

Department: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Corrections Health (CH) at Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC) houses approximately 370 adults in custody and is composed of booking, 4th floor special housing consisting of the medical observation, mental health observation units, in addition to the four floors of remaining MCSO classification units. Approximately 100 US Marshalls (USM) incarcerated individuals are housed in the system daily. Over 36,000 incarcerated adults are cared for each year with over 50% having serious unstable and chronic health conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes, kidney failure, infections, alcohol and drug withdrawal, and major mental/behavioral illnesses.

This offer includes CH MCDC's basic administration, support, booking, medical and mental health care delivery programs. CH nurses are staffed 24 hours/7 days a week at the detention center. MCDC averages 40+ newly booked individuals each day. After establishing by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) booking process that an individual is expected to remain in custody, CH nurses perform and document in an adult in custody's (AIC) electronic health record the entry progress form (EPF). This is a medical screening to identify urgent, chronic medical and mental health needs, medication needs, medicated supported recovery treatment, substance(s) use and withdrawal concerns, urine pregnancy testing, special health requirements, dietary needs, allergies, dentition status, current/recent/past communicable or infectious diseases or symptoms, or any other health problems specified by the AIC. Allowing for identification of immediate needs such as current suicidal ideation, pregnancy, and/or AICs who are pregnant with opiate use. As a result of those evaluations, treatments, medications, provider appointments, mental health referrals and housing decisions are made. In addition, CH nursing staff may assess individuals brought to the jail before being accepted into custody. That assessment ensures that any identified serious medical and/or mental health issues are appropriately addressed in a hospital setting before booking. Suicide and self harm symptom identification is an essential mental health function. The mental health team is composed of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNPs), and mental health consultants for evaluation, monitoring and treatment for those struggling or have been identified with mental health concerns. AICs also receive an initial health and physical (HP) assessment if they remain in custody within 14 days after time of incarceration by the CH nurse. These assessments allow for additional data to complete medical, dental and mental health histories, follow up abnormal findings obtained during the EPF and subsequent encounters, perform physical examinations, vital signs, oral screenings, and mental health screenings. Diagnostic, therapeutic plans for each problem are developed as clinically indicated and abnormal findings are referred to and reviewed by a provider.

This program offer seeks to improve medical and mental health care in our community by promoting and providing health care to our most vulnerable and underserved populations that are incarcerated and served by Corrections Health at MCDC.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Average # Entry Process Forms (EPFs) completed in one month	1,340	1,340	1,400	1,340
Outcome	% of positive screenings resulting in a referral to the mental health team per year	50	60	60	60
Outcome	Average # of 14 day Health and Physical assessments completed in one month	86	90	90	90
Outcome	Average # of Nursing encounters (in person assessments) completed in one month	103	100	100	100

Performance Measures Descriptions

CH Nurse Manager regularly performs audits on the completed EPFs to determine the safety and effectiveness of this process. CH leadership regularly performs reviews of the policies and protocols, ensuring best care practices, effective operations, and alignment with our accrediting and licensing bodies and partnerships (ex NCCHC, MCSO). The data metrics above are collected from electronic systems and reviewed by CH leadership interdisciplinary team (clinical, quality, operations, administrative) members.

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	\$8,199,999	\$0	\$8,718,672	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,221,415	\$0	\$1,254,393	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$535,777	\$0	\$565,504	\$0
Internal Services	\$648,239	\$0	\$674,059	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$10,605,430	\$0	\$11,212,628	\$0
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Program FTE	41.70	0.00	42.60	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. Changes to the Medicaid 1115 waiver could allow billing but no earlier than 1 January 2026 depending on implementation. Corrections Health no longer receives revenue through a co-pay system. Adults in custody are not charged a fee for health care services.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 40050 Corrections Health Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC) Clinical