

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Lead Agency: Health Department
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Executive Summary

Corrections Health works collaboratively with the Health Department, Sheriff's Office, Police Department, U.S. Marshals, and all other State and Federal agencies to provide medical screening and care to approximately 45,000 individuals booked into the Justice Center each year.

Program Description

Corrections Health services in Reception (booking) fulfill a threefold purpose:

1. To identify and meet urgent health needs of those arrested.
2. To identify and meet known or identifiable health needs requiring medical intervention.
3. To identify and isolate individuals who appear potentially contagious or dangerous, thus protecting the health and safety of the clients, the staff, and the community.

Program Justification

The medical screening process at booking provides structured inquiry and observation by licensed medical personnel. It is designed to prevent newly arrived individuals who pose a risk to their own and others' health or safety from being admitted into the facility's general population, and to get them rapid medical care. This screening identifies potential emergency situations such as suicide, communicable diseases, trauma, mental instability, and complications from drug and alcohol withdrawal.

Deaths and adverse health outcomes in jail result in lawsuits against the county. Corrections Health community-based, accredited health care reduces the financial risk to the county.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Number of clients screened per year	42,700	44,300	44,300	45,000
Outcome	Number of clients with medical and/or mental health care needs per year	27,800	27,500	27,530	30,000
Quality	Number of clients identified with mental illness and/or drug & alcohol addiction	9,241	13,143	13,143	17,000
Efficiency	Number of health screenings by nurses per 8-hour shift	39	40	40	41

Performance Measure - Description

The trend over the past six years has been an increase in the number of people entering the system with serious medical, dental, or mental health care needs. Nurses complete health screenings on every person entering the jail for information about health history, active health problems, allergies, current prescriptions, and risk factors for suicide and drug and alcohol withdrawal.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The right to health care in jail is legally mandated under Federal and State law. When an individual is arrested and incarcerated, the obligation for health care falls upon the government as a matter of constitutional law, enforceable under the U.S. Constitution's 8th Amendment and the 14th Amendment's due process clause. Failure to provide health care amounts to deliberate indifference to serious medical needs. 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
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$78,938	\$0	\$654,307	\$0
Contracts	\$10,500	\$0	\$27,500	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$19,996	\$0	\$46,515	\$0
Internal Services	\$4,947	\$0	\$17,771	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$114,381	\$0	\$746,093	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$11,864	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$52,996	\$3,769
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$64,860	\$3,769
Total GF/non-GF:	\$114,381	\$0	\$810,953	\$3,769
Program Total:	\$114,381		\$814,722	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	5.60	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,769
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,769

Explanation of Revenues

No revenue is generated at booking.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #40034, Corrections Health-Detention Center
No changes from FY05-06.