

Priority:	Safety Net Services	Lead Agency:	County Human
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Mary Shortall
Related Programs:	25008A, 25010A, 25011, 25015		
Frameworks:	Poverty Framework, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness		

Executive Summary

Ensures quality care for residents that traditionally would reside in nursing homes through licensing, monitoring and enforcement of the County's adult care home rules. Trains providers in 568 homes, ensuring that more than 1,830 of Multnomah County's most vulnerable residents are cared for in a homelike, culturally appropriate, safe setting where residents' independence is protected and encouraged.

Program Description

The Adult Care Home Program (ACHP) provides services to licensed care home providers to ensure quality care is provided to vulnerable, at-risk persons eligible for nursing facility level of care. Adult Care Homes provide long-term care services and basic living needs for elderly and disabled residents that are both private pay and Medicaid. This program base offer will reduce the ACHP functions substantially due to the loss of federal Medicaid matching funds previously allowed by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) on July 1, 2005.

This offer: •Reduces licensing staff (25 percent). Increases caseload size from 1-148 to 1-190, making it difficult to meet the basic mandatory functions for quality review and response time outlined in the County Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes; •Eliminates the two program monitor positions (100 percent). Fire safety review, in person interviews with vulnerable frail, elderly and disabled residents and random monitoring inspections will be eliminated. The only program contact with the homes will be the yearly licenser renewal inspections; •Reduces Business Service staff (33 percent). Reduces ability to meet five day standard for completing criminal record checks; •Eliminates the nurse consultant (100 percent). Without this medical expertise the residents will be at greater risk, as program staff do not have a medical background; •Curtails training on topics such as chronic illness, care plans, resident's rights and end of life issues. There will be loss of revenue to the county with the elimination of the Annual Tri County Conference, workshops and other training opportunities. These actions will compromise the ability of the County to guarantee quality care in adult care homes. These functions were added in 1996 after Multnomah County Auditor recommended adding the monitoring and training functions.

Program Justification

As the elder population increases, the need for quality alternative care and housing for the frail and elderly population will be more acute. According to the 2000 Census in Multnomah County 11.1 percent or 73,607 residents were age 65 or older. The 85 and older age group is the fastest-growing segment of the population with an 18 percent increase in the last decade. Adult care homes contribute to meeting basic needs of food; shelter, health and quality care for this growing population.

Monitoring and provider assistance will not be funded; and specialized housing options to meet populations with special needs will be curtailed. The Board of Commissioners will need to amend County Code and rules, lowering the standards for care. The ACHP links to the Poverty and the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness Frameworks by meeting basic needs, providing affordable housing with care and preventing impoverishment.

Performance Measures

1) Percent of residents "satisfied" or "very satisfied" determined by ACHP Client Satisfaction Survey; 2) Number of licensed adult care homes annually (there will be a net loss by the end of the year due to attrition).

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

Licensed 568 homes. Streamlined new operator application process making it easier for new providers to come on line. Organized Tri-county conference providing training and required continuing education credits for providers to ensure quality of care. The MCARs were rewritten to bring them into compliance with new DHS rules.

Program Mandate: 3 Program Choice but No Funding/Service Level Choice

The State Department of Human Services allows Multnomah County to establish a local regulatory program if county rules meet or exceed the Oregon Administrative Rules. The Multnomah County Administrative Rules meet that requirement. License and assure quality of Adult Care Homes Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 443.720 - Adult Foster Care Program, ORS 443.705 to 443.825 - Local Licensing and Adult Foster Homes, OAR Chapter 411 Division 009 and OAR 411-050-0440 - Criminal History Clearance,

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$12,788	\$781,205	\$205,126	\$380,947
Contracts	\$238,676	\$217,823	\$99,150	\$251,450
Materials & Supplies	\$8,047	\$48,998	\$10,966	\$20,364
Internal Services	\$2,187	\$109,662	\$46,930	\$91,275
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$261,698	\$1,157,688	\$362,172	\$744,036
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$15,769	\$27,783
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$2,865	\$23,649
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$18,634	\$51,432
Total GF/non-GF:	\$261,698	\$1,157,688	\$380,806	\$795,468
Program Total:	\$1,419,386		\$1,176,274	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.63	4.87
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$5,374	\$0	\$1,415	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$195,720	\$0	\$236,500
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$961,968	\$0	\$507,536
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,432
Total Revenue:	\$5,374	\$1,157,688	\$1,415	\$795,468

Explanation of Revenues

The Adult Care Home Program generates revenue as a result of fees, fines and training/workshops. In 2004 the program generated \$236,500 in revenue that will generate \$525,555 when matched with Medicaid dollars.

Significant Program Changes

This program base offer will reduce the ACHP functions substantially due to the loss of federal Medicaid matching funds previously allowed by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) on July 1, 2005. This decision was made by DHS in order to comply with new interpretation of federal rules.

This base offer removes the federal funds and does not replace them with County funds. It will limit the licenser's ability to provide direct assistance or to problem solve issues with providers creating a potential environment for abuse and neglect. It will eliminate the monitoring and quality assurance aspect of the adult care home program that is important in preventing poor care. It will curtail the program's ability to maintain the "find a home" web based function for county residents looking to place loved ones in an adult care home. Cutting back on training will limit the opportunity to increase provider knowledge, skills and ability to care for residents with chronic illness or special needs. A scaled offer restores the program's capability.