

Lead Agency: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Coordinated diversion includes three jail and/or hospital diversion programs for consumers with a serious mental illness. Three teams of qualified mental health professionals staff the Community Court, Mental Health Court and Forensic Diversion Program.

All three programs provide assertive, short term support for persons with serious mental illness, with the goal of connecting them with appropriate ongoing community treatment options. A primary goal of all the programs is to divert mentally ill persons from lengthy jail stays and promote stability in the community. Staff with the Forensic Diversion Program focus on avoiding or decreasing days of unnecessary jail time and provide linkage to community resources. In FY12 Community Court served 657 clients, Forensic Diversion served 294 clients, and Mental Health Court served 45.

Program Description

The three coordinated diversion programs target persons in the criminal justice system with serious mental illness who are at risk of lengthy stays in jail or hospitals unless provided additional treatment, support, and resources.

The Community Court Program addresses quality of life crimes with a focus on restorative justice. Clients are able to participate in a variety of social services as an alternative to jail or community service.

Mental Health Court provides time-limited intensive case management services to persons involved in the criminal justice system while connecting them to community treatment, housing, and financial and medical entitlements. Staff provide ongoing monitoring and support for persons enrolled in Mental Health Court. Staff initiated services to 66 in FY12.

The Forensic Diversion Program focuses on diversion from the criminal justice system for persons charged with misdemeanors and ordered to undergo evaluation/restoration at the Oregon State Hospital (OSP). Staff provide mental status evaluations, as well as linkage to basic needs in the community; time-limited coordination/linkage to treatment services, housing, financial and medical entitlements, and social services. In addition, Forensic Diversion provides community restoration as an alternative to being placed in the OSP. This option is less restrictive and provides the client with continued stability and services while maintaining safely in their community.

The three diversion programs address the needs of residents with a mental illness who can be safely diverted from jail and/or the State Hospital, provide support for successful completion of court directives and provides linkage to community services that provide stability. Initial case management and coordination protects the legal and civil rights of these individuals, ensures appropriateness of resources and decreases the unnecessary expense of time in jail or the State Hospital.

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	# of participants in Community Court	1,200	800	657	750
Outcome	% of participants in good standing or have successfully completed services	60.0%	59.0%	55.0%	60.0%
Output	# of participants engaged with Forensic Diversion	190	275	294	325
Outcome	% of participants successfully engaged with Forensic Diversion	65.0%	70.0%	69.0%	70.0%

Performance Measure - Description

The outcomes measures the program's effectiveness to engage clients toward community based stabilization.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

State of Oregon Financial Assistance Agreement.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$213,647	\$575,377	\$208,618	\$611,860
Materials & Supplies	\$4,849	\$19,997	\$4,849	\$19,997
Internal Services	\$16,937	\$50,238	\$17,337	\$50,738
Total GF/non-GF:	\$235,433	\$645,612	\$230,804	\$682,595
Program Total:	\$881,045		\$913,399	
Program FTE	2.00	6.00	2.00	6.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$645,612	\$0	\$682,595
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$645,612	\$0	\$682,595

Explanation of Revenues

\$581,774 - State Mental Health Grant Non-Residential Adult: Based on FY12 grant award

\$100,821 - State Mental Health Grant Local Admin: Based on FY11 revised budget

\$230,804 - County General Fund

Significant Program ChangesLast year this program was: #25088, Coordinated Diversion for Persons with Mental Illness