

Priority:	Safety Net Services	Lead Agency:	County Human
Program Offer Type:	New Program	Program Contact:	Nancy Winters
Related Programs:	25101A, 25101C		
Frameworks:	School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework, Poverty Framework, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness		

Executive Summary

Mental health services should be provided within the context of an individual's life. For communities of color, a provider agency that is not culturally specific has only a limited ability to understand and serve clients of color. This program provides capacity building and treatment funds to culturally specific providers.

Program Description

Investment in culturally specific agencies to enhance infrastructure and create programming that will allow these contractors to maximize funding, including their Oregon Health Plan (OHP) billing capacity.

- This will increase the service access and use by communities of color. In addition, this will allow the agencies to use the infrastructure created to serve noninsured clients.
- Further, as these culturally specific agencies build capacity and programming, they will be able to access funds beyond OHP and Multnomah County, such as additional Federal monies and grants.
- Most importantly, these agencies will become competitive with the current mainstream providers. This could allow Multnomah County to contract with these culturally specific agencies as the primary providers. This would, ultimately mean that the entire system becomes more responsive to the actual demographics of the population of clients served by Multnomah County.

The RFP selection process will involve community participation. Resources provided will include funding, a loaned executive, and technical assistance.

Program Justification

For the past three years, Multnomah County has funded culturally specific providers within five communities of color: Native American/Alaskan, Asian American, African American, Latino, and Eastern European. The funds were provided so that agencies could build infrastructure and service capacity as well as increase their ability to secure mainstream mental health and addictions funding.

It has become clear that the current funding level is insufficient to allow funded culturally specific agencies to access the resources needed to serve the client population in need. These agencies are not able to grow enough to be competitive when compared to larger mainstream agencies.

There are two main needs. First, capturing the money available for those funded through the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). Second, accessing other funding sources to serve those who don't qualify for the OHP. This uninsured population represents a much higher percentage among communities of color.

Performance Measures

The performance measure is, for members of communities of color, the penetration rate of OHP members and non-insured clients receiving services. The "penetration rate" is the percentage of OHP enrolled members from a specific population who access and receive mental health services. When the penetration rate (usage) is compared to the percentage of enrolled members, we would expect an approximate match – thus telling us that the system serves communities of color at roughly the same rate as they are eligible to be served. Over time, the data shows that we are out of alignment – that people of color are not accessing services and engaged in the treatment for which they are eligible through OHP. For those who are not covered by the OHP, the penetration rate issues relate to the general population and show the same result. The treatment needs of communities of color are not adequately addressed.

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

New program, thus no results from last year.
Next year's results will show an increase in the penetration rates as listed in the performance measures.

Program Mandate: 4 Program and Funding Level Choice

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$221,698	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$1,821,698	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$68,908	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$110,538	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$179,446	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$2,001,144	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$2,001,144	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

All County General Funds.

Significant Program Changes

New Program.