

Program # 50006 - Adult Offender Mental Health Services

Priority:

Safety Existing Operating

Program Offer Type: Related Programs:

Frameworks:

Executive Summary

About 5% of the U.S. population has a serious mental illness, and yet 16% of the state prison and local jail population have this diagnosis. Some mentally ill people pose threats to the public. The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) provides funding for services to assist Parole and Probation Officers (POs) in keeping up to 200 adult mentally ill people each year stable and free from committing additional crimes.

Program Description

The purpose of the program is to assist POs to get the necessary mental health services for adult offenders. Most offenders access the traditional mental health services. However, there are some limited services that are key to public safety but are not available for this population without DCJ's assistance. This program provides its services through: 1) Mental Health Evaluation-only for offenders who cannot access regular evaluations fast enough, and pose a serious risk to the community. Evaluation workers work with POs to determine the best way to get the offender to comply with court orders. 2) Three contracted staff work with sixty offenders by getting them ready for community treatment. They help get emergency medical, food, shelter and clothing. 3) Ten residential beds of Dual Diagnosis Alcohol and Drug treatment for offenders who have not been successful in other treatment because of their mental health condition are located at the Residential Integrated Treatment Services (RITS) operated through Cascadia Behavioral Health.

Program Justification

Many of the offenders who repeatedly go to jail have mental illnesses. Almost 25% of jail bookings for the highest users of the jail are because of violations of supervision. Without these services, many mentally ill offenders would not be stabilized, may not comply with their court orders and would end up in jail on supervision violations and possibly new crimes. This program saves jail beds and contributes to a safer community through providing treatment. These services link to the Safety priorities by providing a continuum of social services, collaborating and coordinating to conserve resources, providing mental health treatment for offenders and hold offenders accountable.

Performance Measures

* Reduction in criminal activity is the primary measurement. Access to medical and mental health services, finding housing, having a stable income, being free of illegal drugs and abuse of alcohol all help a person be stable. This stability has a positive impact on mentally ill people's lives and increases the chance of living crime-free.

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

The RITS mental health/alcohol and drug treatment program is the only one of its kind in the country. Because it is still in a start-up mode (under five years), there are constantly program improvements. This year there will be an opportunity to review the programming and success of those people in treatment.

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Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Contracts	\$318,750	\$65,694	\$769,817	\$65,694
Materials & Supplies	\$17,749	\$0	\$17,749	\$0
Internal Services	\$26,382	\$8,145	\$59,461	\$8,402
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$362,881	\$73,839	\$847,027	\$74,096
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$46,356	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$102,041	\$27,131
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$148,397	\$27,131
Total GF/non-GF:	\$362,881	\$73,839	\$995,424	\$101,227
Program Total:	\$436,720		\$1,096,651	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$2,818	\$0	\$3,015	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$73,840	\$0	\$74,096
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$2,818	\$73,840	\$3,015	\$74,096

Explanation of Revenues

This budget is primarily general fund, also includes \$74,096 of State Department of Corrections funding. DOC funding will most likely be reduced for the new biennium.

Significant Program Changes

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