

Lead Agency: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Support

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Office of the Tri-County Health Officer provides public health physician consultation, technical direction, and leadership to health department administrators, program staff and community partners. This cooperative effort of the metro-county health departments is intended to improve the consistency and quality of public health services in the three counties, increase learning and collaboration across the counties, and improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of health officer services.

Program Description

The Tri-County Health Officer Program (TCHO) provides medical consultation, technical counsel, and leadership by three public health physicians to Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington County Health Departments and their respective community partners. Historically, each of the three counties employed or contracted with an individual to serve as County Health Officer. Through IGA's with Clackamas and Washington county health departments, the TCHO is better able to provide high quality health officer services, and to utilize the departments' relatively small amount of public health physician resources effectively and efficiently. In Multnomah County for example, the TCHO: (1) participates in enforcement of public health laws; (2) supervises select public health programs; (3) works with department staff, other county agencies, and community groups to manage critical public health problems; and, (4) participates in department administration.

The program supports Multnomah County Health Department goals (i.e. goal #3) by providing effective and accountable local public health practice leadership and medical direction that result in quality clinical and health promotion programs. In the current fiscal year, through the joint efforts of the TCHO, health officer program staff were able to address, provide leadership, and advise county and department administration on the H1N1 influenza response from April to December, 2009.

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	Contract deliverables are met by the end of fiscal year.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	85.0%
Outcome	County stakeholders express satisfaction in program delivery and results.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

The TCHO program assures completion of agreed-upon deliverables. Contract deliverables for FY11 will be negotiated and finalized by July 1, 2010. These will provide guidance for work priorities and program activities.

Satisfaction of key customers with Health Officer services is a critical measure of program success. Survey of key stakeholders in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties will be conducted at midyear and at the end of the fiscal year. Success will be judged by the percentage of survey scores that meet or exceed 4 (on a scale of 1-5).

Additionally, the Regional Health System Emergency Preparedness will meet State IGA requirements, and accomplish critical preparedness objectives specified by state and federal funders.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 431.418 requires counties to employ or contract with a physician to serve as County Health Officer. IGAs with Clackamas and Washington counties specify Health Officer services that Multnomah County is required to provide, as well as expected outcomes and evaluation measures.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2010	2010	2011	2011
Personnel	\$212,807	\$300,903	\$245,925	\$304,665
Contracts	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$3,775	\$3,500	\$5,025	\$4,806
Internal Services	\$15,140	\$39,733	\$31,888	\$38,047
Total GF/non-GF:	\$234,722	\$344,136	\$285,838	\$347,518
Program Total:	\$578,858		\$633,356	
Program FTE	0.92	1.90	1.00	1.90
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$21,068	\$0	\$20,666	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$347,518	\$0	\$347,518
Total Revenue:	\$21,068	\$347,518	\$20,666	\$347,518

Explanation of Revenues

Clackamas and Washington counties meet their ORS 431.418 requirements for health officer services through IGAs with Multnomah County. These IGAs are revenue agreements. Contractual revenues cover the full cost to provide services to Clackamas and Washington counties. Multnomah County General Funds cover the cost to provide services in Multnomah County.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #40002, Health Officer

For two years Tri-County Health Officer partially paid out of grant funding in 40005. Moved back to 40002 when grant ended.