

Lead Agency: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Corrections Health Multnomah County Detention Center houses 448 adults and is composed of booking, 4th floor special housing, mental health housing and 3 floors of discipline and evaluation housing. Over 170 USM detainees are housed in the system daily. Providing health care to detained individuals is the responsibility of Corrections Health. From first entering the jail through booking until release or transfer to another jail, prison or USM service, trained and skilled Corrections Health personnel provide effective screening, illness identification, evaluation and treatment through a system of policies and procedures that reflect the standard of care in the community and equal to other correctional facilities across the country. Over 35,000 individuals are cared for each year with over 60% having serious unstable and chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, kidney failure, infections, alcohol and drug withdrawal and major mental /behavioral illnesses.

Program Description

Corrections Health provides a variety of health services to all 4 housing floors at MDCD. Approximately 400 detainees are housed in classification (new jail housing), female, male, close custody and mental health housing modules. Ninety-six rooms are designated for those with mental health diagnosis and cared for by a team of mental health nurses, consultants and providers for diagnosis and treatment plans. Early identification, evaluation and treatment provide safety for clients, especially for suicide prevention. A variety of treatments, such as managing alcohol and drug withdrawal, evaluating chronic diseases, preventing the spread of communicable diseases, medication management and emergency response are provided efficiently by 24/7 staff. This health care is delivered effectively through providing the right care in the right setting.

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	Average # of inmate medical requests for care evaluated by nurse monthly	726	752	720	745
Outcome	Avg suicide watches per month to prevent successful suicides	33	24	38	39

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

From the US Supreme Court to the Oregon State Revised Statutes, necessary health care for incarcerated individuals is a right because they have lost their freedom to obtain care on their own. Access to care, an evaluation by a health professional and a right to receive care that is ordered is mandated by the 4th, 8th and 14th amendments. When serious health needs are not addressed by professionals, deliberate indifference to medical needs bring harm to individuals entrusted to our care. Corrections Health is bound by ethical standards to provide unbiased care to all individuals.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2010	2010	2011	2011
Personnel	\$759,113	\$0	\$801,539	\$0
Contracts	\$173,164	\$0	\$172,861	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$64,128	\$0	\$84,710	\$0
Internal Services	\$44,357	\$0	\$53,115	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,040,762	\$0	\$1,112,225	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,040,762		\$1,112,225	
Program FTE	6.60	0.00	7.95	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$12,495	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$16,000	\$0	\$12,495	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

As a result of the laws that govern the responsibilities of governmental agencies in the care of detained individuals, Corrections Health is unable to bill for services from 3rd party payers, insurance companies, Medicare etc. A co-pay system is in place that charges the inmate accounts for a nominal fee for evaluations, clinic visits and medications. Many treatments, screenings, diagnostics tests and communicable diseases are at no charge to the individuals in order to provide safety.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

Mental health care has been redesigned to concentrate all services at MCDC with MCIJ housing those stable on medications. These changes will continue with more improvements in early evaluation of needs, stabilization of serious mental illness and planning for release for more individuals. A component of transition planning assists very ill individuals to have a plan of care when they leave jail to provide continued success for re-entry and reduce recidivism.