

Executive Director's Report- March 19, 2024

- Transportation Service Updates- February- Jackson County had 76 transports and Marshall County had 37 transports.
- North Alabama Region Crisis Diversion Center- For the 6 month period ending 12/31/23, there were 37 admissions for individuals from Marshall County and 19 from Jackson County. This program has been a good resource for us to divert individuals from jails and ERs and the additional inpatient psychiatric beds have been a very positive resource.
- Updates on HWY 35 Property-
 - Renovations on the front desk area and the exterior projects have begun.
 - Ashley Pool has a scheduled meeting with HH Administration on 3/28 and they will discuss the option to purchase our current clinic location.
 - There are no new updates on the quiet title action. I've emailed Mr. Porter requesting an update.
- Legislative Session- The Alabama Council for Behavioral Healthcare had our annual legislative advocacy meetings in Montgomery on 2/21 & 2/22. We educated on and advocated for this year's legislative priorities which include: funding for workforce support & uncompensated care costs, stable funding for the 988 crisis system of care, additional grants to MHCs from the drug company opioid settlements, addressing the shortage of inpatient beds for committed patients, and additional funding to support the nurse delegation program. I and other members of the Council will be in Washington D.C. the first week of June to meet with our U.S. Senators and Representatives.
- DMH Opioid Settlement Grant- We are currently recruiting for the Case Manager and Peer positions and our goal is to begin the new grant services in April.
- Jackson Place Expansion- We completed the purchase of the 77 Cobb Street house on 2/29. We fully furnished the house and the two clients moved in last week. We have submitted a request to DMH to employ them as part-time peers and to hire a new part-time Case Manager. We admitted two new clients at Jackson Place this week and both of these individuals had previously been residing in the group home in Clanton that recently closed.