

#### Program # 25100 - MH Hospital Waitlist

**Priority:** Safety Net Services Lead Agency: Program Offer Type: **Existing Operating Program Contact: Related Programs:** 25046, 25055, 25056, 25062 Frameworks: Poverty Framework, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness

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### Executive Summary

Project provides supported housing, skills training so clients can live more independently, assists clients in transition from acute care and Oregon State Hospital to lower levels of community care, assists hospital Emergency Departments divert clients from hospitalization, and increases discharges from the Oregon State Hospital campuses and their waitlists.

### **Program Description**

Program provides start up funds for a 48 bed, supported housing program, with funding for skills trainers to teach clients skills needed for more independent living and long term stability. Program provides comprehensive community supports and services such as intensive case management to engage with clients and support their return to the community within this supported housing program, and for patients discharging from Oregon State Hospital, Telecare Recovery Program and acute care hospital psychiatric beds. These vulnerable clients have been identified as high utilizers of inpatient services and criminal justice resources. Program also increases the ability of local mental health community outreach team to respond to local hospital Emergency Departments, to assist with facilitating safe diversions from hospitalization where appropriate. This program is primarily State funded.

### **Program Justification**

All elements of this program link directly to the Basic Living Needs Priority, the Poverty Framework and 10-year Plan to End Homelessness, by ensuring adequacy and appropriateness of crisis, treatment, and housing needs for those mentally ill consumers who cannot meet their basic needs. Case Managers and discharge staff facilitates discharge of hospitalized, mentally ill patients into the community, increasing client independence and freeing up limited resources. Emergency Liaison staff decreases unnecessary hospitalization of mentally ill clients in limited, acute care hospital, psychiatric beds. There are links to the Safety Team priority by providing for client and community safety, through staff monitoring of clients mental and physical health.

Program provides additional residential and staffing resources to assist in providing housing and staff that assist in providing support to the most vulnerable of the severe and persistently mentally ill. The addition of supported housing beds, with wrap around assertive case management services, creates stable, affordable housing for severe and persistently mentally ill clients, increasing probability that clients will be connected to behavioral and physical health care and other needed social services to decrease client use of crisis and inpatient psychiatric resources. These staff advocate and facilitate the education and involvement of family and caregivers. Increased staff capacity of community outreach team increases ability of County mental health system to be readily available and accessible in crisis situations, as well as decreasing the number of clients hospitalized, who can be safely stabilized in the community.

# Performance Measures

Increase total community residential bed capacity in Multnomah County by 30 new beds, making additional space available for State hospital discharges.

Increase total clients diverted from hospitalization through Emergency Liaison diversion to include current volume plus 65 additional clients.

Increase total Multhomah County residents discharged from Oregon State Hospital annually by 15 people. Increase total committed Multnomah County residents waiting to get into Oregon State Hospital while in other acute hospitals that are discharged to lower level of care in the community by 42 additional clients.

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

This project began operation in October 2004. All program results not yet available.

339 new beds were added to the total community residential bed capacity in Multhomah County in fiscal year 2004. The total beds this year is expected to increase to 369.

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

These funds were given to us by the State for the specific purpose of reducing the waitlist for the State hospitals.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$390,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$390,000
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$3,158	\$8,938
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$9,033	\$10,371
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$12,191	\$19,309
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$12,191	\$409,309
Program Total:	\$0		\$421,500	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$390,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,309
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$409,309

# **Explanation of Revenues**

Almost entirely funded by the State.

### Significant Program Changes

This is a new project designed specifically to lower the number of Multnomah County residents in Oregon State Hospital, decrease the number of Multnomah County residents in local, acute care hospital beds on the waitlist for long term care at Oregon State Hospital and to increase supported housing and case management services in order to provide supports necessary for the severe and persistently mentally ill to live in the community.