

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25062, 25067

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Culturally Specific Mental Health Services program directs funding resources to communities that have in the past faced significant barriers to accessing appropriate mental health treatment. Community-based, culturally competent providers use these funds to expand access by delivering a full range of mental health services. This program offer serves over 6,900 individuals annually and includes the newly developed Gordly Center for Healing at Oregon Health Sciences University.

Program Description

This program offer funds mental health services for children and adults from five traditionally underserved communities: Eastern European, African-American, Asian-American, Latino-American, and Native American. Mental health issues are particularly pressing for several of these communities. For example, Client Process Monitoring System (CPMS) data suggests that members of the African-American and Native American communities are more likely to suffer from severe mental illnesses that require a higher level of care. African-Americans are four times more likely to be involuntarily placed in a hospital setting than members of other culturally specific groups.

Culturally specific services address mental health problems with early access to treatment, mitigating the potential need for expensive hospital, residential care, or crisis services as well as reducing the risk of inappropriate incarceration or homelessness.

The County contracts for culturally specific services with mental health providers that understand community norms and have established a relationship of trust with the ethnic communities they serve. These providers offer a wide variety of mental health services in a supportive and culturally competent setting. Services include clinical evaluation and assessment, case and crisis management, transition planning, medication management, and linkage to community support systems.

Program Justification

Culturally Specific Mental Health Services links to the Basic Living Needs priority by eliminating barriers to mental health treatment for underserved communities. The identified barriers are overcome by ensuring adequate funding for culturally competent programs. When individuals feel that providers are familiar with their culture they are more likely to access and engage in treatment which could prevent a mental health crisis later on. This program is aligned with the Poverty Elimination Framework by providing adequate healthcare to underserved individuals and families. By providing competent and coordinated healthcare services for children it is also aligned with the Early Childhood Framework.

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	Total Culturally Diverse Adults & Child Receiving Services *1	6,727	6,600	6,929	6,929
Outcome	Culturally Specific Persons Served per 1000 Culturally Diverse Population *2	35	45	36	36

Performance Measure - Description

*1 All person 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 2006 taken from US Census Data.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Contracts	\$1,230,000	\$0	\$1,266,900	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,230,000	\$0	\$1,266,900	\$0
Administration	\$70,200	\$0	\$96,704	\$0
Program Support	\$168,601	\$0	\$214,292	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$238,801	\$0	\$310,996	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,468,801	\$0	\$1,577,896	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,468,801		\$1,577,896	
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

100% County General Funds

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25078A, Culturally Specific Mental Health Services

This program offer combines two FY08 program offers:

25078A Culturally Specific Mental Health Services

25079B African American Specific Mental Health Treatment

This Program Offer includes a 3% inflationary increase of \$36,900 over FY08 for the County General Fund portion of contracted client services.