

Introduction

The Mental Health Association (MHA) continued its strong focus on the recovery, safety and mental health and substance use disorder needs of consumers and their families in fiscal year 2025. MHA exceeded its service and quality expectations while remaining in a strong financial position. The agency operated in a financially sound manner while advancing its mission of providing services to individuals and their families regardless of their ability to pay.

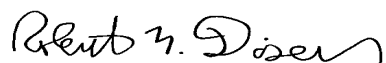
MHA continued to focus on innovative service delivery, emphasizing wellness and recovery:

- MHA continues to celebrate its 75th Anniversary, a legacy of advocacy, treatment, policy and caring.
- MHA was awarded and implemented the 988 Mobile Crisis Response Teams for Essex and Hudson County. MHA now provides services in 6 counties, Essex, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Hudson and Middlesex.
- MHA was awarded and implemented 2 grants to provide Community Wellness Centers (Drop-in programs) in Morris and Sussex Counties.
- The agency expanded the Attorney General's ARRIVE police co-responding program to every town in Morris County.
- MHA rented and outfitted 4 new office sites in Secaucus, West Orange, Parsippany and Newton.
- The agency expanded DCA Homeless Diversion services and a Prosecutor Diversion program into Sussex County.
- MHA continues to benefit from strong support from local foundations as evidenced by continued significant financial support from the Healthcare Foundation of the Oranges, F.M. Kirby Foundation and the Partners for Health.
- MHA met the service needs of the community via its counseling, case management, partial hospitalization, primary care, supported employment, criminal justice, educational, supportive housing, therapeutic jurisprudence, faith-based, consumer advocacy, school-based, suicide prevention services and family and children's programs. All services are evidenced based and recovery focused, culturally competent to the diverse communities we serve with an emphasis on the underserved and marginalized persons with health disparities.

Raising mental health awareness was the centerpiece of MHA's performance for fiscal year 2025. MHA provided over 250 community presentations on a range of mental health and addiction recovery topics throughout Northern New Jersey. Suicide Prevention and adolescence mental health were the most common raising awareness activity with presentations to schools, colleges, community groups and houses of worship. MHA produced radio public services announcements appearing on Essex, Morris and Sussex radio stations. In addition, MHA staff appeared on NJTV, NEWS 12, WPIX and were quoted numerous times on several online outlets, including the Daily Record and NJ. Com/Star-Ledger.

Advocacy, on behalf of individuals with mental illness and their families, was a continued interest in fiscal year 2025. Led by the Board's Advocacy Committee and senior staff, the agency was instrumental (working with other community partners) in maintaining funding in the State Budget for FY 2026. The agency advocated strenuously for improving the conditions at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital. MHA advanced its advocacy efforts with two Legislative Breakfasts attended by over 500 people and broadcast live via the internet. Participants included numerous elected officials from the Federal, State and County level. Staff and Board advocated in Newark, Trenton and Washington, D.C. for legislation, mental health funding and the care of individuals with mental illness and those with addictions.

The environment of care is in excellent condition. The agency continues to replace vehicles, as needed, and appropriately maintain the physical plant. Consumer, family and provider satisfaction surveys indicate a high level of satisfaction with MHA and its services.



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