

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

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Adult Care Home Program ensures affordable quality care in a homelike, culturally appropriate setting to approximately 2,516 frail and vulnerable adults by licensing, training, monitoring and sanctioning home care providers. Without the care provided in these 560 homes, many residents would be placed in nursing homes. All homes are licensed under State law and County ordinance and offer 24 hour supervision and service.

Program Description

The program licenses adult care homes and ensures that vulnerable residents receive affordable care by training operators and monitoring the homes for quality and adherence to the Multnomah County Administrative Rules (MCAR's). Each individual living in an adult care home is to be treated respectfully and receive quality care. The program monitors and inspects homes to ensure that residents receive appropriate care, including personal care, nutrition, physical safety, nursing care and medication management. Monitors also observe interactions in the home ensuring residents are provided with social and recreational activities. When problems are found, this program takes corrective action. Frequent monitoring reduces the risk of abuse and neglect in these homes.

The program provides technical assistance to providers and enforces verbal/written sanctions or fines when there are serious deficits. All homes are licensed annually.

Program Justification

This program offer links directly to Basic Living Needs Priority strategies by ensuring care for seniors and people with disabilities and offering a care alternative that is affordable and prevents impoverishment.

Affordable Long Term Care Option: Adult Care Homes offer affordable, quality long-term care options for frail elderly and people with disabilities desiring to live in the community. Without this option many frail and elderly individuals would be placed in a more costly nursing home with an average statewide cost of \$5,862 per month. The average statewide monthly cost in an adult care home is \$1,312, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars every year and preventing poverty for private pay residents. Finally, without these homes the quality of life would be diminished for both Medicaid and private pay residents.

Access to Care: Adult Care Homes provide medication management, help with dressing, bathing and personal hygiene, nursing care, meal preparation, dining room and feeding assistance, daily housekeeping, laundry and organized activities.

Economic Development: Adult Care Homes are small businesses. The industry generates approximately \$25 million yearly in Multnomah County and employs about 1,500 people.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | Previous Year Actual (FY06-07) | Current Year Purchased (FY07-08) | Current Year Estimate (FY07-08) | Next Year Offer (FY08-09) |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | Number of Adult Care Homes licensed and inspected yearly | 560 | 560 | 565 | 565 |
| Outcome | Adult Care Homes found in compliance with MCAR's | 89.0% | 90.0% | 90.0% | 92.0% |
| Quality | Residents satisfied or very satisfied ¹ | 84.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 90.0% |
| Efficiency | Adult Care Home/Nursing Home cost efficiency ratio ² | 25.0% | 25.0% | 22.3% | 22.3% |

Performance Measure - Description

¹Collected by survey conducted every two years by Portland State University. Next survey will be fall of 2008. The satisfaction level is expected to improve as a result of increased staffing and additional operator training.

²Ratio = Adult Care Home cost as a % of Nursing Home cost. Lower % indicates better performance.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County has a contract with the State of Oregon to administer the licensing and training functions of Adult Care Homes. The Board of County Commissioners passed Multnomah County Resolution § 23.600 - § 23.999 establishing the Adult Care Home Program.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 |
| Program Expenses | | | | |
| Personnel | \$89,347 | \$787,533 | \$19,177 | \$1,016,507 |
| Contracts | \$21,153 | \$306,276 | \$29,970 | \$365,780 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$3,325 | \$22,332 | \$691 | \$33,849 |
| Internal Services | \$17,545 | \$144,495 | \$2,831 | \$183,644 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$131,370 | \$1,260,636 | \$52,669 | \$1,599,780 |
| Administration | \$9,219 | \$33,716 | \$1,795 | \$53,449 |
| Program Support | \$27,173 | \$22,664 | \$3,672 | \$52,404 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$36,392 | \$56,380 | \$5,467 | \$105,853 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$167,762 | \$1,317,016 | \$58,136 | \$1,705,633 |
| Program Total: | \$1,484,778 | | \$1,763,769 | |
| Program FTE | 1.12 | 9.88 | 0.24 | 12.76 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$17,439 | \$0 | \$20,449 | \$0 |
| Fees, Permits & Charges | \$0 | \$377,276 | \$0 | \$296,000 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$883,360 | \$0 | \$1,226,943 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$56,380 | \$0 | \$105,853 |
| Total Revenue: | \$17,439 | \$1,317,016 | \$20,449 | \$1,628,796 |

Explanation of Revenues

State allocated Medicaid; Program revenue through licensing fees, training fees and fines; County General Fund. These fees and fines are federally matched to draw down additional Medicaid funds to support the program at a match rate of 48% local to 52% federal.

Further, the Legislatively Approved Budget for the FY07-09 biennium provides Medicaid Equity for Area Agencies on Aging and Disability, funding local governments at 90% of State costs; it does not include funding for local cost differential requiring local match to continue at current service level.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25022A, ADS Adult Care Home Program

Medicaid Equity funding will enable the program to hire an additional Office Assistant 2 to provide support to Adult Care Home Program licensers and address new workload associated with the new FY08 fee structure. A budget modification is pending to add this new position.