

Department: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Support

Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Office of the Tri-County Health Officer provides public health physician consultation, medical direction, and leadership to health department administrators, program staff and community partners. This cooperative effort of the metro-county health departments is intended to: (1) Improve the consistency and quality of public health services in the three counties, (2) Increase learning and collaboration across the counties, and (3) Improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of Health Officer services, both as a region and for individual counties.

Program Summary

The Tri-County Health Officer Program (TCHO) provides medical consultation, technical counsel, and leadership by four public health physicians including 1.7 FTE in Multnomah County and, by contract, 0.5 FTE in both Clackamas and Washington Counties.

In Multnomah County the Health Officer is also the TriCounty Health Officer and supervises three deputy health officers, one in each county. In Multnomah County, the deputy Health Officer serves as medical consultant to the Communicable Disease, STI, TB, and Environmental Health Programs. The Health Officer oversees the EMS Program, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program, and the regional 7 county Hospital Preparedness Program. In addition the Health Officer supervises the Medical Director of the FQHC and provides technical consultation to the maternal child health program and health promotion efforts.

The deputy Health Officers working in Clackamas and Washington Counties have broad roles in supporting their respective administrators with an emphasis on Communicable Disease Control given the limited FTE.

Broadly speaking, the Health Officers, (1) participate in enforcement of public health laws; (2) supervises select public health programs; (3) works with department staff, other county agencies, and community groups to manage critical public health problems; and (4) participates in department administration.

The program supports Multnomah County Health Department's goals by providing effective and accountable local public health practice leadership and medical direction that results in quality clinical and health promotion programs. In the current fiscal year, through the joint efforts of the TCHO, health officer program staff were able to provide leadership on chronic disease prevention programs, address issues of communicable disease control including a large increase in tuberculosis in Clackamas County, lead the development of regional opiate prescribing standards, lead regional Ebola response planning, provide technical support for board presentations on maternal child health, disparities, and e-cigarettes.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Contract deliverables are met by the end of fiscal year.	90%	90%	90%	90%
Outcome	County stakeholders express satisfaction in program delivery and results.	90%	90%	100%	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

2) measured by renewal of intergovernmental agreement through FY16. TCHO program staff meet regularly with county health administrators to review service delivery, program satisfaction, and progress on individual workplan items. Contract deliverables for FY16 will be negotiated and finalized by June 30, 2015. These will provide guidance for work priorities and program activities.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 431.418 requires counties to employ or contract with a physician to serve as County Health Officer. Intergovernmental agreements with Clackamas and Washington counties specify Health Officer services that Multnomah County is required to provide as well as expected outcomes and evaluation measures.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$313,525	\$293,212	\$292,251	\$289,234
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$10,616	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$2,620	\$5,858	\$10,315	\$11,657
Internal Services	\$16,101	\$39,930	\$14,580	\$29,709
Total GF/non-GF	\$332,246	\$339,000	\$327,762	\$330,600
Program Total:	\$671,246		\$658,362	
Program FTE	1.10	1.20	1.00	1.20

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$23,090	\$0	\$19,876	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$339,000	\$0	\$330,600
Total Revenue	\$23,090	\$339,000	\$19,876	\$330,600

Explanation of Revenues

Clackamas and Washington counties meet their ORS 431.418 requirements for health officer services through intergovernmental agreements (IGA) with Multnomah County. The Tri-County Health Officer is funded by \$330,600 in revenue from Clackamas and Washington counties.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 40002 Tri-County Health Officer