

**Priority:** Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program **Program Contact:** Karl Brimmer  
**Related Programs:** 25078A

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

This program continues culturally competent mental health treatment to 600 adults and children in the Slavic/Eastern European community. This is one of six traditionally underserved ethnic communities: African-Immigrant, African-American, Asian, Slavic/Eastern European-Immigrant, Latino and Native American. These services are tailored to specific community needs, provided in the community by providers who understand their community. When individuals perceive that their service providers understand their specific needs, they access treatment before they experience a mental health crisis that may require costly hospitalization.

**Program Description**

This program continues the funding for culturally competent mental health treatment in the Slavic/Eastern European Community. The data indicates that traditionally under served cultural communities have different service needs. The Slavic/Eastern European Community is composed of many new immigrants to the United States, individuals speak multiple languages, have many different cultural traditions and often distrust authority including mainstream service providers. 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. It is difficult to assess prevalence of mental health issues in this community because statewide data systems do not break out Slavic/Eastern European persons from other white populations. The State required CPMS data does not ask for place of birth or language spoken at home.

**Program Justification**

This program offer links to the Basic Living Needs priorities by increasing access to culturally competent mental health treatment for members of the Slavic/Eastern European community 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	0	0	600	600
Outcome	Culturally Specific Persons Served Per 1000 Culturally Diverse Population *2	45	21	44	45

**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. \*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.  
 Numbers specific to Eastern Europeans could not be culled from overall data. Data from program providing services to this population was not available by the deadline for program offer submission.

## 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	\$0	\$0	\$77,250	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$77,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$77,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$77,250</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

This Program Offer includes a 3% inflationary increase of \$2,250.

## Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: