

Program #40059 - Mental Health Pilot - Corrections Health

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Related Programs: 40050-40051

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Corrections Health Mental Health Pilot adds 3 shifts of mental health personnel to provide 24/7 suicide watch coverage. This will improve the quality of care for the mentally ill inmates in jail, reduce Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) costs and create efficiency for the court system.

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Program Summary

This program offer will allow Corrections Health to have a mental health consultant available for 24/7 suicide watch coverage.

Currently when someone is placed on suicide watch after 10 p.m. there is no Mental Health staff to see them until 9 am or later the next day. This necessitates having two additional shifts of MCSO deputies watching the inmate. Additionally, the person will appear in court the following day for an arraignment but it is difficult for the judges to make a decision about release because the person has not yet had a mental health assessment. This forces the judge to rule on the legal charges, then Corrections Health must see the client before release to assess if they need to be transported to the hospital. This delays release, and generates additional costs for the courts and MCSO.

Finally, having a Mental Health Consultant in booking during the night time hours would allow us to develop transition plans for the many mental health clients that are released during those nighttime hours, helping to improve safety for the client and the community.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer			
Output	Avg number of mental health evaluations per shift.	0	0	0	10			
Outcome	Reduction in number of inmates who remain on active suicide watch per day.	0	0	12	9			

Performance Measures Descriptions

We do not want to discourage staff from placing inmates on suicide watch, but the mental health staffing should allow us to evaluate inmates and appropriately release those who don't need to remain on active suicide watch. Currently we have on average 12 people per day who remained on active suicide watch for longer than 24 hours.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$373,820	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$385,820	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$385,820	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	4.20	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: