



Recovery Starts Here

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017-2018



Message from the Executive Director

As a student at Erie Cathedral Prep high school in 1978 I recall reading a novel entitled "The Mouse that Roared." It was a political satire about a very small country that accidentally takes over the world in order to promote world peace.

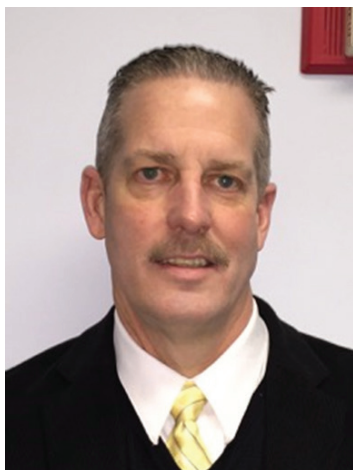
Whenever I think about this book, I also think about TASC. As a small nonprofit agency located in the hub of downtown Reading amidst such huge buildings like the Berks County Courthouse and the County Services Center, TASC plays an enormous role in assisting so many different agencies, and in affecting the lives of countless individuals who receive services from these agencies each day.

When asked to describe TASC, I usually refer to us as an "intervention agency." Our core mission is to intervene on addiction by providing assessments, treatment referrals, and peer recovery support services for individuals who don't have private health insurance and simply don't know where to go for help. While our core service occurs at our downtown Central Intake Unit, we also conduct interventions at the Berks County Jail, Wernersville Community Corrections Center, and at both Tower Health/Reading Hospital and PSU/St. Joseph's Hospital as part of our Warm Hand-off program.

I am amazed each day at the tireless work of our staff who consistently go the extra mile in trying to admit individuals into treatment or to show them that a lifestyle of recovery is possible. At TASC, we save thousands of people from the devastating effects of addiction each year, and proudly serve Berks County as an agency that roars.

Dan Milloy

MS, Executive Director



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Mission Statement

By providing a central point of intake, evaluation and treatment referral, along with peer-to-peer case management services, TASC remains committed to combatting the disease of addiction and mental illness for publicly funded individuals of Berks County. Working in conjunction with the criminal justice and child advocacy systems, TASC maintains its goal of reducing the burden on the Courts and other public agencies in saving thousands of people from the devastating effects of addiction each year.

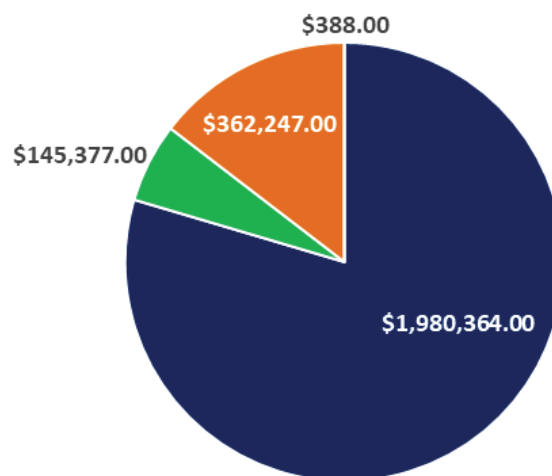


FISCAL REPORT

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit agency TASC receives state funding from DDAP, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs in Pennsylvania. TASC also receives reimbursement through Medicaid on a fee-for-service basis. A small percentage of TASC clients pay privately for services, such as those reporting for the mandatory CRN evaluation for DUI offenses, and clients who participate in urinalysis testing.

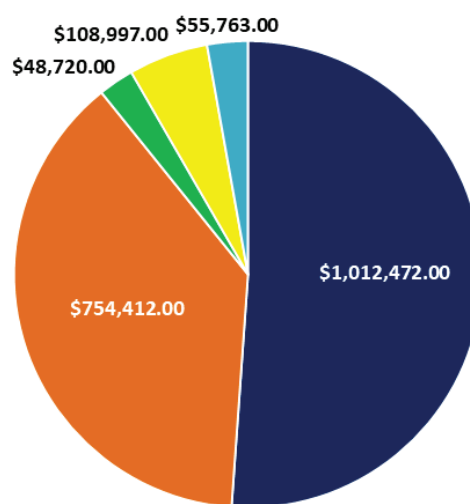
REVENUES:

Grants.....	\$1,980,364
Client Fees	\$145,377
Urine Collection Center Fees	\$362,247
Other	\$388
Total Revenue	\$2,488,376



FUNDING:

Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA)	\$1,012,472
Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH)	\$754,412
Service Access & Management (SAM)	\$48,720
County of Berks	\$108,997
RIPP Grant.....	\$55,763



WHAT IS COCA?

The Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA) is the Single County Authority (SCA) in Berks County for the administration and management of State funding for individuals in need of drug and alcohol treatment.



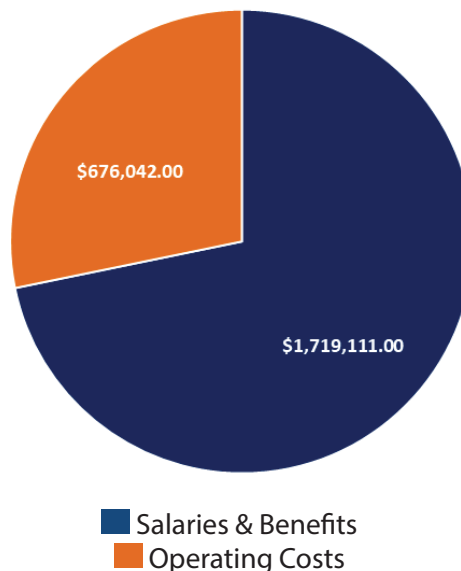
EXPENDITURES:

PERSONNEL

Salaries	\$1,261,278
Benefits	\$457,833
TOTAL.....	\$1,719,111

OPERATING EXPENSES

Consultants.....	\$374,030
Board Expense:.....	\$2,359
Rent	\$122,033
Insurance	\$12,034
Communications	\$26,986
Office Supplies	\$23,648
Medical Supplies (UCC)	\$21,761
Equipment Maintenance	\$39,564
Minor Equipment & Furniture.....	\$7,642
Other	\$3,527
Staff Development.....	\$9,362
Staff Transportation	\$33,096
TOTAL.....	\$2,395,153



TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS..... \$80,535



CENTRAL INTAKE UNIT

As a DDAP licensed "walk-in" Central Intake and Referral Unit, TASC provided services to 3,423 individuals in FY 17/18.

Of these individuals:

- 692 were referred to detoxification units
- 396 were placed into residential treatment
- 1125 were placed into outpatient treatment services
- 337 in remission



3,423 TOTAL CLIENTS SEEN

178

As part of the MA Jail Program, TASC assessed and referred 178 inmates at the Berks County Jail to long-term residential drug and alcohol treatment facilities.



TASC participates as a team member in each of the Treatment Courts in Berks County, including Drug, DUI, Mental Health, and Veterans Court.

1,131

As part of the Court Reporting Network in Pennsylvania, TASC completed 1,131 interviews on DUI offenders in FY 2017/18.


My evaluator was "very empathetic, understanding, and sympathetic. She made me feel welcome and that I was going to get the proper help I needed..."





MENTAL HEALTH CASE MANAGEMENT

Since 2001 TASC has offered mental health case management. In FY 17/18 TASC provided services to 103 individuals, encompassing over 15,000 service units. Referrals come from doctors, therapists, or mental health professionals.

A photograph showing two hands holding two large, blue puzzle pieces against a light blue sky background. The puzzle pieces are interlocking, symbolizing the integration of different services into a cohesive whole.

"Blended Mental Health Case Management is a service that enables individuals with mental illness to attain access to medical, social, educational, and other services to promote a more healthy and stable lifestyle." [OMHSAS]



RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES



Recovery from addiction does not happen alone. Individuals in the early stages of recovery, or those returning from rehab, often feel overwhelmed in facing life's problems without drugs or alcohol.

TASC's Recovery Support Specialists are people in long-term recovery (at least 3 years of continuous sobriety) who have "been there." They share their experience, strength, and hope in reducing the barriers to recovery in helping individuals stay clean and sober.

In FY 17/18 TASC provided services to 572 individuals amassing over 24,000 service units.

572

Individuals received
TASC Recovery Support
Services.



URINE COLLECTION CENTER

Since its inception in 1982 TASC has facilitated urinalysis collection, testing, and monitoring for the Court of Common Pleas. At present, TASC operates drug testing for the following:

- Adult Probation Office
- Children & Youth Services
- Berks Connections Pretrial Services
- Drug, DUI, Mental Health, and Veterans Treatment Court programs

Contracted with Redwood Toxicology, TASC can test for all common illicit drugs, including heroin, cocaine, marijuana, and methamphetamine, as well as specialty drugs like synthetic marijuana (K2), fentanyl, Ethyl Glucuronide (EtG), and anabolic steroids.

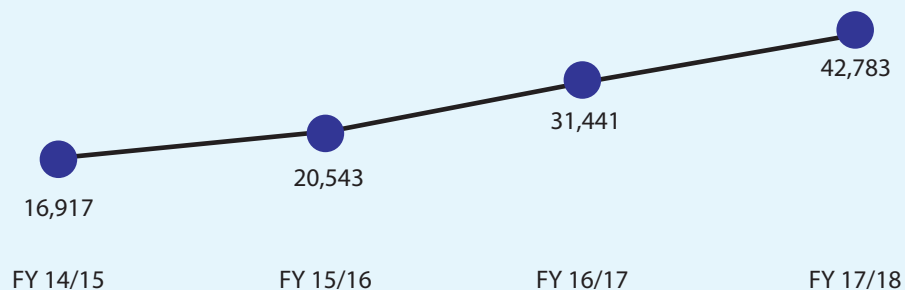
In FY 2017/18 TASC collected 42,783 urinalysis specimens, an increase of over 50% over the past three years.



14.2% Positive Rate
For FY 17/18



SPECIMENS COLLECTED



42,783

Specimens collected
in FY 17/18



WARM HAND OFF PROGRAM

Recognized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a leader in the Warm Hand-off initiative, TASC operates Warm Hand-off interventions at both hospitals in Berks County.

At Tower Health/Reading Hospital, TASC's Certified Recovery Specialists are present on-site, on a 24/7 basis, working directly from the Emergency Department.

At Penn State/St. Joseph's TASC responds at any time when called by hospital personnel.

In FY 2017/18 TASC conducted 929 patient interventions, of which 70% accepted a referral to detoxification or residential drug and alcohol treatment.

The Berks County Warm Hand-off Program is experiencing great success in placing patients into treatment because it has identified and targeted the emergency departments of our local hospitals as a crucial point of intervention for patients suffering with a Substance Use Disorder.

929

Patient interventions
conducted in FY 17/18

70%

Accepted Treatment
Referrals



URINE COLLECTION CENTER

STAFF: Brian Knoblauch, Manager • Yesinia Diaz-Walker, Collection Specialist • Lisa McGee, Collection Specialist
Joseph Torres, Collection Specialist • Odnell Trumbore, Collection Specialist • Jonathan Frost, Collection Specialist
Maranda Duncan, Collection Specialist

MENTAL HEALTH CASE MANAGEMENT

STAFF: Karen Ferguson, Supervisor • David Frey, Jr., Case Manager • Stacie Klopp, Case Manager
Angela Daynorowicz, Case Manager • Michelle Borelli, Case Manager

RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES

STAFF: Karen Ferguson, Supervisor • Jennifer Weissberg, Peer Recovery Specialist
Amy Highley, Peer Recovery Specialist • Ryan Englehart, Peer Recovery Specialist
Jonathan Murphy, Peer Recovery Specialist • Nicole Leskin, Peer Recovery Specialist

WARM HAND OFF PROGRAM

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