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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Providing health care to detained youth is the responsibility of Corrections Health. Corrections Health personnel care for 45 detained youth at any one time (+2,000 per year) 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

Program Summary

The core responsibility of Corrections Health is to provide a constitutional and community level of health care (medical, mental health and dental) to the individuals entrusted to our care while incarcerated in the adult detention facilities or the Donald E. Long Detention Center. That care is delivered to a BIPOC population disproportionately involved in the justice system. As health risk and diseases rarely impact all communities equally, the work of Corrections Health addresses the groups disparately impacted. Recruitment and hiring practices have been refined to promote a workforce that more closely resembles the demographics of the population we serve. Further efforts will be made in FY23 to evaluate policies, procedures and practices to ensure that an equity approach is used whenever possible while maintaining appropriate access to essential care.

This offer ensures that the health program meets the standards that ensure 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 hours/day, seven days a week providing care for 45 youth daily in 7 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. Corrections Health identifies and responds to medical emergencies and also screens for communicable diseases to keep outbreaks to a minimum, to provide care efficiently and effectively, as well as to protect the community. Coordination with other Oregon counties is facilitated so that continuity of care occurs when youths transfer to other jurisdictions. In partnership with the Health Department’s Clinical Systems Information program, an electronic medical record program implementation is in process. The program will include electronic medication prescription and administration. The electronic medical record will improve staff efficiency and promote client safety.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	# of client visits conducted by a CH nurse per year	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Outcome	% of detained youth receiving mental health medications monthly	45%	50%	50%	50%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure 1: Tracking the number of visits per year helps to assess client access to care and resource utilization
 Measure 2: Tracking percentage of youth receiving psychotropic medication allows for monitoring of needs at the JDH facility.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Necessary health care for incarcerated individuals is a right because they do not have the freedom to obtain care on their own. Appropriate access to care and timely evaluation by a health professional is mandated by the 4th, 8th and 14th amendments. When serious health needs are not adequately addressed by professionals, that deliberate indifference to medical needs may bring harm to individuals entrusted to our care and increase 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

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$881,200	\$0	\$1,080,939	\$0
Contractual Services	\$7,502	\$0	\$121,455	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$34,643	\$0	\$72,472	\$0
Internal Services	\$285,042	\$0	\$342,152	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,208,387	\$0	\$1,617,018	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,208,387		\$1,617,018	
Program FTE	4.40	0.00	5.60	0.00

Program Revenues				
Service Charges	\$0	\$0	\$102,198	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$102,198	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

As a result of the current laws that govern the responsibilities of governmental agencies in the care of detained individuals, Corrections Health is unable to bill for services from Medicare and Medicaid. These rules and laws are under review nationally to determine if additional revenue sources can be made available to jails. Provider assessments, treatments, screenings, diagnostic tests and communicable diseases tests are performed at no charge. Medications are provided at no charge. Necessary clinical care is provided regardless of the detainee's ability to pay.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 40049 Corrections Health Juvenile Detention

1.2 FTE increase in FY23 affecting 40049 (nursing supervisor and community health nurse)