

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 payer 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 FY10 ICP investigated 1,143 E-Holds for indigent residents and 4,401 total holds; commitment staff monitored 493 patients and 143 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 pay for 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): Funding provides for Intensive Case Management (ICM) for patients discharging from the State Hospital and acute care hospitals, and for four Emergency Department Liaisons. ICM and transition planning prevent relapses into hospital care and reduce the county's burden as the payer 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. Commitment 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 (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	# of E-Holds for indigent County residents	1,143	1,100	1,100	1,100
Outcome	% of total E-Holds that went to Court hearing	7.4%	7.4%	8.4%	8.4%
Output	# of commitments monitored	636	750	650	650
Outcome	% of total E-Holds with a hearing that resulted in commitment	78.2%	73.0%	80.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Outcomes measure staff effectiveness in applying ORS 426

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	2011	2011	2012	2012
Personnel	\$898,489	\$2,056,968	\$925,224	\$2,155,638
Contracts	\$200,000	\$2,098,071	\$200,000	\$1,698,071
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$51,950	\$0	\$70,342
Internal Services	\$0	\$370,101	\$0	\$276,533
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,098,489	\$4,577,090	\$1,125,224	\$4,200,584
Program Total:	\$5,675,579		\$5,325,808	
Program FTE	9.00	20.30	9.00	21.10
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,577,090	\$0	\$4,112,069
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$88,515
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$4,577,090	\$0	\$4,200,584

Explanation of Revenues

\$523,028 - State Mental Health Grant Non Residential: Based on FY11 revised budget
 \$2,249,670 - State Mental Health Grant Regional Acute Inpatient Facility: Based on FY11 revised budget
 \$1,339,371 - State Mental Health Grant Community Crisis Services: Based on FY11 revised budget
 \$88,515 - State Mental Health Grant Beginning Working Capital: Based on FY11 estimated carryover
 \$1,125,224 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:
 Last year this program was #25058