

**Program #40002 - Tri-County Health Officer** 7/24/2020

**Department:** Health Department **Program Contact:** Jennifer Vines  
**Program Offer Type:** Support **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

This program 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 improve the consistency and quality of public health services; increase learning and collaboration across the counties; and improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of Health Officer services, both as a region and for individual counties. Clackamas and Washington Counties contract have contracted with Multnomah County for their health officer services since 2008.

**Program Summary**

Four public health physicians serve as the Tri-County Health Officers:

In Multnomah County the Health Officer is the lead 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, Sexually Transmitted Infection, Tuberculosis, and Environmental Health Food Service programs. The Health Officer oversees the EMS Program, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program, and the regional 6 county Hospital Preparedness Program. In addition the Health Officer supervises the EMS Medical Director, provides technical consultation to the health promotion efforts and leads the County and regional efforts to address pressing public health issues, for example fatal opioid overdoses.

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) supervise select public health programs; (3) work with department staff, other county agencies, and community partners to manage critical public health problems; and (4) participate 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. The health officer program staff provides leadership on chronic disease prevention programs, addresses issues of communicable disease control, leads the regional opiate safety coalition, leads the regional response to Emergency Department and Emergency Medical System overload that occurs nearly every winter, provides technical support for board presentations on Emergency Medical Systems and other topics. Dr. Vines sits on the Health Share Clinical Advisory Panel in addition to advising and participating other high-level external stakeholder endeavors.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 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.	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Measured by renewal of intergovernmental agreement through FY20-21. TCHO program staff meet regularly with county health administrators to review service delivery, program satisfaction, and progress on individual workplan items. Contract deliverables for FY20-21 will be negotiated and finalized by June 30, 2020. 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

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$395,168	\$447,677	\$383,763	\$476,325
Materials & Supplies	\$7,687	\$7,837	\$8,109	\$208,539
Internal Services	\$26,422	\$53,105	\$42,645	\$75,337
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$429,277</b>	<b>\$508,619</b>	<b>\$434,517</b>	<b>\$760,201</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$937,896</b>		<b>\$1,194,718</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	1.20	1.45	1.00	1.94

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$508,619	\$0	\$760,201
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$508,619</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$760,201</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$55,730 in indirect 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

\$ 360,201 - Clackamas and Washington counties

\$ 400,000 - Peer-driven Approach to Opioid Use Disorder

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2020: 40002-20 Tri-County Health Officer

The Hospital Preparedness Program will transition to the state and out of the Health Officer Division.

The Clackamas County contract will change to consolidate the Clackamas County Health Officer's FTE to Clackamas County. The contract with Multnomah County will be revised to keep the program functionally unchanged, with Clackamas possibly continuing to contribute funds to 0.07 FTE of the lead Health Officer's salary to administer the program.