

## Executive Director's Report

Welcome to the Community Mental Health Fund website! We support a network of quality mental health services for persons with mental illness, that are equitably accessible and responsive to the varied and unique needs of Jackson County residents, by funding care in more than 35 local agencies. 18,000 uninsured and underinsured Jackson County residents are served.

**Strategic Goals:** After many years of future planning, we adopted a three-part strategic plan in 2020:

- access to mental health care for residents of Jackson County,
- leveraging social determinants of health to benefit participants, and
- operating a stable and professionally staffed organization.



**Access to Care** is a community impact goal of our support for clinical mental health services. Our value-based payment (VBP) aligns with cutting edge approaches to behavioral health funding. This long-term initiative increases reimbursement for organizations that commit to performance improvements that:

- reduce waiting time,
- address staff turnover, and
- monitor and respond to participant experience.

Over time support for mental health care growth will center on these areas of improvement rather than simply the volume of care.

**Social Determinants of Health:** Social determinants of health have an important role in physical and mental well-being. Leveraging social determinants means that CMHF investments in mental health services have a larger impact when agencies provide more depth and breadth in support services. We adopted the US Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) model:

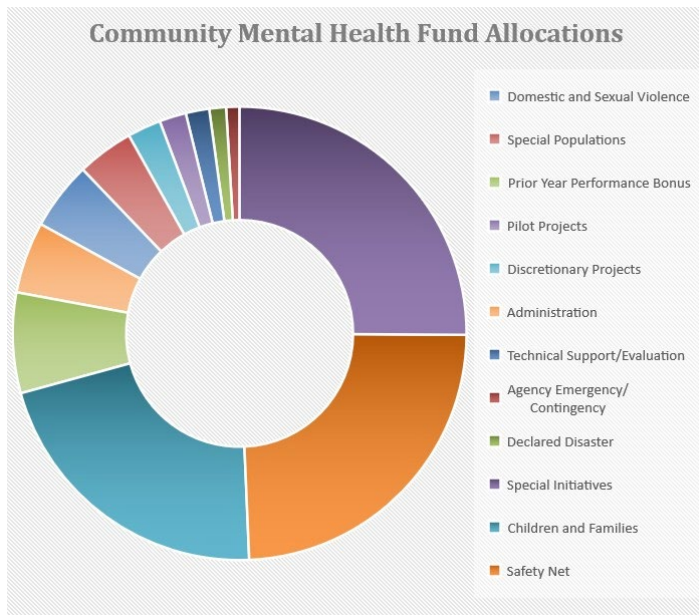
- education access and quality,
- health care access and quality,
- neighborhood and built environment,
- community and social context, and
- economic stability.





**Advisory Council:** Since 2012 we have worked with an active Cultural Competence Advisory Council (CCAC) and collaborated with funding partners to sustain a cultural competence collective. Our CCAC created a unique self-rating system (SRS) that helps organizations make meaningful improvements. This resource is available free of charge on our website.

**CMHF Operations:** Our day-to-day work providing technical assistance, overseeing funding and contracts, and operating a stable, professional organization, often occurs behind the scenes. But operations are an important strategic goal. Smooth professional operations are vital to our capacity to assist the community. Our financial management adheres to rigorous accounting standards with the highest level of assurance for appropriateness and accuracy of our financial information.



**Stewardship:** The CMHF is led by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Jackson County Executive. The Board must follow state laws and professional standards for the use of funds. Staff are steadfast in working to earn the public's trust through transparency, fair processes, and engagement with our many stakeholders in the provider community, local governments, other public services, and the public we serve.

We are always grateful for input from the community and from our provider network. Feel free to share comments and questions through the contact us area of our web site.

We are honored by the trust placed upon us by the public and our mental health provider community. Our ability to work candidly on shared problems and issues is unique in the funding community. Strategic planning and direction, management of healthcare contracts, accounting principles, legal implications of our enabling statutes, personnel oversight, tax incentive policy, and working in partnership with large and small nonprofit organizations, are but a few of the skill sets we must draw upon. We are grateful for the engagement of our Board of Trustees and guidance of legal counsel at the Bryan Cave law firm.