

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25080B

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The treatment continuum consists of: outpatient addictions treatment including various counseling options, medication management and relapse prevention; residential treatment,(intensive addictions services in a 24 hour setting); community recovery (aftercare services for clients learning to live sober); and a specialized program for severely addicted & multi-diagnosed, homeless clients. The continuum will serve about 2,500 clients next year, down from about 5,500 in past years. Research shows that Oregon taxpayers save \$5.60 for every treatment dollar spent. Operating the system at its current capacity will require purchasing this offer and 25080B.

Program Description

The overall goal of addiction treatment is to have as many clients as possible successfully complete treatment and maintain sobriety. (average successful completion statewide is about 50%). Services are delivered throughout Multnomah County by a network of state-licensed providers. These providers are culturally competent and many have multilingual staff. Outpatient treatment allows a client to work, go to school, attend job training, socialize, and otherwise carry on a normal life. Residential treatment provides intensive services in a 24/7 setting with clients living in the treatment center during their course of treatment, usually for two to six months. Clients needing this level of care often have multiple failures in outpatient treatment, usually related to the severity and length of their addiction, as well as risk factors like chronic unemployment and housing problems.

Treatment helps clients shift from ambivalence and denial about their addiction to acceptance and incentive to change. Clients address issues that are barriers to recovery, and develop strategies and skills to overcome them.

Providers also address the self sufficiency needs of each client through help with: parenting skills; stress and anger management; housing issues; independent living skills; referrals for physical and mental health issues; linkages to employment services; and recreation and healthy use of leisure time.

Community recovery programming provides a variety of sober social support activities for clients and their families, utilizing a community sited 'clubhouse' model.

Program Justification

This program promotes healthy behaviors and links directly to the Basic Needs Priority by offering access to addictions treatment that addresses the negative consequences of the use of alcohol and other drugs. Successful completion of treatment has been repeatedly shown to help move people toward greater self-sufficiency by increasing their employability/income and reducing their criminal activities. This program moves a vulnerable population away from a cycle of chronic problems and crises toward greater self-sufficiency in obtaining permanent housing, increased income, adequate food, and health care. It further assists the greater economy, as research has shown a savings of \$5.60 to Oregon taxpayers for every treatment dollar spent. It also links to the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness by influencing employment and earnings.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	Number served in treatment	5,800	4,500	5,500	2,500
Outcome	Successful completions in treatment ¹	60.0%	65.0%	60.0%	60.0%

Performance Measure - Description

¹ 'Successful completion of treatment' is defined as achieving at least 2/3 of treatment plan goals and having 30 days sobriety.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Because Multnomah County accepts the State Mental Health Grant, we are obligated to spend funds in accordance with regulations regarding State Service Elements (i.e. Service Element A D 61 is Adult Alcohol & Drug Residential Treatment Services and Service Element A-D 66 is Continuum of Care Services). Also, State Local 2145 Beer and Wine tax revenues are provided to counties on a dedicated formula basis and are restricted to alcohol and drug services.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2009	2009	2010	2010
Contracts	\$2,554,840	\$1,665,776	\$2,554,874	\$2,388,117
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$2,554,840	\$1,665,776	\$2,554,874	\$2,388,117
Administration	\$209,338	\$202,899	\$223,697	\$195,288
Program Support	\$463,885	\$87,205	\$491,082	\$23,763
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$673,223	\$290,104	\$714,779	\$219,051
Total GF/non-GF:	\$3,228,063	\$1,955,880	\$3,269,653	\$2,607,168
Program Total:	\$5,183,943		\$5,876,821	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,665,776	\$0	\$2,388,117
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$1,665,776	\$0	\$2,388,117

Explanation of Revenues

Local Beer & Wine Tax - \$156,383
 State Mental Health Grant Drug Residential Care - \$301,563
 State Mental Health Grant Continuum of Care - \$878,971
 State Mental Health Grant Res Capacity Svcs - \$1,051,200
 County General Fund - \$2,554,874

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #25080, Adult Addictions Treatment Continuum

This continuum of care program offer is purchasing only about 40% of the services purchased last year, and serving about 40% of the clients served, due to cuts in the Governor's Budget. Most of the reduction was to residential services and to intensive outpatient services for DHS involved parents.