and/or mental health care began **more than 40 years** ago with the passage of H.B. 648 in 1967 to ensure that mental health services were available throughout Ohio. In 1988, the Mental Health Act, which expanded the roles and responsibilities of the Boards, was enacted. A year later, H.B. 317, the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Act, was passed which added alcohol and drug addiction responsibilities to most Boards.

These laws serve as a foundation for a community based system that is consumer and family-focused, is accountable to taxpayers, has the support of local residents, and ensures the delivery of culturally competent, quality services.

## What is the Role of the MHRB?

The Board ensures local management and control over planning and administering alcohol, drug addiction and mental health prevention, treatment and support services to meet the unique needs of Erie & Ottawa County residents.

### Responsibilities include:

- ✓ Creating and maintaining a system that provides for alcohol, drug and/or mental health services at the community level
- ✓ Determining the type of services, programs and facilities that are needed based on need assessments and community input
- ✓ Designating treatment services for those involuntarily committed to the board's care
- ✓ Ensure involvement and input by consumers (persons who use the services)
- ✓ Entering into contracts with public and private agencies for the provision of services
- ✓ Reviewing, evaluating and auditing the delivery of services
- ✓ Administering federal, state and local funds
- ✓ Recruiting and promoting local financial support for services

## What Types of Services Does the Board Contract for?

The MHRB does not serve clients. Instead, contracts are entered into with agencies and other providers with the expertise to do so.

A range of services are available locally such as:

- Diagnostic assessment & evaluation
- Counseling—individual, group & family
- Home-based family treatment
- Crisis Care—emergency services, hotline, crisis intervention
- Intensive Outpatient treatment
- Case management and Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) Services
- Pre-hospital screening and Psychiatric hospitalization
- Vocational & Employment Services
- Medication
- Peer Support Services
- Recovery/Resiliency Support Services
- Prevention, Intervention & Education
- Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation & Treatment

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