



Whatcom County Behavioral Health Funds

Annual Report 2015

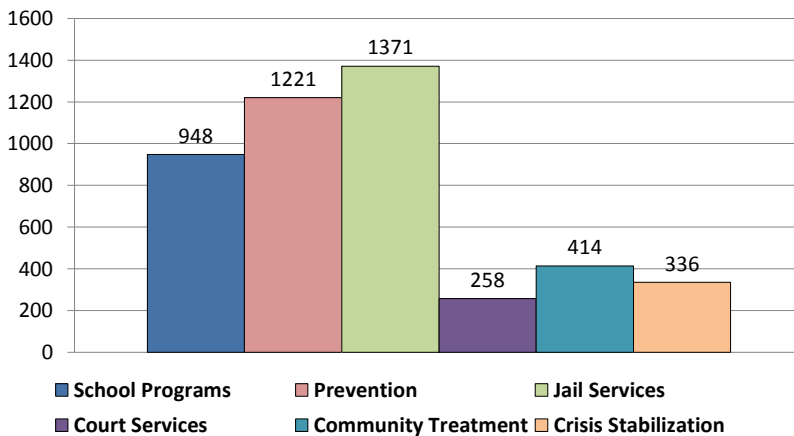
Manager's Comments

Mental illness and addiction are disorders of the brain that challenge more than a quarter of our population. Yet services that improve these conditions are often underfunded. We are fortunate that the local sales tax dollars allow us the flexibility to address our local needs. We have focused our efforts this past year on increasing opportunities to support people in recovery, and to provide treatment to those who would otherwise have no access to help. The new Mental Health Court program has kept people out of continual recycling through the jail, connecting them to services and support instead. It is gratifying to know that programs like these improve lives.

Guiding Principles

- **Promoting Quality Programs**
- **Delivering Cost Effective Services**
- **Blending Local funding with other resources**

People Served by Program Area

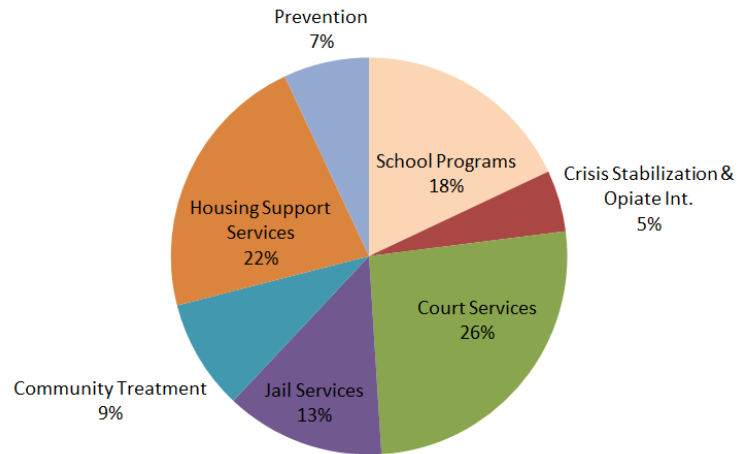


2015 Accomplishments

- Established a Mental Health Court program in Whatcom County District Court and the Bellingham Municipal Court
- Upgraded and remodeled the Crisis Triage Facility to improve client rooms
- Provided funding for 24/7 support staffing at Francis Place, a 42 unit apartment complex for vulnerable homeless adults
- Launched long-term action plan to combat Opiate addiction
- Expanded pharmacy medication "take-back" sites
- Provided partial funding for the newly formed Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force

Service Expenditures for 2015

Percentage by Service Area



Total \$3,705,546 (see back for budget details)

VISION AND GOALS

Develop a comprehensive infrastructure of behavioral health care that will:

1. Provide effective recovery-oriented services that mitigate the need for residents to default to utilization of the emergency room, hospital beds and the county jail.
2. Provide access and availability for intervention and treatment services to residents who may have no funding support that affords independent access.
3. Promote the provision of services in natural environments in order to reduce the incidence and severity of substance use disorder and mental and emotional disorders of our residents.
4. Provide interventions that divert individuals with behavioral health from the criminal justice system to more appropriate options of care.

Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund

2015 Annual Report

For the year ending December 31, 2015

Revenue Collected

Expenditures

Revenue

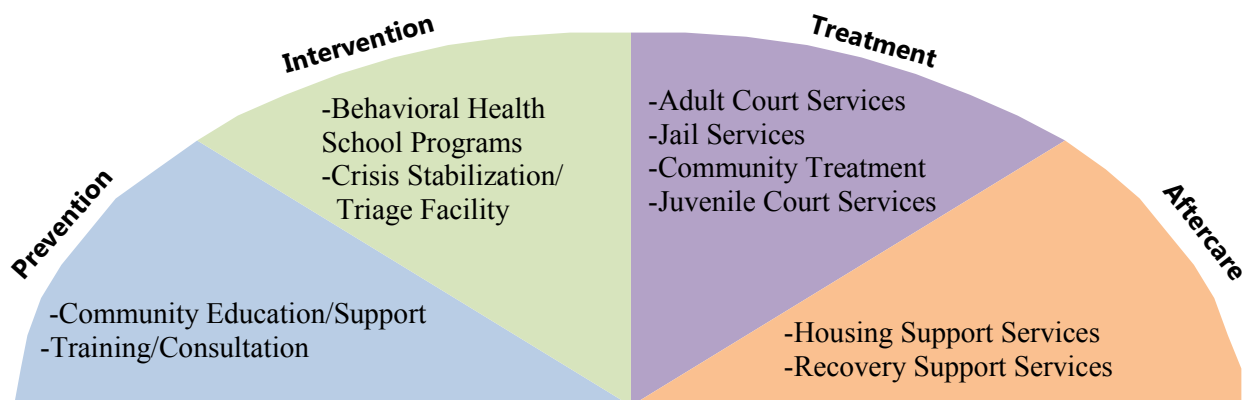
<u>Sales Tax Collected</u>	<u>\$3,838,323</u>
<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>\$41,009</u>
Total revenue	\$3,879,332

Expenditures

Prevention	\$164,978.98
Behavioral Health School Programs	\$619,489.56
Opiate Intervention Programs	\$87,968.56
Primary Care Integration	\$24,342.31
Training and Consultation	\$46,385.99
Crisis Stabilization	\$196,367.53
Adult Court Services	\$823,986.43
Juvenile Court Services	\$64,695.72
Jail Psych Services and Medications	\$474,467.82
Community Treatment	\$238,698.01
Housing Support Services	\$572,540.41
Recovery Support Services	\$199,999.96
Direct Program Support	\$11,492.69
Administrative Costs	\$180,132.03
Total expenditures	\$3,705,546.00

PITA Continuum

The PITA Model continues to serve as the framework for creating a comprehensive foundation for service-delivery.



Behavioral Health is essential to health!

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