

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs: 30407A

Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

The Transition and Diversion program helps people access home and community living options. Benefit recipients would otherwise live in a nursing facility if not provided with alternatives. Living in the setting of choice improves the quality of life of benefit recipients. The program provides equitable and culturally appropriate access. The program offers consumers choices that reflect cultural, and individual needs. Available staff speak multiple languages, are culturally knowledgeable, and train in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Program Description

ISSUE: Oregon is a national leader in offering alternatives to nursing facilities. The Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division helps older adults, people with disabilities, and Veterans live in a community setting. These places are less costly and less restrictive than nursing facilities. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services sees living in a community setting as a best practice. It provides a better experience for those needing Medicaid long-term services and supports.

PROGRAM GOAL: The Transition and Diversion Program (T&D) serves older adults, people with disabilities, and Veterans. T&D uses equity principles to help people live in the setting of their choice. To the fullest extent, services are provided by culturally knowledgeable providers. The goal is to avoid placement in an institutional setting. This results in minimizing the use of more costly nursing facility care and reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and readmissions. The costs that are saved by serving people in the community are reinvested in the programs, allowing more people to be served in the setting of their choice.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The Transition and Diversion Program serves all nursing facility eligible individuals in Multnomah County. Transition and Diversion staff assess and assist individuals who live in nursing facilities to relocate to community settings if they desire to leave the nursing facility. This is done by connecting them with equity centered services and assistance to help them live safely in the community. Transition and Diversion works with individuals discharging from the hospital, who do not want to live permanently in a nursing facility, to return home or find a community living option such as an adult care home, assisted living facility, or residential living facility. They arrange for supports to ensure the safety of the individual returning to community living. The Transition and Diversion Program supports independent living and the DCHS priority to reduce housing insecurity. The Transition team works closely with the Houseless Mobile Intake Team (HMIT) funded by the Joint Office of Homeless Services. Transition coordinators will leverage the culturally specific resources developed and fostered by the 3 culturally specific positions on the HMIT.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY22 Actual | FY23 Budgeted | FY23 Estimate | FY24 Offer |
|--------------|--|-------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Annual number of transitions from a nursing facility ¹ | 395 | 400 ² | 438 | 400 |
| Outcome | Percent of transitions where participants returned home | 40% | 50% | 48% | 40% |
| Outcome | Percent of transitions where participants returned to a community-based facility | 60% | 50% | 51% | 60% |

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹This measure and all following measures include both transitions and diversions. ²The availability of alternative placement homes is limited at this time due a combination of COVID-19 and staffing shortages.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ADVSD has a contract with the Oregon Department of Human Services to administer the Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) programs in Multnomah County. Oregon Revised Statute 410 allows for the administration of services to older adults and people with disabilities through local governmental entities. The programs are guided by Federal regulations or rules including those in the Social Security Act, Medicaid Administration, and SNAP.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2023 | 2023 | 2024 | 2024 |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$4,152,745 | \$0 | \$4,415,427 |
| Contractual Services | \$388,046 | \$5,000 | \$336,352 | \$5,000 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$67,443 | \$0 | \$89,610 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$1,383,882 | \$0 | \$1,342,115 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$388,046 | \$5,609,070 | \$336,352 | \$5,852,152 |
| Program Total: | \$5,997,116 | | \$6,188,504 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 40.00 | 0.00 | 41.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$5,452,106 | \$0 | \$5,686,250 |
| Other / Miscellaneous | \$0 | \$156,964 | \$0 | \$165,902 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$5,609,070 | \$0 | \$5,852,152 |

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$527,655 in indirect revenues.

\$5,686,250 - Title XIX (Fed thru State); \$165,902 - Case Management Assessments for Medicaid Patients (Local)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25029 ADVSD Transition & Diversion (Medicaid)

- 6.00 FTE in Other Funds is funded by the Supportive Housing Services Measure funding in the Joint Office of Homeless Services (4.00 FTE Case Manager Sr, 1.00 FTE Case Manager 2, & 1.00 FTE Case Manager Assistant). See programs 30400D and 30407A for the associated costs and program information. 1.00 FTE Case Manager 2 is a new position in FY 2024 and associated with program 30400D.

- Added 1.00 FTE Program Specialist (State housing navigator) in Federal/State Fund. (FY23 Budget modification DCHS-009-23).

- Moved 1.00 FTE Case Manager 2 to ADVSD Long Term Services & Supports (25023) program offer.