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#### Message from Ben Harrington, CEO

The Board of Directors, staff and I are proud to share this annual report celebrating our accomplishments AND resilience in 2020! This pandemic year was one where the MHA had to adapt to serve Tennesseans in new ways and embrace technology more. Throughout the year we remained focused on the ever evolving behavioral health needs of our community - especially the access challenges and the long-term mental

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health consequences caused by COVID-19 and racial trauma that continues to plague our community.

As I reflect on 2020, I am reminded that the Mental Health Bell, "rings out hope" for improving mental health and achieving victory over mental illness!



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### **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**





# SERVICES

- B4Stage4
- Mental Health 101
- Psychiatric Symposium
- Mental Health Screenings
- Peer Recovery Call Center
- Worksite Classes & Seminars

# GOALS

To promote mental health awareness, wellness, and recovery in our community.

To provide essential mental health education in middle and high schools.

To provide client services and peer support which promote resilliency and recovery.

To advocate for and help build a behavioral health system which is responsive to the needs of its citizens and community.





# BEHIND THE MASK: 3 SCREENINGS

Top screenings = DEPRESSION & ANXIETY #OF SCREENINGS: 10,712

### SCKEENS MHA DO DEODIE

of individuals who screened stated they were affected by isolation and loneliness.

of screeners, reported they were affected by past trauma when they took a screening.

of our screeners reported when they screened they were affected by relationship issues.





CALLS MADE: 5167

TEXTS SENT: 3557

EMAILS SENT:

1342

**NEW CALLERS:** 

221

300 OF CALLERS REQUESTED OF CALLERS OF CALLERS REQUESTED FOLLOW-UPS

90.24%
RATE EXPERIENCE AS EXCELLENT

TOP 3 CALLER CONCERNS ARE:
COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MENTAL HEALTH
TREATMENT. & AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES



## "I liked that Toby was

consistent
and called me, so I had
someone to talk to. Even during
COVID she was very helpful
with helping keep my spirits up
and realize that I have to push
thru and SET SMALL
GOALS because I am
becoming stressed out. I even
passed the hotline number along
to a friend that was asking me
about how I was dealing with
depression."

# WHYIT MATTERS

QUOTES FROM OUR CLIENTS



Tina has talked me down from many a LEDGE. I would've given up a long time ago and wouldn't get to experience the love I do now if it weren't for her. She literally SAVED MY LIFE more than once. She's an angel amongst us.

"JANICE AND THIS
PROGRAM HAVE REALLY
HELPED ME ESPECIALLY
WHEN I NEEDED IT MOST."

"Tina is a source of SUPPORT and timely advice. She has wisdom to GUIDE me as needed."

# CORONAVIRUS: \* & OUR MENTAL HEATLH

# DOUBLED to become

# CORONAVIRUS: \*\* & OUR MENTAL HEATLH

### 1 in every 5

people you know needed mental health care before the pandemic - your moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, your children, friends, coworkers (NIMH).

Fear of the unknown, constant worry, anxiety and depression of extended isolation, loss of loved ones or jobs, remote working and virtual schooling all worked in concert to double the prevalence during the past year (CDC).

ONE THIRD OF COVID-19
SURVIVORS DEVELOPED A
PSYCHIATRIC CONDITION

### KNOMS DID AON

DURING THE
PANDEMIC
MENTAL ILLNESS
PREVALENCE
SWELLED TO 41%
OF ADULTS

2,133820

Tennessee Adults needed mental health care during the pandemic – enough to

FILL A FOOTBALL STADIUM

21 TIMES

### MENTAL HEALTH 101



2020 was a time of so many unknowns. Not only unknowns for the Mental Health 101 team, but also for the schools, teachers, and students that we work with across East Tennessee. With this uncertainty, our community struggled to find its foothold, and we knew that the need for mental health education was more important now than ever. We spent the summer revamping the curriculum to meet the shifting mental needs of students to better equip them to overcome the struggles that 2020 brought.

Despite the hardship, 2020 also brought successes and massive opportunities for growth. In January we had the opportunity to hire for two new positions and added our Southeast and Northeast Coordinators to the team. Because of their hard work, Mental Health 101 was able to reach even more students than expected. I am so proud of the work that our entire time has done to bring hope to the students in East Tennessee that need it most. .CAITLIN ENSLEY,
Senior Director of Education & Outreach

**STUDENTS** 

430 **SCHEDULED** 

### STUDENTS AFTER MENTAL HEALTH 101

**67%** Can correctly identify healthy ways to manage emotions

**65**% Can correctly identify symptom duration before seeking help

Can correctly identify appropriate action steps for a friend's self-harm

**49**%



# DISTANCE education

# FROM A STUDENT @ ROCKWOOD MIDDLE,

"I love what you are teaching me. You have taught me a lot. Thank you for everything. I am so glad we met, and I trust you. I will miss you and hope you you again, thank you for everything."

TRAININGS OR PRESENTATIONS IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHERS

**LIVE WEBINARS** 

### STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH WEBINAR FEEDBACK:

"Wonderful format with the panelists!"

"Great job today! I took lots of notes this morning. Anyone who serves children and/or adolescents in any capacity needs to hear this information!"

"Good use of time and resources - wonderful webinar!"

# TEACHER MENTAL HEALTH WEBINAR FEEDBACK:

"This is one of the best webinars I have viewed..."

"This was wonderful. I can't wait to share "

"Looking forward to the resources that will be sent. Thanks so much."

TOTAL MH101 TEACHING DAYS WERE TAUGHT VIRTUALLY

### SOCIAL MEDIA



FACEBOOK POST REACH

**V**1

**INSTAGRAM** 

1,633

690 FOLLOWERS

255 POSTS

45 comments



# OUR FAVORITE POSTS: UNMASKED

COVID-19 has
completely changed
the way we engage with
our environment. Luckily, our
largest connection tool finds itself thriving.
Through social media we have been able to reach
and advocate for more people than we ever thought
possible. We are thankful that throughout COVID-19 we
were able to continue being a resource for the public.

#### 8.1K ENGAGEMENTS 113K REACH

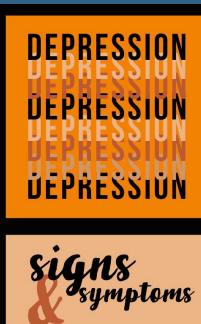




- > Persistent sad, anxious or "empty" mood
- Sleeping too much or too little, middle of the night or early morning waking
- Reduced appetite and weight loss, or increased appetite and weight gain
- > Loss of pleasure and interest in activities once enjoyed
- > Restlessness, irritability
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering or making decisions
  - tigue or loss of energy

g guilty, hopeless or worthless

ts of suicide or death



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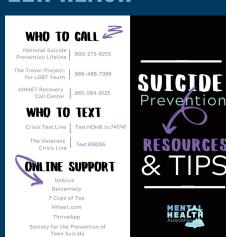
#### 2.4K ENGAGEMENTS 40.3K REACH



#### 2.1K ENGAGEMENTS 26K REACH



#### 1.4K ENGAGEMENTS 22K REACH



# SYMPOSIUM

Due to COVID-19, we moved the Symposium to a virtual platform to keep attendees, faculty and staff safe while still providing essential continuing education and training.

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23rd Fall **PSYCHIATRIC** SYMPOSIUM **Psychopharmacology Update & Addiction** Institute



### SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



Jami Woods, MD University of California Riverside School of Medicine



Rakesh Jain, MD Texas Tech University School of Medicine



**Vladimir Maletic, MD** University of South Carolina School of Medicine



Stephanie Vanterpool, MD, MBA, FASA President of the TN Pain Society

#### PRAISE FROM ATTENDEES

"These sessions really 'prescribe hope' for practitioners so we can go back and help our patients."

"MHA IS A ROCK STAR."

"Today's speakers were fabulous and did not disappoint!"

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