

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Sobering program provides a safe, secure holding environment for persons who are publicly intoxicated due to alcohol or drug abuse. As these individuals regain their functionality, staff encourages them to seek further care. The Sobering program has more than 9,000 annual admissions.

Program Description

The Sobering program is a multi-jurisdictionally-funded community resource that operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The program provides special emphasis on ethnic minorities, people who are homeless, and women. Staff is appropriately licensed and credentialed (such as Emergency Medical Technicians) and is knowledgeable about acute alcohol/drug intoxication and emergency first aid techniques. The Sobering program serves more than 9,000 clients annually. The average length of stay is 5.5 hours.

The Sobering program serves a public safety function by providing a medically monitored environment in which these individuals become responsive to their surroundings while they are protected from abuse and neglect. This program reduces the use of critical and finite police, fire and emergency services. It saves the City police approximately 900 bookings (and associated costs) per month. The Sobering program includes the CHIERS (Central City Concern Hooper Inebriate Emergency Response Service) mobile outreach van, funded by the City of Portland, to transport intoxicated persons to the program.

The Sobering program also provides a behavioral health function by providing a point of intervention for these persons who are publicly intoxicated. Before the individual is released, staff gives them information about chemical dependency, alcohol and drug treatment options, and access to additional health care.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Total Admissions	7,152	9,000	9,012	9,000
Outcome	Percentage of clients that successfully discharge ¹	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Performance Measure - Description

¹ A successful discharge includes: a) no deaths in sobering (the program had one death five years ago); and b) clients are cognizant of surroundings and no longer in immediate danger of harm to self or others.

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Contracts	\$627,722	\$0	\$643,415	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$627,722	\$0	\$643,415	\$0
Program Total:	\$627,722		\$643,415	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$643,415 - County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25091A, Sobering