

Program # 25063 - Mental Health Treatment and Medication for the Uninsured

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Priority: Basic Needs

Lead Agency: County Human Services

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs: 25055, 25064, 25065

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Seriously mentally ill individuals who cannot get outpatient treatment or medication because they are uninsured and ineligible for Oregon Health Plan are at risk of hospitalization. This program was created so uninsured individuals who are at immediate risk of hospitalization or are in need of mental health services to avoid hospitalization or who pose a hazard to the health and safety of themselves or others can get treatment necessary to remain in the community and avoid the need for crisis services.

Program Description

Mental health agencies under contract with Multnomah County are paid to serve uninsured individuals with severe mental illness with these funds. The goal of these programs is to stabilize acute and chronic symptoms, thereby preventing hospitalizations, homelessness, incarceration, addiction relapse, or the need for more restrictive and expensive treatment. Without this program, these vulnerable individuals would go without treatment or medication for their disorders and not have the necessary clinical or community supports to assist in their recovery from severe mental health symptoms. Payment for outpatient treatment is cost-effective, and an extremely important service that can prevent inpatient hospitalization for which the County is the payor of last resort. Because funds are limited, trained clinical staff in the Call Center review each request received from providers for either mental health services or medications. Each request is reviewed for clinical necessity, appropriate intensive services, and to ensure that the individual has no other insurance or funding source to pay for treatment. Services are provided on an outpatient basis and include individual and group therapy, intensive case management, housing assistance, medication management, dual diagnosis treatment, and care coordination. While an individual is in services through this program, he or she can be linked to other supports and resources.

Program Justification

This program links directly to the Basic Living Needs priority by ensuring that uninsured individuals who are seriously mentally ill have access to healthcare and medications necessary to remain stable and avoid a mental health crisis. The program provides support and case management to vulnerable individuals without resources. Assuming responsibility for providing resources for vulnerable individuals with no other means of support was the purpose for the creation of this program and aligns with a value expressed by the Basic Living Needs priority. This program fits the Poverty Elimination Framework by providing necessary social services and ensuring adequate mental health coverage.

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 | Total uninsured adults served/year | 1,147 | 1,150 | 1,150 | 1,220 |
| Outcome | Average emergency hold hospitalizations per uninsured adult served. (new) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |

Performance Measure - Description

Outcome is new measure FY07. Measure is 1.6 because decimal point is missing. Target uses the average of all hospitalizations per Verity adult member served FY05. The measure should not exceed the total Verity average per member. Only involuntary hospitalizations can be measured because Multnomah County does not pay for voluntary indigent hospitalization.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 |
| Contracts | \$2,037,976 | \$0 | \$2,037,976 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$2,037,976 | \$0 | \$2,037,976 | \$0 |
| Administration | \$0 | \$0 | \$79,987 | \$0 |
| Program Support | \$0 | \$0 | \$231,505 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$311,492 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$2,037,976 | \$0 | \$2,349,468 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$2,037,976 | | \$2,349,468 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25078, MH For Uninsured County Residents ITAX