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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Corrections Health, Multnomah County Detention Center houses 448 adults and is composed of booking, 4th floor special housing, mental health housing and three floors of discipline and evaluation housing. Approximately 100 US Marshall (USM) detainees are housed in the system daily. Over 36,000 individuals are cared for each year with over 50% having serious unstable and chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, kidney failure, infections, alcohol and drug withdrawal, and major mental/behavioral illnesses.

**Program Summary**

Providing health care to all detained individuals is the responsibility of Corrections Health. From first entering into the jail through booking until release or transfer to another jail, prison or USM service, trained and skilled Corrections Health personnel provide screening, illness identification, evaluation and treatment through a system of policies and procedures that reflect the standard of care in the community and are equivalent to other correctional facilities across the country.

This offer represents Corrections Health MCDC basic administration, support, booking and mental health care delivery programs. MCDC averages 80+ newly booked individuals each day. Nurses (24 hours/7 days a week) evaluate each detainee to identify critical health issues and make plans for scheduled care for stabilization. Screening includes obtaining health history for both acute and chronic disease, including mental health care, substance abuse, communicable disease evaluation and current prescriptions. As a result of those evaluations, treatments, medications, provider appointments, mental health referrals and housing decisions are made. In addition, Corrections Health nursing staff assess individuals brought to the jail before being accepted into custody--that assessment ensures that serious medical and/or mental health issues (trauma, drug ingestion, pregnancy complications, serious wounds and infections) are appropriately addressed in a hospital setting before booking. In addition, significant resources are utilized to perform case management of the USM detainees, including coordination of specialist services, screening for communicable diseases and coordinating transfer of care to other facilities. An additional history and physical examination is performed on all individuals incarcerated for 14 days. Additionally, staff assess and treat acute and chronic medical, dental and mental health issues as appropriate during each individual's incarceration. Suicide and self harm symptom identification is an essential mental health function. The mental health team is composed of a psychiatrist, PMHNPs, mental health consultants and mental health nurses for evaluation, monitoring and treatment for the many mentally ill clients booked into jail. One third of all medications prescribed are for mental health conditions.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Average # of Reception Screening ("EPF"=Entry Progress Form") completed in a month	1,820	1,900	1,815	1,820
Outcome	% of + screenings resulting in a referral to the mental health team per year	36%	30%	35%	35%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Measure 1: Captures monthly intake screenings for incoming detainees--the measure does not correlate with the static jail population and more accurately reflects incoming patient volume.  
 Measure 2: Captures initial interview information and how many clients are referred for mental health care.

## 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	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$2,828,622	\$0	\$3,304,337	\$0
Contractual Services	\$860,642	\$0	\$156,683	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$360,392	\$0	\$317,053	\$0
Internal Services	\$177,621	\$0	\$269,488	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$4,227,277</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,047,561</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$4,227,277</b>		<b>\$4,047,561</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	21.10	0.00	22.10	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## 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. A co-pay system is in place that charges the inmate accounts nominal fees only for detainee-requested medical and dental provider evaluations. No fees are charged for mental health requests or mental health provider evaluations. Provider-ordered treatments, screenings, diagnostic tests and communicable diseases tests are performed at no charge. Necessary clinical care is provided regardless of the detainee's ability to pay.

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 40050A-20 Corrections Health Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC)