

Program # 40026A - Corrections Health-Mental Health Assessment at Booking & Court **Version 2/23/2007 s**

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Health Department
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Contact:** BURROW Gayle F
Related Programs: 40028, 60016A, 40045A
Program Characteristics: Joint Offer

Executive Summary

Part of a public safety continuum designed to assist in diverting and/or reducing the rate with which drug and alcohol addicted and/or mentally ill people are incarcerated. Corrections Health will work in partnership with Court Advocates in Dept. of County Human Services to provide valuable information to the courts regarding recently booked mentally ill or substance-addicted individuals. This offer is in response to the Mayor's Mental Health/Public Safety Action Plan developed in January 2007 and offered Jointly with the Department of County Human Services and is prepared in collaboration with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and Jail Advisory Committee.

Program Description

This pilot program will build off a model tested in Los Angeles County. A Psychiatric Nurse will complete an evaluation in booking as individuals enter the jail system. People identified in their initial health screening as mentally ill or substance-addicted will be referred to the Mental Health team and receive their evaluation for court immediately. The Psychiatric Nurse who performs the evaluation will meet with the Court Advocate to develop a report for the court. Mental health court advocates will assist the courts to move mentally ill offenders quickly from court and jail to treatment in the community. They will provide information to the court at arraignment and provide judges with information about mental illness and treatment options. They will link clients to treatment. They will coordinate their efforts with all parts of the justice and treatment systems. The court evaluation will contain valuable information for the in-jail health and mental health staff, probation officers and community care providers. The court report will create a link with the proposed in-jail discharge planners to prepare support in the community when the individual is released from court or custody.

Program Justification

Approximately 20% persons in the jail are mentally ill. These persons often spend longer in jail than necessary. The Justice system lacks an adequate and appropriate court reporting process for persons with mental illness and addictions. The courts need accurate information about their mental health needs and about treatment resources in order to move these persons quickly through the court system. Jail is not an appropriate place--clinically or financially--to treat these individuals. When they are in jail all of their mental health needs must be paid for by county general funds if they can be treated in the community, they are often covered by Medicaid funding. This offer would provide an appropriate level of staffing during the peak booking hours to accomplish this vital task. This program will contribute to the public safety continuums overall goal of providing treatment and care for this population in the community, while minimizing stays in jail and ultimately reducing recidivism. Furthermore, this offer addresses the Safety Priority team request for strategies that will, "treat drug/alcohol addition and mental health issues," by identifying and reporting mental health and addiction issues to the courts at arraignment, thereby creating the opportunity to divert mentally ill offenders to treatment as an alternative to incarceration.

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	Individuals evaluated by a mental health Nurse with MH/A&D problems.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%
Outcome		0	0	0	0
Quality	Increase in offenders connection to treatment	0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

A mental health nurse will evaluate as many individuals as possible who have problems identified in booking in the area of mental health and substance abuse.

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	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$144,615	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$420,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$564,915	\$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	\$564,915	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$564,915	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.40	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:

This is a new offer.