

Program # 50062 - Addiction Services-Jail/Community Transition Program

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: New Program
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Joint Offer

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Executive Summary

Drug-addicted individuals with criminal backgrounds, often homeless and living chaotic lives, need ongoing support and services to change. Jail based treatment is difficult to maintain because of the "revolving door" of jail population cycles. It takes approximately two years for our nation's prison population to cycle once, while our jail population cycles 20-25 times during the same time period (O'Toole, 2002). Given the reality of shorter, uncertain incarceration periods, the opportunity for immersion into comprehensive treatment is relatively short. It is essential that services begin in the jail but are continued upon release. Two, two-person teams of DCJ community and MCSO jail transition counselors will collaborate to prepare and transition 100 addicts from the Inverness and Justice Center jails to the appropriate community-based treatment services. A small fund (\$100,000) is earmarked for housing vouchers, food, and other basic needs. When appropriate and available, clients will enroll in drug treatment already available through DCHS and DCJ contracted providers.

Program Description

The transition counselor teams will determine treatment needs and offenders' willingness to participate in community-based services. While offenders await access to treatment or other community services, transition counselors will teach them skills to resist drug-seeking and criminal behavior, using a variety of motivational techniques (individually and in groups) to keep offenders engaged. Individualized services will reflect an offender's experience with treatment in the past, criminality, and degree of motivation for change. Once an offender is strongly linked to community-based treatment, housing programs, parole/probation officers, case managers or other community supports, the offender will no longer be seen by the transition counselors. This "hand-off" is necessary so there is capacity to work with the next group of inmates being released from jail and needing community-based transition services. The MCSO jail transition counselors will work within the current program and facility structure at the two identified jails while the DCJ community transition counselors will work with offenders on probation or parole as well as unsupervised offenders. Both jail and community-based transition counselors will work with offenders individually or in group settings. An advisory committee comprised of criminal justice and drug/alcohol partners will assist leadership with implementation of this new cooperative program.

Program Justification

Belenko, Peugh, Califano, and Foster (1996) reported that one active substance abuser commits as many as 191 property and violent crimes per year. Since many drug addicts are incarcerated, it makes sense to use the time in jail to prepare people for a successful treatment experience upon release. A number of studies demonstrate reduced re-arrest and re-conviction rates and longer time to re-arrest for offenders participating in jail-based treatment activities (Peters and Matthews 2002). In the past, similar services offered within Multnomah County's jail system successfully placed over 50% of offenders in community-based treatment within the first month of release. This would be a unique collaboration between DCJ, County Addiction Services, MCSO, and community providers.

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 offenders served annually.	0	0	0	100
Outcome		0%	0%	0%	0%
Outcome	Percent of engaged clients who successfully complete treatment.	0%	0%	0%	50%
Outcome	Percent reduction in arrest 1 year pre/post treatment readiness	0%	0%	0%	50%

Performance Measure - Description

New measures.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$358,513	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$112,618	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$499,631	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$499,631	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$499,631	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	4.00	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: