

Priority: Accountability
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: Health Department
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Vital Records is a legislatively mandated, fee supported program that produces birth and death certificates in accordance with federal and state statutes to maintain the integrity and accuracy of birth and death information. The information is analyzed to provide essential public health information that is used to plan prevention and intervention activities for positive health outcomes. An example of a prevention function is assuring the communicable disease program has immediate access to birth records so that vaccines can be given to newborns to prevent them from acquiring Hepatitis B from their mother.

Program Description

Birth and Death Certification: Multnomah County is responsible for issuing birth and death certificates within the first six months after the birth or death, and within 24-hours of receipt of a request for certificate. Death certificates can be issued to family members, legal representatives, governmental agencies, or to the person or agency with personal or property rights. Birth records can be released to immediate family including grandparents, parents, brothers/sisters, legal representatives or governmental agencies. Employees working in this program must be registered with the state to assure competency.

Program Justification

The Vital Records Program addresses the Accountability strategy of providing reliable information for decision-making in public health. Populations at risk for poor health outcomes are identified for the provision of proactive interventions. For example: Infants of Hepatitis B carrier mothers receive 3 immunization vaccines in the first six months of life. Prevention of Hepatitis B is critical as Hepatitis B infected individuals have a 30% lifetime risk of liver cancer. Mothers transmitting Perinatal Hepatitis B to their infants are decreasing in Oregon as early immunization of infants occurs. Vital Records assures accurate, timely and confidential registration of birth and death events minimizing the opportunity for identity theft and assuring accurate record of cause of death and the identification of parents of the born child.

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 birth and death certificates issued	39,059	37,990	39,200	37,216
Outcome	Number of infants who receive Hepatitis B Vaccine at birth	61	58	62	62
Efficiency	Average number of days to issue error free certificate	1	1	1	1

Performance Measure - Description

Infants of Hepatitis B carrier mothers immunized: Infants need to receive 3 vaccines in the first six months of life. Outcome: Prevention of Hepatitis B is critical as Hepatitis B infected individuals have a 30% lifetime risk of liver cancer. Note: * Outcome measure revised from 2007 from completion of series, to vaccine given immediately after birth to more closely reflect Vital Records function.

Certificates issued: measures program volume. Oregon State Health Division will also be offering birth certification as an improved service resulting in a reduction of birth certificate projections.

Quality measure (percent of certificates requiring edits) was eliminated due implementation of electronic birth and death records.

Days to issue: Measures rapidity of issuance process. The 24 hours from receipt to issuance is a mandatory timeframe.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Legal mandates are ORS 97, 146, 432; OAR 830 and 333.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2008	2008	2009	2009
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$15,992	\$522,156	\$34,955	\$481,425
Contracts	\$0	\$13,320	\$831	\$289
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$11,839	\$7,200	\$14,870
Internal Services	\$0	\$37,685	\$0	\$78,416
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$15,992	\$585,000	\$42,986	\$575,000
Administration	\$6,250	\$0	\$8,869	\$0
Program Support	\$39,292	\$24,927	\$61,300	\$34,539
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$45,542	\$24,927	\$70,169	\$34,539
Total GF/non-GF:	\$61,534	\$609,927	\$113,155	\$609,539
Program Total:	\$671,461		\$722,694	
Program FTE	0.20	4.44	0.40	5.95
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$33,427	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$585,000	\$0	\$575,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$24,927	\$0	\$34,539
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$609,927	\$33,427	\$609,539

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was:

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