

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

Economically disadvantaged people and people of color are 20x more likely to be incarcerated, and even a single arrest can lead to the loss of housing, jobs, children, benefits, and education, creating immediate and intergenerational trauma. Incarceration causes irrevocable harm to about 70 million Americans, exacerbates inequity, and does not make our communities safer. Defense based case managers will provide necessary support to these individuals.

Program Description
ISSUE:

Individuals charged with a crime in Multnomah County often have a high level of need for services. While the type will differ for each client, the most common stabilizing services include housing (temporary, short-term, and long-term), behavioral health, medical, employment, and family/child care. However, given the scarcity of these services, as well as the complexities of accessing them, most clients will not engage with them without assistance.

PROGRAM GOAL:

Defense-based case managers are uniquely situated to provide that type of support to pretrial clients. In addition to assurances of confidentiality, defense-based case managers can effectively engage clients through shared experience. Case managers with lived experience and/or prior system involvement can connect with clients in ways that system actors, and even defense counsel cannot. They can offer clients advice based on their own struggles with substances, plug clients into existing recovery support networks, and overcome barriers of distrust and skepticism of the criminal legal system. Including a defense-based case manager in the process allows service coordination engagement at the outset of the criminal case.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY:

The case manager will inquire about service needs and assist the client in accessing them. A strengths and needs evaluation can be conducted quickly and will assess all of the relevant service needs for each client. Depending on the client's needs, the information collected can be used for immediate referrals to services or be passed along to the defense attorney appointed for future referrals and/or release planning.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of clients connected to Peer Support Case Managers	N/A	200	200	200
Outcome	Percent of clients have been connected to services	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Program began in FY23; there are no performance measures for FY22.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$500,000	\$0	\$550,517	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$500,000	\$0	\$550,517	\$0
Program Total:	\$500,000		\$550,517	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25131B YFS - Peer Navigators