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OUR MISSION

LRMHC's mission is to provide integrated mental and physical health care for people with mental illness while creating wellness and understanding in

our communities.

OUR VISION

We are the community leader in providing quality, accessible and integrated mental and physical health care services, delivered with dedication and

compassion.

OUR VALUES

R espect

A dvocacy

We conduct our business and provide services with respect and professionalism. We advocate for those we serve through enhanced collaborations, community

relations and political actions.

Integrity

We work with integrity and transparency, setting a moral compass for the agency.

S tewardship We are effective stewards of our resources for our clients and our agency's

health.

E xcellence

We are committed to excellence in all programming and services.

D iversity

We are dedicated to providing a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere for everyone,

where all voices are heard and diversity is celebrated.



You Matter. I Matter. **We** Matter.

Lakes Region Mental Health Center is dedicated to providing a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere for everyone, where all voices are heard and diversity is celebrated. We strive to develop an inclusive culture where staff, patients, and community members feel comfortable and seen. Through continuous education, conversation, and empathy, we foster an environment where people of various backgrounds, beliefs, and identities feel safe seeking mental health help & resources.

FROM OUR CEO

Annual reports traditionally celebrate accomplishments of the previous year. Yet, they are also a key component of establishing a path forward - for the coming year and many years to come. As we near the end of our 2020 - 2022 Strategic Plan and celebrate the completion of many goals, we must acknowledge there is more to be done. Work presents itself to an organization like ours from many directions. The NH Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Behavioral Health led the charge this year with a contract that had us implement a rapid response system, establishing our mobile crisis team. The bureau also recognized the increased need for affordable supportive housing and challenged us to add six new beds to our portfolio. Laconia Housing Authority, also recognizing the increased need for housing supports, entered into a partnership with us to serve residents with psychiatric needs.

Internally, through discussions with staff, we were challenged to examine our practices promoting and intentionally recognizing equity, diversity, and inclusion.

For TV show **NCIS** fans- this moment was very much like the affectionate slap in the head that Special Agent Gibbs gives to his mentee, Anthony DiNozzo. "Tony" *thinks* he has the full picture, but Gibbs rattles his thoughts so he can see the situation clearly.

LRMHC values staff input and welcomes these "wake-up" calls that we can hear with open minds. As leaders, we are aware of diversity within the organization's stakeholders: staff, patients, family, and board. We work hard to treat people respectfully, with a clear understanding of equity, while being mindful that we are a mental health center serving ALL. Though this is admirable, it is not the full picture. Nor is it where we intend to stop. We are setting our sights on an intentional approach that recognizes the need to move the agenda forward. Our strategic plan called for collaboration with higher education, and workforce challenges demand that we bring that task forward. We need to address the mental health pipeline issue with our partners to benefit the community. Lives are at stake, services are needed, and our care is medically necessary. We take that responsibility seriously. We are an employer of choice that offers rewarding work, good benefits, and that highly values diversity in our workforce. We are acutely aware of the importance of retaining our loyal workforce. This year we invested more financial resources and made available wellness

opportunities galore! We added more

recipients to the State Loan Repayment

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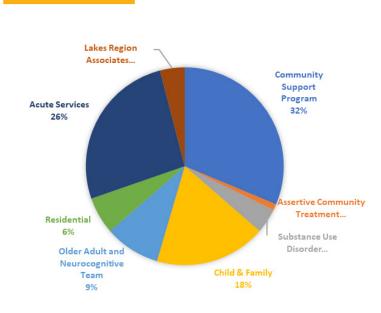


Program that not only decreases the financial burden of student loans, but increases the length of time that those employees stay part of the LRMHC team. We raised our employer contribution to staff 401k plans, added eye care to the health plan, and did not increase rates to employees for their health coverage. We take care of our staff and their wellness. They enjoyed timely bonuses and market adjustments, massages, "FIKA" (the Swedish custom of a coffee break and conversation among coworkers), and numerous professional training opportunities designed to support their continued individual growth and development.

Our strategic plan will undergo a revision this year. There will likely be a continuation of goals that were set years ago, as we learn more, our thoughts expand, and the world changes. Let this year's accomplishments speak to our stellar past and the promise of a bright future!

Maggie Fritchard

2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Access to Care: is the first contact to those requesting services through answering up to 260 calls per day, scheduling, screening for admission, and/or identifying individuals in crisis and linking them to immediate care. The team ensures all individuals discharging from the hospital get access to community-based services within 48 hours. As part of this program, the Care Transition Team supports coordination of care and individual engagement. Members include the Engagement Specialist, Hospital Liaison, and the Critical Time **Intervention** (CTI) team. The goal of CTI is to increase an individual's success in the community after discharge from an in-patient behavioral health setting, in 3 phases of intervention over a 9-month period, with intensity decreasing at each phase.

Residential Services: offers permanent supportive housing that combines affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services to address the needs of the chronically homeless. These services help build independent living and tenancy skills and connects individuals with community-based treatment. This year, the Team also started providing community-based services to individuals living in the community who need specialized housing-focused support. The program works collaboratively with area partners to increase access to safe, affordable, and accommodating housing to meet the growing needs of community members.





Community Support Program (CSP): offers in person and telehealth appointments to support individual choice, health & safety, and to increase effective treatment participation. This year, a number of clinicians were trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), which facilitates quick and effective alleviation of symptoms resulting from experiencing a traumatic event. CSP clinicians are now able to offer this service to individuals who would benefit from this treatment. CSP relaunched the Supported Employment program and have been able to offer employment related services to more than 40 individuals over the course of the year. CSP also continues to offer InSHAPE® services to individuals, which provides a broader path to recovery by highlighting the connection between physical and mental health through walking groups, hiking, fitness activities, and individual education around nutrition, exercise, & healthy living.

Child & Family: staff continue to see the ripple effect of the pandemic on families, as evidenced by an increase in symptoms of anxiety and depression in children. To meet the increasing need, the Team supports children through the provision of remote and in-person services. Through the generous support of the **Children's Auction**, staff were trained in EMDR. The team continues to invest in the community and has partnered with schools to provide supports and clinical services on-site. Child & Family staff collaborate with other agencies, serving in a liaison role with the Adverse Childhood Events Trauma Team (ACERT), DCYF, and the Child Advocacy Center.





Acute Services: serves individuals in crisis in a variety of settings. In January of 2022, LRMHC launched the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) which provides mental health crisis services in the 24-town catchment area. The MCRT provides the right care at the right time to those in crisis by taking a "no wrong door" approach. This means individuals in crisis can receive care anywhere, anytime - regardless of their ability to pay.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD): A dual diagnosis team was created this year specifically for individuals who struggle with substance use and mental health issues. This team provides American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) assessments, harm reduction (including NARCAN and fentanyl test strips), therapy (both individual and group), and psychiatric services either in person or remote. The SUD team also began utilizing the "7 Challenges" curriculum for the treatment of adolescents with co-occurring disorders.





Older Adult and Neurocognitive Team: is a Specialty team that provides services to adult patients with a mental health diagnosis and a neurological disorder such as: autism, traumatic brain injury, seizures, Parkinson's, and early onset dementia. Despite the pandemic and staffing shortages, the Team has been able to problem-solve solutions to ensure patients are served, and has collaborated with outside agencies to support individuals that are homebound and medically comprised to increase access to care. The team now manages the medication clinic that moved to LRMHC during the pandemic. Services are provided in-office, as well as in the community, patients' homes, and via telehealth, to meet the needs of patients in an environment that is comfortable for them.

*Peer Support Services: LRMHC has expanded the peer workforce by adding several mobile crisis peer positions, hiring a Peer Support facilitator, and supporting staff working toward credentialing as Certified Peer Specialists via training (including Intentional Peer Support and Wellness Recovery Action Plans).

*See back page for more information on Peer Support.

Strategic Planning

ORGANIZATIONAL STABILITY

Invested in strategies to stabilize the workforce: staff incentive plans; new positions; and management training. Developed clinical and operational efficiencies for a stronger bottom line. Purchased a Plymouth facility that is a modern, professional mental health/medical facility. Began improvements on existing client housing and finalizing new options to increase available housing.

ENHANCED CLINICAL SERVICES

Improved continuity of care and reduced barriers to access. Introduced Access to Care, Substance Use Disorder program, Mobile Crisis Response Team, Critical Time Intervention, and expanded Peer Supports. Expanded medical program. Celebrated the one year anniversary of three new Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) graduates. Provided on-site COVID testing and vaccinations for patients and staff.

TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT

Technology strategies implemented to increase efficiency, provider-to-provider interoperability, and consumer connectivity. Technology upgrades for accessibility and security. Electronic medical record (EMR) upgrade/migration & evaluation. Made phone and equipment upgrades.

ENHANCED COLLABORATIONS

Increased and ongoing collaboration to reduce duplication of effort and expand service capabilities. Added contracts & memorandums of understanding with local schools, hospitals, and other providers.

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT

Lakes Region Mental Health Center serves 24 towns in Belknap and Southern Grafton counties. 3,512 patients were served through all programs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Lakes Region Mental Health Center provided a total of \$372,950 in charity care to residents of those towns.

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TOWN & CITY	NUMBER OF PATIENTS	CHARITY CARE
Alexandria	39	\$1,919
Ashland	71	\$15,684
Bridgewater	11	\$2,408
Bristol	115	\$30,927
Campton/WV*	87	\$10,206
Ellsworth	1	\$0
Groton	5	\$4,157
Hebron	19	\$3,100
Holderness	32	\$4,176
Plymouth	226	\$37,526
Rumney	46	\$2,818
Thornton	20	\$108
Wentworth	13	\$35
Non-Catchment	97	\$16,654

TOWN &	NUMBER	CHARITY
CITY	OF PATIENTS	CARE
Alton	120	\$17,222
Barnstead	84	\$2,229
Belmont	328	\$18,405
Center Harbor	16	\$46
Gilford	224	\$18,309
Gilmanton	59	\$5,422
Laconia	1,174	\$106,800
Meredith	220	\$25,157
New Hampton	57	\$81
Sanbornton	71	\$7,304
Tilton	153	\$19,541
Non-Catchment	227	\$23,504

782 GRAFTON COUNTY PATIENTS

\$129,649 GRAFTON COUNTY CHARITY CARE

2,730 BELKNAP COUNTY PATIENTS

\$243,300 BELKNAP COUNTY CHARITY CARE

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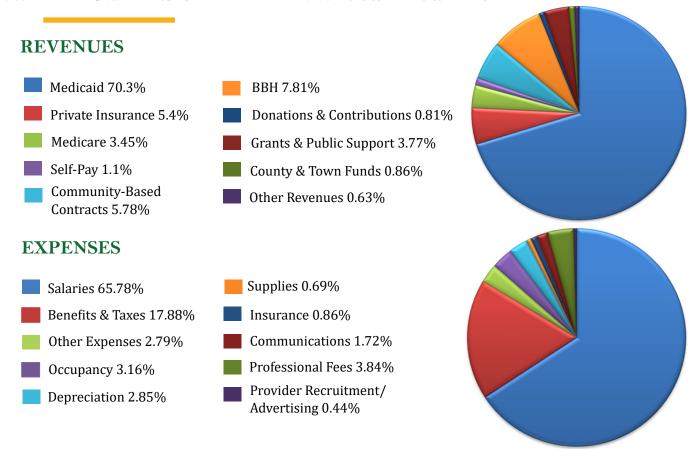
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\$117,720 *Total from Towns*

\$23,000 Total from Grafton County

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Lakes Region Mental Health Center would like to thank the Accounting and Accounts
Receivable Teams of the Business Office for their tremendous efforts over the past year. The external
financial auditors, Kittell, Branagan & Sargent, mentioned in the presentation to the Board of Directors how impressed
they were with the quality of information received. Accounting updated the chart of accounts and implemented a new
general ledger software package that provided enhanced financial reporting, which aided in a clean annual audit. The
Accounts Receivable team members took on new system processes, resulting in vastly improved collections. They were
able to reduce the amount reserved in allowance for future write offs by over \$700K in the past two years. LRMHC is
grateful for their continued hard work towards improving our financial systems.

What do you love most about working at LRMHC?

- "I love the collaboration between the diffent team members. We all come together to help patients and it's always wonderful to see." Jen Schmidt, Assistant Director of Child & Family
- "I worked in big organizations before. Working here, I have been able to collaborate with my coworkers to make an impact and change in the company over my years here. I was able to make a difference."- Ed Drury, Director of Facilities and Special Projects
- "I take great pride in what we do here we always try our best to provide quality care and services. I respect my coworkers a lot for their dedication. The patients are always at the forefront of their minds."-Linda Hagan, Coordinator of Support Services/Office Manager
- "The staff are welcoming, and are quick to teach you everything they know to support you in your role. I feel supported by my teams, my co-workers and leadership to continue to push myself professionally. It has been six years so far, I look forward to the next thirty years with LRMHC."-Celyne Godbout, Director of Residential Supports and Services

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No ray of sunshine is ever lost, but the green that it awakens takes time to sprout, and it's not always given to the sower to see the harvest. -Albert Schweitzer

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SAMUEL PARDOE FOUNDATION \$12,500 for programs support

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to support a homeless liaison for the greater Plymouth area

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for EMDR training and consultation with Child & Family

GRANITE UNITED WAY \$5,000 to support InSHAPE program for children

DELTA DENTAL \$1,000 for crisis financial support

"Therapists are enthusiastic and grateful for the opportunity to receive intensive training in EMDR through the support of the Children's Auction. The addition of EMDR as an intervention will have significant impact on the children and families we serve."

—Charlotte Hassett, Director of

Child & Family

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HIGHLIGHT: PEER SUPPORT

Peers offer hope by sharing their own stories, wellness tools, and goal-setting support to help people move toward where they would like to be. Peers reduce some of the barriers and confusing components of connecting to mental health services and offer one-on-one support from someone who has been there.





Key Components of a Behavioral Health Continuum of Care

+ INTENSITY OF SERVICES -

Prevention and Early Intervention Services

- Public Awareness
- Community Recovery Capital
- Outreach
- · Screening/Brief Intervention
- Harm Reduction
- Drop-in Services

Crisis Services

- Warm Lines
- Crisis and Suicide
 Prevention Hotlines
- Mobile Crisis Teams
- Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Centers

Treatment and Recovery Support Services

- Recovery Support Services
- Case Management/Care Coordination
- · Team-Based Wraparound Care
- Outpatient Services
- Intensive Outpatient/Day Services
- · Residential Services
- Hospital/Intensive Inpatient Services

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