

Lead Agency: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Providing health care to detained youth is the responsibility of Corrections Health. JDH health personnel care for 80 detained youth from Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties who are brought in from the streets, other jurisdictions and other community holding facilities. Detainees include females and males who need their health issues addressed in a timely manner in order to prevent emergencies, pain and suffering which is the constitutional measure of quality care. Stabilizing their health allows them to participate fully in their legal processes.

Trained, skilled professional nursing staff, scheduled 16 hrs/day, provide effective illness screening, evaluation of symptoms and effective, targeted treatment through a system of policies and procedures that reflect the standard of care in the community and equal to other correctional facilities across the country. Over 2,000 youth are cared for each year with over 40% having major mental health and unstable medical health conditions. Routine STD and TB health screenings are completed to protect both the health of the clients, custody staff and the public.

Program Description

This offer ensures that the health needs for 80 youth meet the standards that assure access to care, safeguards the health of all those who are in detention and controls the legal risk to the County. JDH health professionals work 16 hrs/day, seven days a week providing care for 80 youth daily in 6 individual housing units from three counties. Care ranges from minor ailments to major chronic and emotional diseases resulting from substance abuse, trauma, lack of health care, lack of knowledge of hygiene and self care, frequent infections and a high rate of medical and mental illness. Registered nurses work one day/week with a provider in the clinic, to examine and order the care necessary to keep the youth medically healthy.

In partnership with the Department of Community Justice custody staff, Corrections Health identifies and responds to medical emergencies and also screens for communicable diseases to keep outbreaks to a minimum. Coordination with other Oregon counties occurs so transferring health care needs to other jurisdictions is achieved effectively. This health care is delivered effectively through providing the right care in the right setting.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	# of clients visits conducted by a CH nurse per yr	3,500	3,600	3,500	3,500
Outcome	% of detained youth receiving mental health medications monthly	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

From the US Supreme Court to the Oregon State Revised Statutes, necessary health care for incarcerated individuals is a right because they do not have the freedom to obtain care on their own. Access to care, an evaluation by a health professional, and the right to receive care that is mandated by the 4th, 8th and 14th amendments. When serious health needs are not addressed by professionals, deliberate indifference to medical needs brings harm to individuals entrusted to our care and increases liability for the County. Corrections Health is bound by ethical standards to provide unbiased care to all individuals based on community standards of care.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$632,283	\$0	\$521,405	\$66,489
Contracts	\$87,407	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$23,246	\$0	\$50,716	\$0
Internal Services	\$68,400	\$0	\$74,493	\$6,090
Total GF/non-GF:	\$811,336	\$0	\$646,614	\$72,579
Program Total:	\$811,336		\$719,193	
Program FTE	4.70	0.00	3.40	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$4,654	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$7,238	\$0	\$0	\$72,579
Intergovernmental	\$103,000	\$0	\$68,132	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$110,238	\$0	\$72,786	\$72,579

Explanation of Revenues

As a result of current laws that govern the responsibilities of governmental agencies in the care of detained individuals, Corrections Health is unable to bill for services from 3rd party payors, insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid and OHP. These rules and laws are under review both locally and nationally to determine if additional revenue sources can be made available to jails. There is no co-pay system for youth, however, those youth in the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program have OHP coverage so some of their clinic appointments with a physician and medications are billed through the community or health department to OHP.

Corrections Health Juvenile Detention/Admissions and Housing is funded by \$646,614 in county general fund which includes \$103,000 in intergovernmental revenue from Washington and Clackamas Counties. The program estimates to collect \$7,238 in medical fees that are included in the county general fund. The other revenue, \$72,579 are grant funds from the Dept. of Health & Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Division of Children's Service through a revenue contract with the Morrison Center through the Department of Community Justice.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #40049, Corrections Health Juvenile Detention, Admissions and Housing Revenue from Morrison Center to provide health care services to youth in a secure residential pod was extended in FY13 and FY14.

The FTE changes in this program offer are from 1.20 FTE for 3 positions that were added to the budget and never filled. There is no impact to client care.

The other .10 fte change is from the elimination of a vacant Office Assistant 2 position that through a time study it was determined that the position was no longer needed.