

Department: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The core responsibility of Corrections Health is to provide a constitutional and community level of health care (medical, mental health and dental) to the individuals entrusted in our care while incarcerated in the adult detention facilities as well as the Donald E. Long Detention Center, which houses youth. As health risk and diseases rarely impact all communities equally, the work of Corrections Health addresses the groups disparately impacted, including BIPOC populations that are disproportionately involved in the justice system. Recruitment and hiring practices have been refined to promote a workforce that more closely resembles the demographics of the population we serve. Further efforts will be made in FY26 to evaluate policies, procedures and practices to ensure that an equity approach is used whenever possible while maintaining appropriate access to essential care. This offer represents dental care that is provided across all 3 Corrections Health sites. Including the Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC), Multnomah County Inverness Jail (MCIJ) and the Donald E. Long (DEL) juvenile detention home. At MCIJ, dental sees approximately 115 adults in custody per month, while at MCDC an approximate of 68 adults in custody are seen per month. Del has a new dental operatory and given the low census, the current number of youth per month seen sits at approximately 10 per month. Providing dental care in Corrections Health facilities is essential for the health and wellness of incarcerated adults and youth, as they would otherwise be unable to access this critical service

Unlike most county dental correctional systems, Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD) is proud to provide dental care that includes cleanings, fillings in addition to urgent care. We emphasize preventative care for all, particularly our youth in custody by placing sealants and fluoride.

We have a referral network for patients needing complicated oral surgical procedures when unable to be performed in house.

We also provide a comprehensive screening to persons impacted, oral health education, and 24 hour emergency care as needed.

We are fortunate to have dental equipment that is safe, reliable, and provides care in a manner with community standards.

With a strong connection to on call dentists we are able to limit the days where we are not providing services

We also mentor OHSU 4th year dental students who provide care to the persons in custody encouraging the next generation of health care providers to work in the public health system.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of adults in custody seen by dental per year	900	900	900	900
Output	Number of youth in custody seen by dental per year	120	120	120	120

Performance Measures Descriptions

The "Number of adults in custody seen by dental per year" includes adults receiving dental care at MCDC and MCIJ.

The "Number of youth in custody seen by dental per year" includes youth receiving dental care at DEL.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Necessary health care for incarcerated individuals is a right because they do not have the freedom to obtain care on their own. Appropriate access to care and timely evaluation by a health professional is mandated by the 4th, 8th and 14th amendments. When serious health needs are not adequately addressed by professionals, that deliberate indifference to medical needs may bring harm to individuals entrusted to our care and increase liability for the County. Corrections Health is bound by ethical standards to provide unbiased care to all individuals based on community standards of care.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$616,313	\$0	\$538,591	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$22,360	\$0	\$103,212	\$0
Internal Services	\$59,600	\$0	\$65,569	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$698,273	\$0	\$707,372	\$0
Program Total:	\$698,273		\$707,372	
Program FTE	2.40	0.00	2.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

As a result of the current laws that govern the responsibilities of governmental agencies in the care of detained individuals, Corrections Health is unable to bill for services from Medicare and Medicaid. These rules and laws are under review nationally to determine if additional revenue sources can be made available to jails. Provider assessments, treatments, screenings, diagnostic tests and communicable diseases tests are performed at no charge. Medications are provided at no charge. Necessary clinical care is provided regardless of the detainee's ability to pay.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: