

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 among 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 corrections system. 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) helps PPOs access necessary resources for severe and persistent mentally ill adult offenders. Special limited services that benefit this target population are not available without DCJ assistance. MHS provides the following contracted services:

- 1) Mental Health Evaluations -- To determine the best way to achieve supervision compliance for offenders who pose a serious risk to the community, and to identify/determine severity of mental illness;
- 2) Three contracted staff to work with 60 offenders at any one time -- To prepare offenders for community treatment by providing crisis stabilization, access to emergency mental health care and access to basic living needs;
- 3) One psychiatric nurse practitioner -- To provide prescription services; and
- 4) Fifteen residential beds of Dual Diagnosis -- To provide treatment for male offenders who have not been successful in alternate treatment modalities, or who have mental health symptoms that are too severe for less specialized treatment providers.

This program supports public safety by providing a continuum of social services to high and medium risk offenders who require assistance in accessing services. Without these services, many of these offenders would remain unstabilized and would likely return to jail on supervision violations and/or new criminal charges.

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	Number of mentally ill offenders that received treatment	97	100	100	100
Outcome	Percent of offenders not recidivating one year post treatment exit	0.0%	0.0%	95.0%	95.0%

Performance Measure - Description

✓ **Measure Changed**

Recidivism is a measure of new felony convictions one year post treatment exit using a recidivism rate.

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	\$1,124,596	\$0	\$1,150,468	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,124,596	\$0	\$1,150,468	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,124,596		\$1,150,468	
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: #50008, Adult Offender Mental Health Services