

Priority: Safety

Lead Agency: Health Department

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs: 60021H

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Corrections Health services at the Detention Center (MCDC) for 2 dorms on the 8th floor. Providing 24-hour evaluation and treatment of emergency and serious medical, dental, and mental health care needs for 78 clients, including clients on suicide watch.

Program Description

Corrections Health staff is on site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergency response, evaluation and treatment, suicide prevention, isolation of patients with communicable diseases, stabilization of chronic disease conditions, medication management, high risk pregnancy, and drug and alcohol withdrawal. Nurses evaluate, treat, and educate clients. Mental health staff responds to crisis situations, conducts mental health evaluations, and makes plans for release. Referrals for clinical services include on-site medical and dental exam rooms, drug room, x-ray, lab, orthopedic and other diagnostic and treatment supplies.

Program Justification

Corrections Health works with the Health Department, Sheriff's Office, Corrections counselors, chaplains, courts, families, and outside care agencies to identify and stabilize health needs of clients. As illnesses are stabilized through intervention from medical, dental, and mental health staff, the clients are able to actively participate in educational programs and in their own legal proceedings, which helps decrease recidivism. Medical staff interfaces with all public safety entities along the continuum of incarceration. Identification of communicable diseases provides a safe environment for everyone working or living in the jail. Providing on-site health care helps protect the outside community by identifying and treating the dangerously mentally ill and those diagnosed with communicable diseases. In addition, stabilizing serious health conditions reduces high cost hospital care.

Deaths and adverse health outcomes in jail result in lawsuits against the county. Corrections Health community-based, accredited health care reduces 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 requests for health care evaluated by a nurse per month	150	162	162	203
Outcome	Number of clinic visits for medical, dental, and mental health care per month	93	96	96	118
Quality	Number of clients sent to the hospital by ambulance each year	8	12	12	16
Efficiency	Average number of clients each nurse cares for per shift (no added night nurses)	120	120	120	156

Performance Measure - Description

Access to care is assured by nurses evaluating health complaints in a timely and skilled manner. (see more detail in Significant Changes)

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	\$0	\$0	\$188,489	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$37,074	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$24,010	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$8,467	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$258,040	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$4,103	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$18,329	\$1,304
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$22,432	\$1,304
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$280,472	\$1,304
Program Total:	\$0		\$281,776	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.40	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Clients are charged a co-pay fee for the health care they receive in jail and they are billed for any health care received out of jail while still in custody. Health care cannot be denied for inability to pay.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

Cont from Performance Measure Description.

On-site clinical services are less costly than care in a doctor's office out of the jail. Up-to-date on-site clinics with diagnostic, x-ray, lab, and treatment equipment decrease costs and increases health outcomes.

Preventing emergencies is the goal of quality care. Having professional, licensed medical staff evaluating clients is key to proper treatment of illness.

Nurse to client ratio is based on multiple factors including physical plant, classification, length of stay, and type of housing (i.e., infirmary, male or female, disciplinary, general).