

Priority:	Safety Net Services	Lead Agency:	County Human
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Nancy Winters
Related Programs:	25055, 25062		
Frameworks:	Poverty Framework, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness		

Executive Summary

Staff ensure timely, appropriate, legal discharge of committed mental health patients, participate in treatment/discharge planning to ensure adequacy and appropriateness of treatment resources, provide for client and community safety, monitor stabilization of committed persons and facilitate the movement of committed patients from local acute care and State hospitals.

Program Description

This program is a State mandated function. In FY 2004, Mental Health Consultants were responsible for 276 committed clients in local acute care hospital psychiatric beds, 230 committed client episodes at Oregon State Hospital campuses and 22 Trial Visits in the community. Staff track local acute care and State hospital admissions and discharges for committed Multnomah County residents. They assess whether committed persons continue to meet commitment criteria, participate with hospital treatment teams and outpatient providers in development of treatment/discharge plans. Commitment Monitors then assist with acquisition of adequate and appropriate resources, refer for Trial Visit, Long Term Care (Oregon State Hospital) or recommend discharge from commitment. Additionally, staff provide monitoring and supervision for patients accepted for Trial Visit, facilitate financial entitlements being in place, ensure least restrictive living environment, provide for client and community safety, and stabilize persons referred for involuntary commitment.

Program Justification

This program links directly to the Basic Living Needs Priority, by ensuring adequacy and appropriateness of treatment resources and protection of legal and civil rights for the most vulnerable of the severe and persistently mentally ill, consumers who are involuntarily committed. Staff facilitates movement of hospitalized, mentally ill patients into the community. This program fits into the Poverty Elimination by providing linkages to needed social services.

These services provide the resource connections necessary for persons with severe and persistent mental illness to function as part of the larger community. Staff addresses the psychiatric stability of the patient and the community resources needed for successful community placement. Staff facilitates client access to State and Federal benefits. Access to behavioral and physical health care and social services is provided. Staff provide the bridge to comprehensive community supports and services that lead to, and maintain, stable, affordable housing linking directly to the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The goal is to decrease client use of crisis and inpatient psychiatric services. The program solicits and encourages the involvement of families/caregivers in this process.

Performance Measures

Number of committed patients monitored
Number of Trial Visits
Number of committed patients diverted from Oregon State Hospital

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

Committed clients in local acute care hospital psychiatric beds was 276 last year.
Committed client episodes at Oregon State Hospital campuses last year was 230.
The number of Trial Visits in the community last year was 22.

This year we expect to increase number of Trial Visits from 22 to 62, ensuring an earlier discharge from a psychiatric facility.

Increase number of Multnomah County committed patients on the Oregon State Hospital waitlist and in local acute care psychiatric beds, discharged to lower levels of care by 42.

In FY 2004 Commitment Monitors provided treatment monitoring services to 276 committed patients in local acute care psychiatric beds, 22 Trial Visits in the community, and oversaw treatment progress and readiness for discharge from commitment for 230 Oregon State Hospital episodes.

Due to increased Trial Visit capacity we project an increase in the number of Multnomah County residents in acute care hospital psychiatric beds and on the Oregon State Hospital waitlist who will be discharged to lower levels of care. The number of Multnomah County residents discharged from Oregon State Hospital will increase by a minimum of 15. The number of Multnomah County residents in local acute care psychiatric beds, awaiting placement at Oregon State Hospital, who are discharged to a lower level of care will increase by a minimum of 42.

Program Mandate: 1 Mandated Program & Funding Level

ORS 426.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$94,390	\$443,503	\$89,297	\$539,863
Contracts	\$0	\$236,592	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$14,175	\$0	\$12,228
Internal Services	\$0	\$51,103	\$5,093	\$65,684
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$94,390	\$745,373	\$94,390	\$617,775
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$5,767	\$16,321
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$16,494	\$18,939
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$22,261	\$35,260
Total GF/non-GF:	\$94,390	\$745,373	\$116,651	\$653,035
Program Total:	\$839,763		\$769,686	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	6.80
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$745,374	\$0	\$617,775
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,260
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$745,374	\$0	\$653,035

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded by State Mental Health Grant for \$617,775 and County General for \$94,390.

Significant Program Changes

Funding from State of Oregon provided for the addition of two Trial Visit Monitors, increasing the number of community trial visits provided by a minimum of 40 per year. This increase in trial visits will nearly triple the number of consumers receiving Trial Visit Services, which facilitates return to the community from acute care and State Hospital beds.