



West Virginia
Medical Professionals
Health Program

IMPACTS

of the West Virginia Medical Professional Health Program

Spirit of Wellness in Medicine



I was at my wits end. I finally realized that I could not quit on my own and needed help. I called a friend in recovery and was directed to the WVMPHP and my life was changed forever. I now have the tools to help me cope with my daily life. Thanks to Dr. Hall and the WVMPHP for my new life and my ability to continue in medicine.

A Case for Your Support



I'm thrilled to be licensed, loving West Virginia, and ever so grateful for the WVMPHP! I feel truly blessed.



Being in the medical field, the fear of losing my license/career and my false pride, kept me from getting help I needed. I wish I had known of the WVMPHP resources available to treat my disease much earlier. I am very grateful for every sober day I have!! Thank you WVMPHP.



My alcohol use had taken me to a new low point, physically, mentally, emotionally and had nearly destroyed me, my family and my career. When I reached out for help Dr. Hall was one of the first people that offered me hope that everything was going to be okay. Today, I live life one day at a time by the principles I have learned in AA. I thank God that Dr. Hall and the WVMPHP were there for me and I have a new freedom and happiness that is truly amazing today.

Vision

The vision of the West Virginia Medical Professionals Health Program is improving the health of West Virginians through promoting the well-being of West Virginia physicians, podiatric physicians, physician assistants and other licensed healthcare professionals.

Mission

To protect healthcare consumers through seeking the early identification and rehabilitation of physicians, surgeons, and other healthcare professionals with potentially impairing health concerns including abuse of mood altering drugs including alcohol, mental illness or physical illness affecting competency so that physicians, surgeons, and other healthcare professionals so afflicted may be treated, monitored and returned to the safe practice of their profession to the benefit of the healthcare profession and the patients we serve.



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ABOUT US



- Founded in 2007
- Non-Profit **501©3**, charitable organization
- **Independent** of other organizations and the West Virginia Medical Boards
- Represents a collaborative medical community to **ensure physicians and other healthcare professionals have their own confidential resource when experiencing health issues**
- Helps identify, refer for evaluation and/or treatment, monitor recovery and endorse the well-being of healthcare practitioners who have a mental or addictive illness, which could potentially affect their ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Such as:
 - Substance abuse or dependence, including alcohol
 - Depressive disorder
 - Bipolar mood disorder
 - Anxiety disorders
- **Confidentiality** of the WVMPHP clients is protected to the maximum extent provided by existing State and Federal law.
- **Serves Training Programs** to encourage health and wellbeing of trainees of West Virginia
- **NOT** a treatment facility

Dedicated to Healthcare Professionals...

...Committed to Patients



SAFE-HAVEN

Senate Bill 573 was passed in March 2007

as enabling legislation providing a **safe avenue** for physicians, podiatric physicians, and physician assistants **to seek assistance and guidance in a confidential and respectful manner**. Licensees are **NOT required to disclose their WVMHP participation** for qualifying illness to their perspective medical board.

*WVMPHP hopes to serve Physicians,
Podiatric Physicians and Physician
Assistants for Years to come!*

Why Physician Health?

In the early 70's the American Medical Association (AMA) recognized there were struggling physicians within the United States and they needed their own place to go for a myriad of problems. With the advice and consent from the AMA and the Federation of State Medical Boards, a national initiative was launched to develop therapeutic alternatives in lieu of automatic discipline for physicians who needed assistance. In addition to caring for the individual physician, physician health programs also support a healthy workforce.



CHALLENGES FOR SUSTAINABILITY

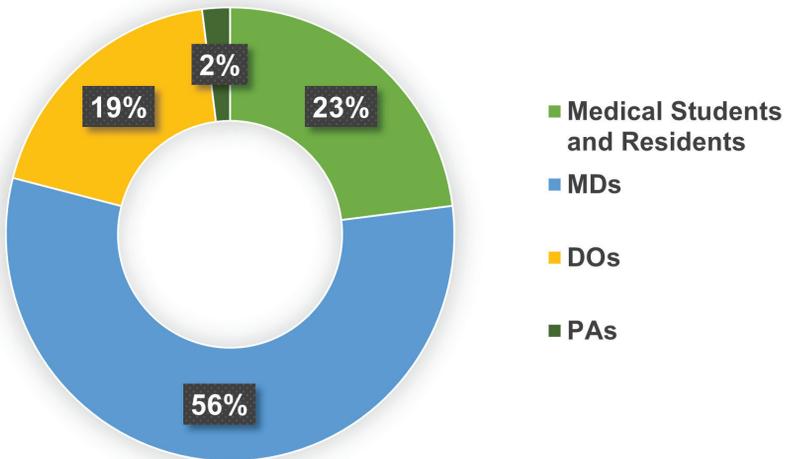
WVMPHP is a nonprofit, charitable organization with a cause and impact reaching the entire medical community. This fact alone leads to challenges of funding, but complexities within the world of physician health programs create additional sustainability issues:

- *Our participants; physicians, podiatric physicians, and physician assistants, do not fall within the traditional definition of “underserved” [making government grants and local foundations difficult to qualify for], leading to challenges of diversifying our funding sources.*
- *WVMPHP participants and community constituents seek strict confidentiality with our services, making **traditional fundraising activities [golf tournaments, galas, goods drives, telethons] unsuccessful.***



IMPACTS BY THE NUMBERS

Active Participants



- We work with the **majority of West Virginia Hospitals**.
- Physicians account for **6.3 billion dollars** of West Virginia economic activity (**8.6% gross state product**).
- Physicians account for **\$243.4 billion** state and local tax revenue.
- Nationally,
 - **840,000 physicians** in active, full-time patient care
 - Physicians generate **\$3 trillion in economic activity** yearly.
- The financial cost benefit of work force preservation is more important than ever with **75%** of physicians employed and aging



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

180
evidence-based
educational
presentations

19,500
professionals
reached through
education

20%
lower Malpractice Risk

Over 85%
are **VOLUNTARY**
Referrals

90%
referrals are licensed,
working, or continuing
education

Accessible to
10,000 licensees



- Collaboration with professional organizations
- Local, regional and national leadership service and expertise
- Professional student and trainee education
- Outreach and consultation for health-care organizations
- Continuing education presentations
- Newsletter and article contributions



PHYSICIAN HEALTH

The WVMPHP is involved in physician health and wellbeing at a national level through participation in the Federation of State Physician Health Programs (FSPHP). The FSPHP is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, who provides resources, guidance and direction for state physician health programs. FSPHP's mission is to support physician health programs in improving the health of medical professionals, thereby contributing to quality care. This is accomplished through their guiding values of membership, advocacy, collaboration, equality and education.

The WVMPHP is actively involved in the FSPHP's Performance Enhancement and Effectiveness program designed to support the physician health program model of excellence.

For more information regarding the FSPHP visit www.fsphp.org

Healthy Doctors = Better Care

- Increased patient satisfaction
- Better treatment recommendations & increased treatment adherence
- Decreased medical errors
- Lower malpractice risk
- Careers salvaged saves funding vs new hires

HELP not DISCIPLINE

WVMPHP is a confidential, therapeutic alternative to discipline.



SPIRIT OF WELLNESS IN MEDICINE

A New Day to consider Annual Giving

WVMPHP must generate **20-30%** of its annual budget revenue through its annual ***Spirit of Wellness in Medicine*** fundraising campaign to further:

- ***Sustainable Direct services*** to remain accessible / available to medical professionals: physicians, podiatric physicians, physician assistants, residents and medical students.
- ***Education*** and outreach throughout West Virginia by providing presentations to hospital staff, training institutions and medical groups; including presenting and exhibiting at medical conferences, which may include out of state travel.
- ***Hardship*** financial support for participants, with approval.
- ***Research*** building on established research and establishing state and national collaborations.

Ways to Support

- **Direct general cash/check donation**
- **Bequests**
- **Life Insurance**



WVMPHP relies upon our generous supporters to fulfill its' annual budget, meet the needs of current /future healthcare professionals and participate in education/research.



Thank You!

We Recognize All Our Donors

The West Virginia Medical Professionals Health Program (WVMPHP) appreciates every supporter and recognizes we cannot provide the services to physicians, podiatric physicians, physician assistants, and medical students/residents without your commitment.

- Each year we showcase our loyal donors through a number of mechanisms; on the WVMPHP website, in newsletters, and our annual report. We also maintain anonymity for those donors who wish to remain anonymous.
- Donors receive tax benefits.
- An opportunity to make a difference in the lives of physicians, podiatric physicians, physician assistants and medical students/residents in West Virginia.

*For more information or to make a donation
online please visit our website:
wvmphp.org*

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