In Memory of William L. Brown

William L. Brown served as an officer and a board member for MHR for 30 years. He passed away on August 14, 2018. William’s law practice specialized in representing vulnerable adults and their families. He is missed by those at MHR, MHR and the Minnesota community lost a great legal officer and a board member of the 1800 Chicago Project, the addition of new partnerships that will benefit those we serve.

MHR Board Member Awarded NAMI Volunteer of the Year

Elaine Love, who has been a valued member of the MHR Board since 2010, was awarded the NAMI Volunteer of the Year award in 2018 for her dedication to advocating and giving voice to those with both a serious mental illness and a substance use disorder. This year marked a series of new partnerships with related agencies to build new opportunities for our clients.

MHR added Substance Use Disorder Services in 2018!

In October 2018, with the purchase of MN Alternatives, MHR added substance use disorder treatment to the services we offer. With the addition of these services, we were able to provide our clients with timely chemical health assessments, outpatient substance use treatment, peer support and medications assisted treatment. The provider at our substance use disorder treatment programs are specially trained to treat individuals with both a serious mental illness and a substance use disorder. Each person’s treatment is individualized to address their specific needs, their readiness to change and their individual goals.

87% of individuals who successfully completed treatment reported successful reduction or their use.

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MHR is thrilled to be a part of the continuum in Hennepin County. MHR is proud to meet the needs of people in the community that often live for years without establishing on-going support, moving from provider to provider, shelter to hospital, jail to the street, without the continuity of care that can be so positive, pleasant to work with; and you roll your sleeves up and bridge services to people who were staying at the REH Crisis Residence program at 1800 Chicago and or substance use disorder. MHR is one of the community based mental health agencies participating in this program. We provide two full-time staff who are part of a whole team of care coordinators, peer recovery specialists and health professionals on site at 1800 Chicago. In September, MHR began providing outreach and bridge services to people who were staying at the REH Crisis Respite program at 1800 Chicago and that the Triage Center is open, we work on-site. At this time, the Triage Center is open seven – days Monday through Friday. Eventually, as Hennepin Healthcare is fully staffed on site, the hours will expand. People can access services as a whole in what the Triage Center is open, police who encounter people in the community who do not need emergency level of care or jail could be brought voluntarily to 1800 Chicago.

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