

<b>Priority:</b>	Safety Net Services	<b>Lead Agency:</b>	County Human
<b>Program Offer Type:</b>	Existing Operating	<b>Program Contact:</b>	Nancy Winters
<b>Related Programs:</b>	25048, 25049, 25056		
<b>Frameworks:</b>	Poverty Framework		

### **Executive Summary**

When a person is held involuntarily in a hospital, County staff perform an investigation to determine if legal criteria exist to hospitalize someone against their will. These are high need people vulnerable to suicide or other self-harm or are a public safety risk due to dangerousness to others. The County is required by the State to investigate regardless of the individual's insurance or ability to pay.

### **Program Description**

This is a mandated function. Staff conduct mandated investigations of Notices of Mental Illness per strict adherence to Oregon statutes to determine if there is probable cause to believe the person is mentally ill. Investigation functions are determined by Oregon statutes and rules, and are not changed by a person's insurance or ability to pay. Commitment investigators work with mentally ill individuals and their families, along with the hospital and outpatient mental health providers to ensure that the individual receives the least restrictive treatment available. They also safeguard the individual's civil right to access treatment or to refuse treatment if he or she doesn't meet the criteria for involuntary treatment.

### **Program Justification**

This program directly links to the priorities of the Basic Needs strategy by making sure that people with the highest need for behavioral health care (because of suicide risk or other dangerous behavior) are hospitalized when they are unwilling or unable to make this decision for themselves. This program links to the Poverty Elimination Framework by ensuring that vulnerable individuals with severe mental health symptoms receive adequate healthcare and needed social services.

### **Performance Measures**

Total Holds Investigated measures how much of the existing mental health resources are being utilized and whether there are any service gaps that need to be addressed.

Total Investigator Hours Per Hold reflects productivity of the county staff completing the investigation.

Average Judicial Days (A judicial day is a day that court is in session) from Time the Hold Was Written To Complete Investigation, and Average Calendar Days From Time Hold Was Written To Complete Investigation both measure how well the County investigators protect a person's civil rights. These measures are important because State law limits the amount of time someone can be held against their will without an investigation. An investigation must be completed within 5 judicial days (a judicial day is a day that court is in session).

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

The program investigated 4080 Total Holds in fiscal year 2004. The number of hours investigators spent investigating holds in fiscal year 2004 was 20,258. The total number of hours for each hold was 5.03.

In fiscal year 2004, the average number of calendar days from the time a hold was written to the time the investigation was complete was 4.17. The average number of judicial days (a judicial day is a day that court is in session) from the time a hold was written to the time the investigation was complete was 3.04. This year's results are expected to remain consistent with these numbers.

**Program Mandate: 1 Mandated Program & Funding Level**

Oregon Revised Statute 426.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$78,202	\$1,094,332	\$163,785	\$1,000,590
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$62,400
Materials & Supplies	\$21,362	\$0	\$3,000	\$16,609
Internal Services	\$79,441	\$1,265	\$12,221	\$178,038
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$179,005</b>	<b>\$1,095,597</b>	<b>\$179,006</b>	<b>\$1,257,637</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$11,634	\$32,925
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$33,274	\$38,205
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$44,908</b>	<b>\$71,130</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$179,005</b>	<b>\$1,095,597</b>	<b>\$223,914</b>	<b>\$1,328,767</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$1,274,602</b>		<b>\$1,552,681</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	11.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,095,597	\$0	\$1,257,637
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71,130
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,095,597</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,328,767</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

Funded with \$1,257,637 of State Mental Health Grant funds and \$179,006 of ITAX funds.

**Significant Program Changes**

None Anticipated.