

WHEELING
TOWNSHIP



COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

FY 2025-26 ANNUAL REPORT

March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

About Us:

The Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board was created in January 2023, following the successful November 2022 voter-approved, township-wide referendum. The WTCMH Board is governed by the Illinois Community Mental Health Act (405 ILCS 20, et al.) and is comprised of seven volunteer Wheeling Township residents who are appointed by the Wheeling Township Supervisor, with the advice and consent of the Wheeling Township Trustees.

FY2025-26 WTCMH Board Members Included:

Sue Hayes, President

John Lubbe, Vice President

Bill Dixon, Secretary

Lorri Grainawi, Trustee Liaison (*effective 5/25*)

Jeanne Hamilton, Trustee Liaison (*through 5/25*)

Jaime Clark, Member (*effective 12/25*)

Jim Ruffato, Member (*through 11/25*)

Jen Underwood, Member (*effective 7/25*)

Jack Vrett, Member

FY2025-26 Mission Statement:

To ensure that services related to mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse are available and known to the residents of Wheeling Township.

FY2025-26 Overview:

Fiscal Year 2025–26 (March 1, 2025–February 28, 2026) was a milestone year for the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board (WTCMH Board), marked by significant organizational growth and expanded community investment. Major accomplishments included approval of the Board’s first property tax levy request for the full amount authorized by voters through the 2022 referendum, and adoption of the FY2026–27 budget, enabling funding for 23 community-based providers serving the mental health, substance use disorder, and developmental disability needs of Wheeling Township residents.

The WTCMH Board also made significant strides in strengthening the organization by advancing strategic planning efforts as well as expanding accessibility through translation technology and virtual public access to meetings. In addition, the Board engaged Bond | Conway as legal counsel and hired its first staff member, Karin Frisk. The year concluded with a strategic planning session focused on guiding future growth and maximizing community impact.

Financial Summary:

Using Township reserve funds in FY2025-26, the WTCMH Board supported eleven agencies and fourteen programs for mental health, substance use disorder and developmental disability services, serving Wheeling Township residents.

Funds received from all sources: **\$669,859.27¹**

Fund balance beginning 3/1/2025: \$0

Fund balance ending 2/28/2026: \$0

Expenditures Community Services and Supports	
Ascension (Amita Health) Behavioral Health	145,433.33
Avenues to Independence	35,000.00
Center for Enriched Living	15,000.00
Children's Advocacy Center	7,000.00
Clearbrook Center	100,000.00
Countryside / Little City	30,000.00
Josselyn Center	25,000.00
JOURNEYS The Road Home	20,000.00
OMNI Youth Services	153,000.00
Kenneth Young Center	20,000.00
Search Inc.	7,500.00
Total Community Services and Supports	\$557,933.33

WTCMH Board General Administration	
Salaries	72,892.77
FICA	5,564.16
IMRF	5,453.93
U/C	311.57
Medical Insurance	1,414.53
Workers Comp	500.00
Legal	13,612.00
Travel	136.60
Training	1,487.39
Dues/Subscriptions	875.00
Office Supplies	976.70
Equipment	8,579.62
Miscellaneous Expense	121.67
Total General Administration	\$111,925.94

¹Funds received during the reporting period consisted of allocations from Wheeling Township financial reserves. The WTCMH Board did not levy a separate property tax during the reporting period.

Financial Summary Continued:

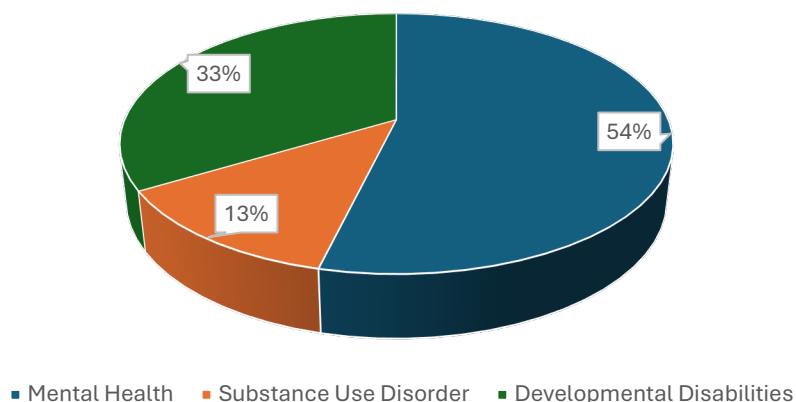
Sum of FY2025-26 Funding by Need:

Mental Health: \$300,000 (54%)

Substance Use Disorder: \$70,433.33 (13%)

Developmental Disability: \$187,500 (33%)

FY2025-26 Funding By Need



Conclusion:

FY2025–26 was a year of growth and transition for the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board. The WTCMH Board advanced its mission and strengthened its capacity to serve Wheeling Township residents by expanding public accessibility, strengthening governance, and establishing a dedicated funding source.

In closing, we extend our sincere appreciation to Township officials, residents, community partners, and service providers for their continued engagement and support as the Community Mental Health Board works to strengthen mental health, substance use disorder, and developmental disability services for our community, and enhance quality of life throughout Wheeling Township.

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