

Priority: Safety

Lead Agency: Health Department

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Corrections Health services at the Donald E. Long Juvenile Detention Home (JDH) focus on evaluating and treating emergency and serious medical, dental, and mental health care needs for 40 youth from admission into detention until release to the community.

Program Description

Corrections Health takes care of mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse, pregnancy, STDs, chronic diseases, trauma, behavioral issues, and communicable diseases for youth in detention. These 40 beds at JDH house youth in various programs geared toward reducing their chances to re-offend. Nursing staff is on duty 8 hours a day, 7 days a week for medical evaluation and treatment, medication management, and to support custody behavioral plans. In addition, a mental health consultant is available 5 days a week, a medical provider 1 day a week, and an adolescent psychiatrist provides clinical care 8 hours a month. Corrections Health also services the health care needs of youth from Washington and Clackamas Counties housed at JDH.

Infrastructure for health care at JDH includes administration, medical, mental health, and office support services. Clinical services include medical and dental exam rooms, drug room, x-ray, lab, and other diagnostic and treatment supplies.

Program Justification

Partnerships and collaborations with the Department of Community Justice, custody staff, Morrison Center, mental health care coordinators, court counselors, parents, and community-based providers assure a model that promotes treating, educating, training, and working with youth to reduce re-offending. Healthy youth have a higher chance of learning to make better life decisions. With a dramatic increase in mentally ill youth over the past year, the focus must remain on identifying and stabilizing mental illness and reducing the risk of suicide. Multi-disciplinary treatment teams (custody and health staff) meet to assure serious needs for all youth are identified, a plan of care is developed and carried out, and that release plans are made.

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 admitted youth evaluated by a nurse per year	2,540	2,880	2,880	3,000
Outcome	Number of youth receiving a health appraisal within 7 days by a nurse per month	33	34	34	36
Quality	Percentage of youth on mental health medications	25%	55%	55%	70%
Efficiency	Average number of youth monitored on suicide watch each month to prevent deaths	10	10	10	14

Performance Measure - Description

The number of mentally ill youth in custody increased by approximately 50% in one year, due to a decline in state resources to treat mentally ill youth. Each youth entering the system must be evaluated by a nurse to identify health needs and set a plan of stabilization in place. Youth entering detention on medications must continue taking them, and new medications are started as needs are identified to provide optimum health. Evaluation for suicidality is critical with impulsive youth. Because of the high potential for suicide among youth, many clients at JDH are on suicide watch.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The right to health care in detention is legally mandated under Federal and State law. When a juvenile is arrested and detained, 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 5th and 14th Amendments' due process clauses. Failure to provide 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 juvenile detention facilities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$56,781	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$24,424	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$13,971	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$12,947	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$108,123	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$1,719	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$7,680	\$546
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$9,399	\$546
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$117,522	\$546
Program Total:	\$0		\$118,068	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$546
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$546

Explanation of Revenues

Youth covered by the Oregon Health Plan are billed for their care while in detention.

Beds rented to Washington and Clackamas Counties for their youth are subsidized annually.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #40035, Corrections Health -Donald E Long
No changes are planned for FY06-07.