

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating

**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Commitment Services includes Emergency Psychiatric Holds (E-Holds), Involuntary Commitment Program (ICP), Commitment Monitors, and the State Hospital Waitlist Reduction Program (WLRP). The county is the payor of last resort for indigent E-Holds and ICP staff are required to investigate and determine whether individuals on an E-Hold present a risk of harm to themselves or others and if a court hearing should be recommended. Provision of commitment monitors is a requirement of the county as the Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA). In FY09 ICP, investigated 1,103 E-Holds for indigent residents and 4,491 total holds; commitment staff monitored 489 patients and 116 trial visits.

**Program Description**

Commitment Services is comprised of several distinct, yet interconnected services:

**Involuntary Commitment Program:** An E-Hold places an individual in a hospital while ICP staff investigate the individual's mental health status to determine whether to recommend civil commitment in Circuit Court. ICP staff determine the need for a pre-commitment hearing. When staff recommend a hearing, ORS 426.110-120 requires that a court examiner make an independent recommendation to the Judge.

**Emergency Hold:** When an individual is placed on an E-Hold and cannot pay for the hospital stay, ORS 426 requires that the county provide these services. The county is required to provide commitment monitoring services.

**Commitment Monitors:** Staff in this unit assess committed individuals to determine whether they continue to meet commitment criteria, work with hospital staff to develop treatment and discharge plans, and make recommendations on continued hospitalization. Commitment monitors perform monitoring services during trial visits to the community, facilitate financial and medical entitlements, and ensure that individuals transition into the most appropriate level of community care.

**State Hospital Waitlist Reduction Program (WLRP):** Staff provide Intensive Case Management (ICM) for patients discharging from the state hospital and acute care hospitals, and provides funding for four Emergency Department Liaisons. ICM and transition planning prevent relapses into hospital care and reduce the County's burden as the payor of last resort. ICM staff provide connection with resources and assistance in obtaining housing, access to health care, social services, and outpatient mental health services. These services address the needs of mentally ill county residents at the highest level of care. Services provide care and service coordination, ensure adequacy and appropriateness of resources and provide protection of legal and civil rights.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY08-09)	Current Year Purchased (FY09-10)	Current Year Estimate (FY09-10)	Next Year Offer (FY10-11)
Output	# of E-Holds for indigent County residents <sup>1</sup>	1,103	1,270	1,100	1,100
Outcome	% of total E-Holds that went to Court hearing <sup>2</sup>	6.7%	6.5%	7.4%	7.4%
Output	# of commitments monitored	605	600	750	750
Outcome	% of total E-Holds with a hearing that result in commitment <sup>3</sup>	71.0%	60.0%	73.0%	73.0%

**Performance Measure - Description**

<sup>1</sup> Indigent E-Holds are a subset of the total number (4,491) of holds in Multnomah County.

<sup>2</sup> Outcomes measure staff effectiveness in applying ORS 426

<sup>3</sup> This measure is the percentage of E-Hold Court hearings that result in a commitment. This percentage is increasing as staff acclimate referrals to the increased conservativeness of the Circuit Court and State Appellate Court in interpreting ORS 426.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

ORS 426.005 to 426.415

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2010	2010	2011	2011
Personnel	\$725,377	\$1,985,097	\$898,489	\$2,056,968
Contracts	\$316,015	\$1,672,724	\$200,000	\$2,098,071
Materials & Supplies	\$10,252	\$40,790	\$0	\$51,950
Internal Services	\$147,701	\$141,452	\$0	\$370,101
<b>Total GF/non-GF:</b>	<b>\$1,199,345</b>	<b>\$3,840,063</b>	<b>\$1,098,489</b>	<b>\$4,577,090</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$5,039,408</b>		<b>\$5,675,579</b>	
Program FTE	8.40	20.90	9.00	20.30
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,686,567	\$0	\$4,577,090
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,686,567</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,577,090</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

\$523,028 - State Mental Health Grant Non Residential, and \$2,703,598 - State Mental Health Grant Regional Acute Inpatient Facility; \$1,350,464 - State Mental Health Grant Community Crisis Services: All Based on FY09-11 projected State Biennial Budget  
 \$1,098,489 - County General Fund

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last year this program was:** #25058A, MH Commitment Services

Last year, this program was: #25058A,B,C,& D, MH Commitment Services to accomodate potential budget cuts.