

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50029, 50030, 50032
Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

While 5% of the U.S. population has a serious mental illness, 16% of people in the criminal justice system have this illness. In Oregon prisons, approximately 20% of all inmates have severe mental illness. This is an increase from 11.8% in 1999. Some mentally ill people pose threats to the public while others have unmet needs which bring them into the criminal justice system. The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) provides funding for services to assist Parole/Probation Officers (PPOs) to keep up to 200 adult mentally ill offenders annually stable and free from recidivating.

Program Description

Mental Health Services (MHS) helps PPOs access necessary mental health services for adult offenders. Most offenders access the traditional services. However, there are some limited services, key to public safety, which are not available to this population without DCJ assistance.

MHS provides services through: 1) Mental Health Evaluation (only for offenders who cannot access an evaluations fast enough and/or pose a serious risk to the community), including evaluation workers who work with PPOs to determine the best way to achieve offender compliance with court orders. 2) Three contracted staff work with 60 offenders to prepare them for community treatment. These workers help get emergency medical care, food, shelter and clothing. 3) Fifteen residential beds of Dual Diagnosis substance abuse treatment at the Residential Integrated Treatment Services (RITS), operated by Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, for offenders who have not been successful in alternate treatment modalities.

Program Justification

This program links to the safety priority by providing treatment to high and medium-risk offenders who are largely unable to access these services. MHS provides a continuum of social services, collaborates and coordinates to conserve community resources, provides mental health treatment for offenders and reduces their risk to re-offend. DCJ and the major contractor of services meet monthly to ensure the needs of clients and staff are met. Many of the offenders who are repeatedly incarcerated have mental health illnesses.

Without these services, many of these offenders would not be stabilized, may not comply with their court orders and would return to jail on supervision violations and/or possibly new crimes.

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	Average number of offenders supervised monthly.	161	225	200	200
Outcome	Percent of participants who did not recidivate within one year of program exit.	69.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%
Outcome	Percent of offenders admitted to housing that is safe and stable upon exit.	57.0%	55.0%	60.0%	60.0%
Output	Percent of offenders that are moving toward self-sufficiency.	89.0%	77.0%	80.0%	85.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Average number of offenders supervised based on case management data. Housing and self-sufficiency measure based on data gathered through Cascadia residential housing exit forms.

Recidivism is a measure of re-arrests within one year post successful program exit.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 423.478 requires "counties, in partnership with the department (of Corrections) shall assume responsibility for community-based supervision, sanctions, and services for offenders convicted of felonies who are: (a) On parole; (b) On probation; (c) On post-prison supervision". Counties may opt out of community supervision, but only if State funding falls below baseline; currently it does not.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Contracts	\$1,133,819	\$0	\$1,180,308	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$17,749	\$0	\$17,749	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,151,568	\$0	\$1,198,057	\$0
Administration	\$66,272	\$0	\$62,503	\$0
Program Support	\$140,057	\$35,788	\$147,700	\$33,467
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$206,329	\$35,788	\$210,203	\$33,467
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,357,897	\$35,788	\$1,408,260	\$33,467
Program Total:	\$1,393,685		\$1,441,727	
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

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50043, Adult Offender Mental Health Services