



Whatcom County Behavioral Health

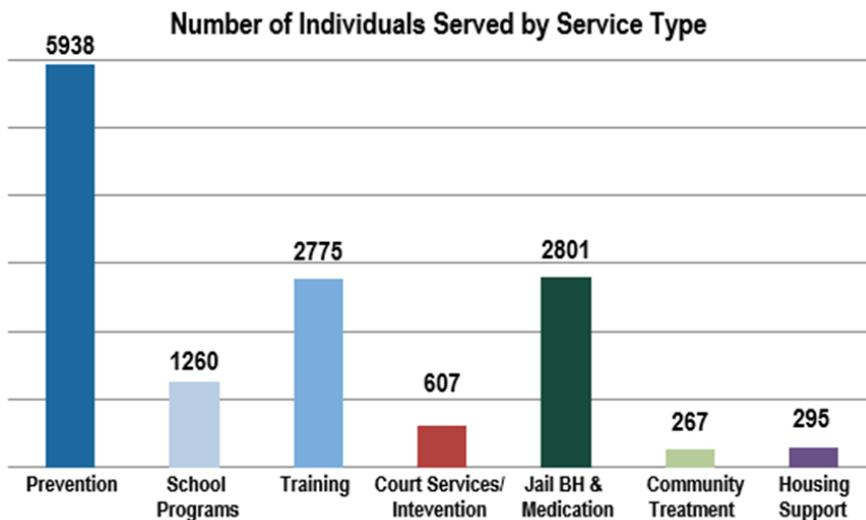
1/10 of 1% Sales Tax Annual Report 2020

Manager's Comments:

It goes without saying that the year 2020 was unique, challenging, and difficult for the mental health and welfare of our residents. During the pandemic, your Behavioral Health dollars were put to good use. Supportive services in the school districts focused on preventing substance abuse by our youth, providing mental health programs, and supporting families struggling with isolation. Treatment programs in our criminal justice system retooled in order to continue services and prevent recidivism. Housing for people with behavioral health concerns remained available and provided a stable home to promote recovery. And the GRACE program saw a 95% success rate for its members in reducing encounters with the criminal justice system, while improving their well-being.

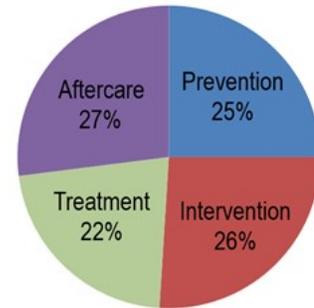
Construction of the new 32-bed Crisis Stabilization Center experienced material delivery delays because of COVID, yet was completed in time for opening in January 2021. This new Center was a high priority for our community. We are extremely excited to provide a welcoming, safe, and supportive place to adults who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. No one will be turned away because of funding concerns. As the Center's programs reach full capacity, detox and mental health stabilization services will offer guests the opportunity to resolve their crisis and have hope for the future.

It has been a year of successes!



Service Expenditures for 2020

Percentage by PITA Service Type



Total \$4,484,467

(see back for budget details)

Vision and Goals

Develop a comprehensive infrastructure of behavioral health care that will:

Provide effective recovery-oriented services that mitigate the need for individuals to default to utilization of the emergency room, hospital beds and the county jail.

Provide access and availability for intervention and treatment services to individuals who have limited access.

Promote the provision of services in natural environments in order to reduce the incidence and severity of substance use and mental health disorders.

Provide interventions that divert individuals with mental health and substance use disorders from the criminal justice system to more appropriate options of care.

Support young children and families with early interventions and behavioral health promotion.

2020 Accomplishments

- Completed construction of the new Crisis Stabilization Center
- Expanded housing support services
- Leveraged new federal resources for school-based programs

Whatcom County Behavioral Health Program Financial Statement

Year Ending December 31, 2020 Revenue Collected Expenditures

Revenue

Sales Tax Collected	\$4,892,066
Interest Earned	\$84,061
Other	\$644,434

Total Revenue **\$5,620,561**

Expenditures

Prevention	\$367,830
Behavioral Health School Programs	\$745,322
GRACE Program	\$488,614
Courts & Other Intervention Services	\$955,207
Jail Behavioral Health Services & Re-Entry Services	\$583,016
Community Treatment	\$151,374
Housing Support Services	\$1,193,104
Program Services Total (81% of expenses)	\$4,484,467

Direct Program Support	\$347,540
Administrative Costs (14% of expenses)	\$693,248

Total Expenditures **\$5,525,255**

PITA Continuum

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

