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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

In FY 2021, ICS received technical assistance from HRSA regarding financial and governance requirements related to FQHCs. This included clarification of how FQHC funds could be applied to services of the health center and staff roles which also supported non-health center services in Corrections Health and Public Health Programs. After review, HRSA clarified that funds from the FQHC cannot be spent on these out-of-scope programs or for staff who support out-of-scope activities. In response, MC removed County General Fund allocations from the ICS Budget and re-allocated them to Corrections Health and Public Health services to support out of scope activities. MC will use the County General Fund to support these services in FY 2022 and going forward.

Program Summary

This program offer will provide funding for Corrections Health to continue to provide essential services previously provided by Integrated Clinical Services. The program offer focuses on areas such as credentialing, laboratory management, infection control, and coordination of language services and health records.

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 to our care while incarcerated. That care is delivered to a population disproportionately involved in the justice system. As health risk and diseases rarely impact all communities equally, the work of Corrections Health addresses the groups disparately impacted. 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 FY22 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 the services to maintain those functions previously supplied by Integrated Clinical Services. Positions added would support infection control efforts in all three facilities, managing fit testing for respirator use and training CH personnel, laboratory support at both adult facilities to support CLIA activities and administrative support for staff credentialing, organization of language services and coordination of health record transfers and requests. For the services remaining in ICS, ICS Electronic Health Record support provides day to day EPIC support for Corrections Health, supports program planning and implementation of programs and is the liaison to OCHIN. The team also performs monthly maintenance and provides updates. The Health Information Services (HIS) team provides support by responding to and processing information requests, referrals and HIPAA investigations. HIS along with the County Attorney provide privacy guidance and support, and HIS provides retention guidance as needed.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Electronic Health Record on site hours per year	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Outcome	Successfully completed HIPAA investigations involving Corrections Health per year	N/A	N/A	N/A	14
Output	Electronic Health Record user requests addressed per year	N/A	N/A	N/A	51

Performance Measures Descriptions

- Measure 1: EHR support provided on site at one of the CH facilities
- Measure 2: Resolved HIPAA investigations involving Corrections Health medical records
- Measure 3: Number of resolved requests submitted by CH staff regarding the Electronic Health Record

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	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$802,524	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$802,524	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$802,524	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	6.63	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: