

Lead Agency: Sheriff
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

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Executive Summary

MCSO Corrections Counselors provide services to pretrial inmates and sentenced offenders to enhance a safe and secure environment in the jails and to ensure compliance with statutory mandates. Counselor services include, but are not limited to assessment, case management, transition services, individual counseling, group programming, education, mental health, and re-entry services (through linkage with alcohol/drug, mental health, housing, employment and other providers in the community).

Program Description

Corrections Counselors provide services to stabilize, effectively manage, and positively impact pretrial inmates and sentenced offenders. These services satisfy constitutional and statutory requirements, as well as assist inmates with their progression through the jail (most secure to least secure bed) and successful re-entry into the community.

Counselors assess needs and risk, placing those appropriate into work crews or community beds that address alcohol/drug, housing, mental health and other chronic needs. Counselors provide group programming, resource information and referral service, which by the development of community partnerships, link sentenced offenders to various community services to assist them in addressing their needs and issues. Counselors serve as liaisons between the inmates and jail staff (i.e. security, medical, records, auxiliary services, etc.) and outside individuals such as family, employers, attorneys, probation/parole officers, the court, and various social service providers. Counselors engage in individual counseling with inmates to reduce level of anxiety typical to those confined and to equip them with skills to successfully manage their behavior, thereby diffusing escalating behavior, especially for those suffering from serious mental health related issues.

Corrections Counselors provide services not only enhance opportunity for successful re-entry, they assist in providing a safe and humane housing environment for those confined and maximize the efficient and effective use of jail beds.

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	Number of orientations, intakes and assessments	3,425	3,000	2,500	3,000
Outcome	Number of offenders placed into community	240	250	225	235

Performance Measure - Description

"Number of orientations, intakes, and assessments" data from Excel spreadsheet with daily data entered by staff following completion of work. "Number of offenders place into community beds thus freeing up jail beds" data from Access database containing inmate referral and wait list information. "Offenders participating in group programming that decreases offender bookings" data from inmate group sign-up and participation records and subsequent staff data entry on statistics report forms. "Number of requests (written) for counseling services" data from count of documents (Service Request Forms) submitted by inmates and subsequent staff data entry on statistics report forms.

Changes from previous year in data can be attributed as follows:

1.#Orientations/Intakes/Assessments has decreased due to decline in sentenced population reducing work crew intakes and changes in policy pertaining to administration of the Quest/RMS Assessment Tool. Projection for next year slightly elevated based on amending changes in said policy to expand # of inmates being assessed.

2.#Offenders placed in community beds. Again due to declining # of sentenced inmates, this number has decreased slightly given only fully sentenced inmates may be released to treatment beds. A slight elevation for next year is projected based solely on possibility of changes in number of community beds made available to inmate population. As a side note, our placement rate has increased dramatically, from around 75% to 95%, which too frees up jail beds as folks are getting into treatment at a higher rate.

3.#Offenders participating in group programming is expected to remain at current levels based on no system expansion. However, a slight increase in # is projected based on increasing # of community providers providing group reach-in services.

4.#Requests for counseling services expected to remain at or near current level, again based on no system expansion. (This said, implementation of a kiosk system could impact this # given in other locations where such systems have been put in place an increase in requests occurred).

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 169.170 - Assignment of county prisoners to public works; ORS 343.035 - Educational requirements of incarcerated; ORS 336.187 - Educational reporting requirements for incarcerated. Legal Library access Johnson vs. Avery, 1969; Wolff vs. McDonnell, 1974; Bounds vs. Smith, 1977. Court Mandated Sentencing Orders - Requirement from Circuit Court to evaluate and refer to treatment or community placement programs.

Oregon Jail Standards:C02.04.03 - Mental health screening; G01.02.01 - Access to the courts, assisting; G01.02.02 - Access to the courts, communications; G01.02.03 -Access to the courts, while in segregation; G01.04.01 - Access to legal materials, written materials; G01.04.02 - Access to legal materials, law libraries; J03.01.01 -General education programs; J03.02.01 -Passive educational programs; J03.02.02 - Involving the Educational Service District (ESD); J03.03.01 - Staffing for educational programs; J03.03.03 - Utilizing community resources for educational programs; J04.02.01 - Rehabilitation treatment programs; J04.03.01 - Rehabilitation treatment programs, staffing; J04.04.03 - Utilizing community resources for treatment programs; J05.02.04 - Facility work assignments, convicted inmates. *Oregon Jail Standards offer consistent policy to keep the corrections facilities/County from becoming more open to litigation.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2013	2013	2014	2014
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$91,646	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$91,646	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$91,646	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was:

Due to Fiscal Year 2014 budget constraints, 1.0 FTE Corrections Counselor has been placed Out of Target in this Program Offer.