



*"Our mission is sharing hope and caring to achieve recovery from mental illness, alcoholism, and drug addiction."*

**Information for the Community  
June 2012**

**About MHRS**

Mental Health Recovery Services of Warren & Clinton Counties (MHRS) is the local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) board that plans, funds, monitors and evaluates services and programs for residents with serious mental and emotional disorders and/or substance addictions.

(513) 695-1695  
[www.mhrsonline.org/](http://www.mhrsonline.org/)

**Provider Agencies**

[Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers](#)

[New Housing Ohio, Inc.](#)

[National Alliance on Mental Illness - Warren County](#)

**Hot Spot Funding Allocation**

In December 2011, The Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) proposed \$10.6 million in new funds to be leveraged toward "hot spot" initiatives.

On May 25, 2012 the final submission of the "Intensive Case Coordinator Collaborative Project" was reviewed and approved by ODMH. The project will address the need for additional case management services in each county (Brown, Clermont and Warren/Clinton County Boards) through a team concept that will ignore county borders.

The team will include a Benefit Specialist and funding will also be directed to a pilot study for a step-down unit (Intensive Residential Rehabilitation) providing specialized services that will allow access to this service for all three counties. The total grant awarded for the three Board areas is \$456,601 (\$198,401 for the IRR pilot study).

**Why Local Funding Will Become Even More Important**

Last fall the residents overwhelmingly approved the local mental health and recovery levy. By renewing the levy, MHRS will have the ability to continue to fund local providers and programs that improve the lives of children, families and adults of all ages.

Below is a chart that demonstrates future revenue by funding

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[Women's Recovery Center](#)

[Talbert House: Warren Outpatient Services](#)

**Crisis Line  
1-877-695-NEED  
(6333)**

**National and State Entities**

[NAMI Ohio](#)

[National Alliance for the Mentally Ill \(NAMI\)](#)

[Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities](#)

[Ohio Department of Mental Health](#)

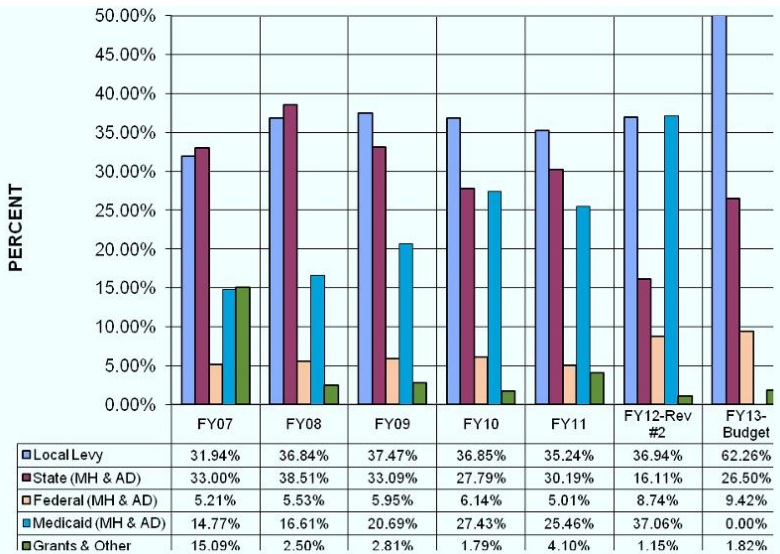
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source per fiscal year, and the percentage that each source is funding. A significant change occurs in FY13 due to an increase in local levy revenue percentages as a result of Medicaid elevation to the state.



### MHRS Board Profile: Donna Tweel

A Huntington, West Virginia native, Donna Tweel and her husband and children have been a part of the local community since 1987. Donna brings her professional legal experience to the MHRS board, particularly in the areas of corporate compliance and governance.



"Donna's legal expertise has been very beneficial to our board. Quite a bit of what we do is intricate and complex and she is able to distill much of this complexity and offer sound counsel," said MHRS Executive Director Brent Lawyer.

Donna chose to be part of the MHRS board when she became aware of the need for a board member. She believes in giving back to the community and it seemed like a good way, so she volunteered.

When asked what she finds most fulfilling about her work with MHRS, Donna responds "I am relatively new to the board; however, it is fulfilling to be a part of an organization that provides so many important and much needed services to the community."

In addition to serving on the MHRS board Donna is a board member of the Volunteer Lawyers' Project; a former board and executive committee member of the Warren County Arts & Culture Center, is president of the Wayne Local School District Board of

Education; and chair of the Corporate Counsel Committee for the Dayton Bar Association.

## June is PTSD Awareness Month

Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is an anxiety disorder that can develop after seeing or living through an event that caused or threatened serious harm or death. It affects 1 in 29 Americans, from our country's service men and women to abused children and survivors of rape, domestic violence and natural disasters. It can cause sleep problems, irritability, anger, recurrent dreams about the trauma, intense reactions to reminders of the trauma, disturbances in relationships, and isolation. Some may recover a few months after the event, but others may take years.

The US Department of Veterans Affairs has posted informational material, including a four week series dedicated to raising awareness of PTSD. To check out the series, or learn more about PTSD, [click here](#).

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