

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The rate of mental illness among those incarcerated is two to three times higher than in the general population (Roskes and Feldman 1999). These offenders eventually leave prison or jail and are then supervised in the community, bringing with them a variety of mental health and chronic medical issues. Research indicates that these offenders are likely to have continued contact with the correctional system and that interventions may assist in lowering their recidivism rate. The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) provides funding for services that assist Parole/Probation Officers (PPO) in their work with over 270 adult mentally ill offenders annually. This work is essential for stabilizing and decreasing recidivism rates for this specific population and is always coordinated in collaboration with other community based treatment.

Program Description

Mental Health Services (MHS) help PPOs access necessary services for severe and persistent mentally ill adult offenders. Special limited services that benefit this target population are not available without DCJ assistance. MHS provides:

- 1) Mental Health Evaluations (in order to determine the best way to achieve offender compliance with court orders for offenders who pose a serious risk to the community and to identify mental illness and determine severity);
- 2) Three contracted staff to work with 60 offenders, preparing them for community treatment (crisis stabilization, accessing emergency mental health care, accessing emergency medical care, food, shelter and clothing);
- 3) One psychiatric nurse practitioner to provide prescribing services; and
- 4) Fifteen residential beds of Dual Diagnosis treatment for offenders who have not been successful in alternate treatment modalities or whose mental health symptoms are too severe for less specialized treatment providers.

This program supports public safety by providing treatment to high and medium risk offenders who require assistance in accessing services. MHS collaborates and coordinates a continuum of social services in a manner that conserves community resources while reducing mentally ill offenders' risk to reoffend. Without these services, many of these offenders would not be stabilized and would likely return to jail on supervision violations and/or new criminal charges.

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	Number of mentally ill offenders that received treatment	136	0	100	100
Outcome	Percent of offenders not recidivating one year post exit	75.0%	80.0%	71.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

✓ **Measure Changed**

Output is new. Recidivism is a measure of new felony arrests one year post treatment using a recidivism rate.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Contracts	\$1,123,637	\$0	\$1,124,596	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,123,637	\$0	\$1,124,596	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,123,637		\$1,124,596	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:
50034 Adult Offender Mental Health Services