

Priority: Basic Needs

Lead Agency: Health Department

Program Offer Type: Support

Program Contact: BELCOURT Joy

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Prescription drugs for uninsured mentally ill primary care clinic clients and laboratory services trimmed to meet revenue constraints.

Program Description

This funding will help Health Department Pharmacies dispense medications to uninsured mentally ill clients. The numbers of uninsured mentally ill clients coming to our clinics continues to grow. They have limited options for purchasing their prescription medications to keep them well and stable in the community. Without their medications many risk incarceration or hospitalization. Psychiatric medications are generally expensive ranging from \$50 to over \$800 for a 30 day supply. A commonly prescribed medication costs \$250 for a 30 day supply. We strive to get these clients signed up for a manufacturer's assistance program but generally this takes 60 days before these medications are received. This funding provides the medication during this gap. As is often the case, medication types or doses need to be changed, which requires reapplication and each new prescription must requires reapplication every 3-12 months, all of this results in on-going gaps in prescription coverage.

Program Justification

This program will help keep uninsured clients on their medications and avoid the physical and mental trauma and risk associated with stopping and starting their treatment. Uninsured Clients who maintain their prescription coverage are less likely to end up in inappropriate and more expensive settings like jail and involuntary hospital commitments, both of which are costs absorbed by the County.

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 of clients who receive Rx while awaiting Rx assistance	0	0	0	400
Outcome		0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2009	2009	2010	2010
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$137,325	\$137,174
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,826
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$137,325	\$150,000
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$137,325	\$150,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$287,325	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$9,095	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$9,095	\$150,000

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

Originally this program offer was General Fund "out of target". Other funds were identified to cover the cost for FY 2010.