

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25078B

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program supports delivery of culturally competent mental health treatment to 6,000 adults and children in five of the six traditionally underserved ethnic communities: African-Immigrant, African-American, Asian, Latino and Native American. These services are tailored to specific community needs and delivered in community-based settings. When these clients seek treatment earlier, they avoid possible mental health crisis and costly hospitalization. Purchasing 25078A & 25078B maintains current service level.

Program Description

Effective mental health services must be provided by culturally competent staff and be integrated with public health and other social services considered acceptable to the community. These programs are delivered by trusted organizations in the community they serve.

Different cultural communities have different service needs; the Asian and Latino communities are underserved based on data from the 2004 census estimate and the Client Process Monitoring System (CPMS) for mental health. From the same data the Native Americans and African Americans utilize more outpatient services, have a higher prevalence of severe mental illness and access higher levels of care.

Continued funding would provide the expansion of culturally appropriate mental health services. The funding would increase the capacity to secure other funding from Medicare and Medicaid to serve the communities that have access to these two different coverage plans.

Program Justification

This program offer links to the Basic Living Needs priorities by increasing access to culturally competent mental health treatment for individuals whose needs are not met by the existing provider system. The identified service gaps and barriers to getting mental health treatment are addressed by ensuring that culturally competent services and programs are adequately funded. If individuals perceive that the providers capable of providing these services understand their specific needs, then they will feel more comfortable about accessing treatment before they experience a mental health crisis that may require costly hospitalization. This program is aligned with the Poverty Elimination Framework, by providing adequate health care to underserved individuals and families. By providing competent and coordinated health services for children this program is also inclusive of the Early Childhood Framework.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Total Culturally Diverse Adults & Children Receiving Mental Health Services *1	6,455	4,000	6,000	6,000
Outcome	Culturally Specific Persons Served Per 1000 Culturally Diverse Population *2	45	21	44	45
Outcome	African American EHold Rate Per 1000 African American County Residents *3	8	6	8	7

Performance Measure - Description

*1 All persons receiving publicly funded mental health services are entered into State CPMS data regardless of payor. Total count served is taken from CPMS. This number increased significantly from last year's offer due to a change in calculation methodology for the number of clients served.

*2 Served Rate Per 1000 Calculation

Numerator: Total unduplicated culturally diverse individuals served

Denominator: Total county census for similar groups for 2005 taken from US Census Data.

*3 African Americans are involuntarily hospitalized five times more frequently than Asians or Latinos.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

This program was begun as a Multnomah County Board initiative.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Contracts	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,030,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,030,000	\$0
Administration	\$39,248	\$0	\$70,200	\$0
Program Support	\$113,596	\$0	\$168,601	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$152,844	\$0	\$238,801	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,152,844	\$0	\$1,268,801	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,152,844		\$1,268,801	
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: #25078A, Culturally Competent Mental Health Services

This Program Offer includes a 3% inflationary increase of \$30,000 over FY07 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.