



Housing

2014

Peer Services



Recovery

History

Housing Options Made Easy is a 501 (c) (3) not for profit supported housing and community support services agency developed and operated by and for recipients of mental health services.

Mission

To achieve complete social equality for individuals with mental illness by providing supported housing and other services so that individuals may live with dignity and have choices in the community.

Vision

To build a continuum of accessible services that will meet the needs of recipients. These services will promote empowerment and wellness recovery, while respecting the uniqueness and individuality of each person and their right of choice.

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A message from our Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Woodward:

Next year Housing Options Made Easy, Inc. will be celebrating 25 years of service to Western New York. I am reminded of the reasons I got into the helping field. To see firsthand how individuals can overcome the biggest obstacles life has. Society at times looks at mental health issues as a personal deficit, a moral issue or some sort of individual weakness. However, we deal with people who have had multiple traumas in their lives, tragic events over which they had no control, some of the worst things you could ever imagine. Yet despite the systems best and worst efforts, people overcome and have victory in their lives. I have seen the same thing with peer run agencies.

We have begun assisting OMH in developing a Peer Certification OMH in which we are all working hard at legitimizing peer services and support. We have been awarded two respites, 20 new beds in Monroe County and a Peer Bridger program. We are expanding the areas we serve and provide diversified services to our fellow peers. The need for additional peer support and services have never been greater.

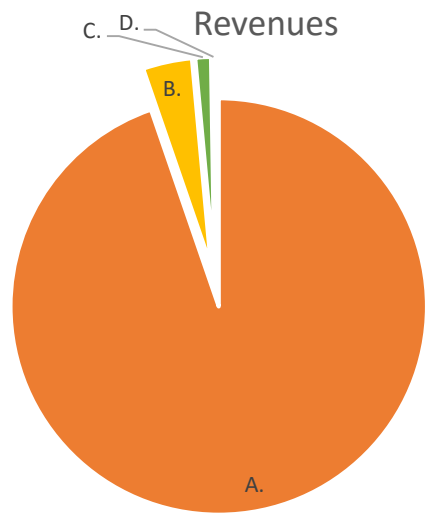
This is what I know, healing is more than a word, its reality. The impossible can be possible. No one is a lost cause and for almost 25 years Housing Options has been humbled by the remarkable miracles we have seen in individual's lives. Now we are witnesses to the miracle of transformation within the mental health community, what a time to be part of this metamorphosis!

As the caterpillar transforms into a beautiful butterfly, the system is transforming into a recovery first community. With the support of the board, staff, community, funding entities and those we serve; we will continue to advocate for the impossible becoming more than possible and be the witnesses to miracles.

A message from our President of the Board of Directors, Jessica Anderson:

I first joined the Board of Housing Options in 2005. Since that time, I have watched the agency grow and flourish from a very small 4-county program to a program that provides housing assistance and advocacy to individuals in 6 counties, and with more programs in each county, and to providing training to other programs on a national scale.

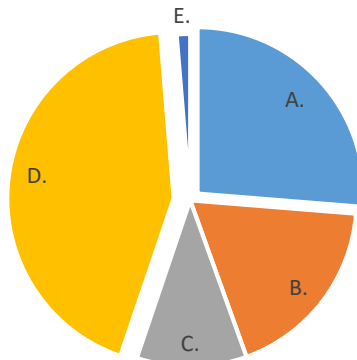
Thanks to outstanding leadership, we are able to serve a much broader population than ever before. We hope to continue to provide the services that we already do, and to add additional services. Our goal is to erase the stigma attached to mental illness and to allow our clients to live a decent and happy life.



- A. Government Funding\$4,322,543
- B. Program Fees \$174,442
- C. Tenant Rent (Agency Property) \$55,413
- D. Interest Income /Other Revenue\$11,074
- **TOTAL.....\$4,563,472**

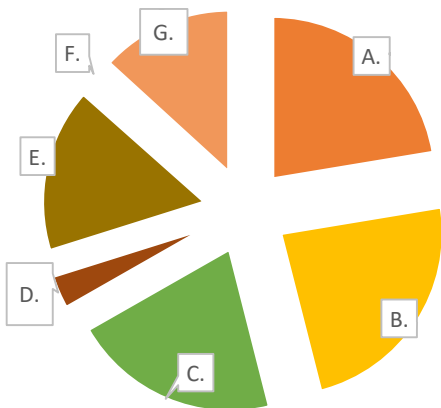
**2014
FINANCIAL
REVIEW**

Expenses



- A. Salaries and Benefits \$1,062,702
- B. Other Than Personal Services..... \$713,180
- C. Equipment / Start Up Furnishings\$432,402
- D. Property - Rents Etc.\$1,759,333
- E. Depreciation\$52,638
- **TOTAL.....\$4,044,255**

Government Funding



- A. NYS Office of Mental Health \$1,054,442
- B. Erie County \$1,114,073
- C. Cattaraugus County \$976,096
- D. Chautauqua County \$160,084
- E. Monroe County \$772,535
- F. Allegany County \$10,612.00
- G. HUD\$622,835
- Total \$4,710,677

2014 Highlights

Training Presentations / Community Outreach

- Training on Peer run business – state wide
- Facilitated a NYS presentation at Supportive Housing Network in NYC + two others on Housing with Mental Hygiene Office through OMH
- Facilitated a workshop at NYSAPRAS Executive Conference
- Held a fundraiser in Alma, NY in October.
- Attend leadership training in Albany, NY
- Submitted \$2,200,000 housing proposal to OMH for NYC
- Conducted Training on Peer Housing and respite for BPC
- Worked with OMH in establishing a certification board for the NY Peer Certification
- Attended Alternatives conference in Orlando Florida
- Submitted proposals to OMH, Catt., Erie, Chaut., and Monroe Counties for potential Respite Centers, RIV Beds and Peer Bridger programs
- Facilitated Peer Respite trainings in Erie, Monroe & Cattaraugus Counties
- Attended Legislative Day in Albany / advocated for Peer Services and budget ideas.
- Provided safety training to employees
- Elected a Tri-Chair for WNY Regional Centers of Excellence regarding state hospital downsizing
- Provided trainings for area providers on recovery and peer housing.
- Facilitated a workshop at NYSAPRAS Annual Conference

Housing Activity / Financial Growth

- Awarded Peer Bridger Program in Monroe County - \$260,000
- Awarded Respite Program in Cattaraugus/Chautauqua Counties will house the current Warm Line - \$317,000
- Awarded Respite Program with Warm Line in Erie County - \$350,000
- Budget growth to \$4.5 million
- Additional 20 RIV beds in Monroe - \$170,000
- HUD renewals are being completed for Erie, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties
- HUD Audit – improvements where identified.
- Now serve 9 counties in western New York

Offices / Staff / Other

- Staff of 58 and growing
- Hired HR Consultant services
- Continue work on up-grade technical abilities
- Updated and Amended Employee Handbook
- Continue to send staff to conferences, trainings, and provide numerous trainings throughout year
- Retitled our Employee Positions
- Added new positions for new programs

Respite and Peer Bridger Programs Start-Up

- Started with 1 Program Manager for each Respite, adding additional staff for a total of 10 employees per respite.
- Will be adding 3 full-time and 2.5 part-time for Peer Bridger program
- Additional 20 beds in Monroe County
- Created flyers, brochures, web-site, Facebook
- Looking for appropriate sites for respite houses
- Adding services in Livingston, Wayne and Wyoming Counties