

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Mary Li
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs: 25136
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program offer requests \$471,000 of pass-through to continue funding for mental health and addictions treatment engagement and support services for youth accessing services within the Homeless Youth Continuum. Approximately 451 youth received treatment engagement, support, and recovery services including peer mentorship, pro-social activities, and flex funds in FY14.

Program Summary

By virtue of the experience of becoming homeless and living on the street, the rate of mental health and addictions among homeless youth is extremely high. Using drugs and/or alcohol to make the reality of being homeless seemingly more bearable or the exacerbation of pre-existing conditions of mental illness, is extremely common within the population.

If and when a young person becomes ready to address these issues, they then face the challenges of entering treatment systems that are not culturally competent regarding the specific issues they face as a result of their homelessness. They drop out of that treatment, seen as having failed. Finally, if a youth does successfully complete treatment, they return to a community and service system that isn't recovery oriented enough to support their long-term success.

In FY13, the Children's Levy ceased to fund the Metamorphosis Program, a model program providing mental health and addictions treatment engagement and support services to homeless youth. Because of the critical need for these services, the Board of County Commissioners granted one-time-only funding for current service levels, and directed the Homeless Youth Oversight Committee (HYOC) to conduct a review process to determine the optimum service package for the population.

In October 2012, the resulting service model recommendation and report was presented to the Board. Since FY14, the Board has fully funded the recommended service model, which provided services to approximately 451 youth, 75% of whom successfully entered treatment, in FY14. Services provided include mental health and addictions support specialists, peer recovery advocates, pro-social recreation groups and activities, and wraparound client assistance all aligned to maximize engagement with, and participation in, treatment funded through the County's Mental Health and Addictions Services Division (MHASD), resulting in sobriety and on-going recovery.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of youth served	451	600	600	600
Outcome	Percentage of youth served who successfully complete their treatment program	75%	50%	50%	50%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$471,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$471,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$471,000	
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 2015: 25136B HYS - MH and Addictions Engagement Services

The program name has been changed since the submitted budget to better reflect the services provided.