

Program # 40038 - Corrections Mental Health Treatment

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Priority:	Safety Net Services	Lead Agency:	Health Department
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	BURROW Gayle F
Related Programs:	40034A, 40035, 40036, 40037A		
Frameworks:	Poverty Framework		

Executive Summary

Program provides emergency and critical suicide assessment and intervention, psychiatric evaluation and medication management services, and links vulnerable incarcerated adults and juveniles with serious mental illnesses to community housing and treatment resources to prevent crises upon release. Providing these medically needed mental health services meets legal mandates and addresses critical safety, liability, and criminal justice needs.

Program Description

Program provides:

- 1) Screening for emergency mental health problems: Includes suicidal risk, psychosis, and substance abuse. Identifies inmates on psychiatric medications.
- 2) Crisis intervention services: Includes suicide assessment and on-going suicide checks.
- 3) Psychiatric evaluations: Includes prescription and monitoring of psychiatric medications.
- 4) Communication and coordination with community agencies: Assure the most vulnerable inmates with serious mental illnesses access to community treatment, housing, and financial resources to prevent health, housing and economic crises upon release.
- 5) Partnerships: Collaborates with the Sheriff's Office, Community Justice, the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, County Human Services, local community mental health treatment agencies, housing agencies, County Public Health clinics and other resources to address the medical, psychiatric, behavioral and legal needs of inmates.

Program Justification

- 1) Medically needed mental health treatment is legally mandated.
- 2) Protects the community by reducing liability risks to resources.
- 3) Program decreases the need for inpatient psychiatric treatment in local hospitals.
- 4) Provides mental health treatment critical for inmates to participate in their own defense.

Performance Measures

- A. 100% incarcerated people are screened for mental illness and substance abuse.
- B. 99% of inmates on suicide watch are evaluated daily by mental health staff.
- C. 95% of inmates with severe mental illness receive psychiatric evaluation and medications.

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

FY 04:

- A. All inmates were screened (100%). (40,000+ screened FY04)
- B. Mental health staff evaluated 96% of inmates on suicide watch (2,000 evaluations this year).
- C. 90% of inmates with severe mental illness received psychiatric evaluation and medications (10,000+ RN screenings; 3,000 psychiatric assessments).

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

The right to mental health care in jail or detention is legally mandated under Federal and State law. When an individual is arrested and detained, the obligation for mental health care falls upon the government as a matter of constitutional law, enforceable under the U.S. Constitution's 8th Amendment and the 5th and 14th Amendments' due process clauses. Failure to provide mental health care amounts to deliberate indifference to serious medical needs, for which the County is liable. State laws (ORS 169.076) further delineate standards for local correctional facilities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$897,049	\$0	\$1,202,849	\$0
Contracts	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$294,320	\$0	\$304,683	\$0
Internal Services	\$66,858	\$0	\$75,365	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,418,227	\$0	\$1,742,897	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$28,749	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$70,058	\$16,837
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$98,807	\$16,837
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,418,227	\$0	\$1,841,704	\$16,837
Program Total:	\$1,418,227		\$1,858,541	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	12.90	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$70,731	\$5,130
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$70,731	\$5,130

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Scope and level of services are expected to remain unchanged.

A net increase of 2.4 FTE in nursing staff in FY05 will continue into FY06, to meet the demands of increasing methamphetamine abuse in the community, increases in unruly incidents in the jails and juvenile detention, and increasing numbers of seriously mentally ill inmates.