

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 40025A, 40026, 40027A, 40028A, 40058

Lead Agency: Health Department
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Program provides emergency and critical suicide assessment and intervention, psychiatric evaluation and medication management services, and links vulnerable incarcerated adults and juveniles with serious mental illnesses to community housing and treatment resources to prevent crises upon release. These services are provided within the context of all the other facility based Corrections Health program offers. This offer combined with all the other Corrections Health Offers, represent current service level. Providing these medically needed mental health services addresses critical safety, liability, and criminal justice needs.

Program Description

- 1) Screening for emergency mental health problems: Includes suicidal risk, psychosis, and substance abuse. Identifies inmates on psychiatric medications.
- 2) Crisis intervention services: Includes suicide assessment and on-going suicide checks.
- 3) Psychiatric evaluations: Includes prescription and monitoring of psychiatric medications.
- 4) Communication and coordination with community agencies: Assure the most vulnerable inmates with serious mental illnesses access to community treatment, housing, and financial resources to prevent health, housing and economic crises upon release.
- 5) Partnerships: Collaborates with the Sheriff's Office, Community Justice, the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, County Human Services, local community mental health treatment agencies, housing agencies, County Public Health clinics and other resources to address the medical, psychiatric, behavioral and legal needs of inmates.

Program Justification

- 1) Medically needed mental health treatment is legally mandated.
- 2) Protects the community by reducing liability risks to resources.
- 3) Program decreases the need for inpatient psychiatric treatment in local hospitals.
- 4) Provides mental health treatment critical for inmates to participate in their own defense.

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	% screened for mental illness and substance abuse	100%	100%	100%	100%
Outcome	Inmates with severe mental illness receive evaluation & medication	90%	95%	95%	95%

Performance Measure - Description

99% of inmates on suicide watch are evaluated daily by mental health staff. 95% of inmates with severe mental illness receive psychiatric evaluation and medications.

Summary FY 04-05:

44,000 inmates screened for mental health problems, 12,800 inmates with a mental health diagnosis, 200 clients with complex discharge plans, 400 people placed on suicide watch and monitored daily by mental health team, 9000 mental health nurse and consultant evaluations and 2600 mental health provider clinic visits. Multi-disciplinary mental health and custody teams meet regularly at MCDC and MCIJ to monitor the severely mentally ill through their incarceration and court process. Special Dorms 13 and 14 at MCIJ, house the mentally ill for stabilization and support for release into the community.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The right to mental health care in jail or detention is legally mandated under Federal and State law. When an individual is arrested and detained, the obligation for mental 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 mental health care amounts to deliberate indifference to serious medical needs, for which the County is liable.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$1,108,448	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$150,001	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$175,605	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$25,147	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$1,459,201	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$23,204	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$103,649	\$7,372
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$126,853	\$7,372
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$1,586,054	\$7,372
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,593,426	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	9.50	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	\$7,372
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,372

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: