



Program #40050E - Corrections Health Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC) - Restoration 4/21/2021

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Michael Seale
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program offer will provide funding for Corrections Health to continue to provide essential services to the population of the adult detention facilities and the Donald E. Long Detention Center, particularly should they continue to increase from the lower levels achieved in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program Summary

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 in the adult detention facilities or the Donald E. Long Detention Center. 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 clinical activities required to continue to provide essential services to the individuals in custody under the responsibility of Corrections Health. 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. Eligibility specialists sign adults up for the Oregon Health Plan so they are able to access health care when released from custody, including accessing treatment programs for early release. Additionally, staff assess and treat acute and chronic medical, dental and mental health issues as appropriate during each individual's incarceration. The mental health team is composed of PMHNPs, mental health consultants and mental health nurses for evaluation, monitoring and treatment for the many mentally ill clients booked into jail.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Average number of Reception Screenings ("EPF"--Entry Progress Form) completed in a month	1,815	1,820	1,090	1,800
Outcome	Percentage of positive screenings resulting in referral to mental health team per year	35%	35%	33%	33%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure 1: Captures monthly intake screenings for incoming detainees--the measure does not correlate with 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	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$623,639	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$22,059	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$645,698	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$645,698	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	4.00	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: