

**Department:** Health Department **Program Contact:** Michael Seale  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

In FY17 the Board requested an assessment of personnel needs at Multnomah County Inverness Jail (MCIJ) and a proposal for how to improve Correction Health's operations at MCIJ, with the goals of balancing workloads among shifts, improving the quality of clinical services, and improving employee morale. Briefings were provided outlining a request to add Community Health Nurses and a Medication Aide. A contingency transfer to increase the FY17 budget was later approved. This request is to provide ongoing staffing and funding for the positions in the Corrections Health FY18 budget.

**Program Summary**

MCIJ houses 860 men, women, inmate workers for inside and outside work crews, sentenced individuals and those awaiting trial who are being medically stabilized with treatment. Trained, skilled professional staff provide effective screening, illness identification, evaluation and effective targeted treatment through a system of policies and procedures that reflect the standard of care in the community and are equal to other correctional facilities across the country. This request represents continued nursing services to allow for more even distribution of workload, particularly during evening and night shifts, when less clinical and administrative support is present at MCIJ and when nursing may need to respond to urgent or emergent medical needs with fewer Corrections Health personnel to serve as backup. By providing adequate 24/7 skilled health care on site for this vulnerable, under served population, the high cost of outside medical care is minimized.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Number of Community Health Nurses engaged in active management oversight	na/-	na/-	na/-	60
Outcome	Provision of NCCHC-compliant nursing care	na/-	na/-	na/-	100%
Outcome	Ensure realistic workload balance among Inverness Jail Community Health Nurse employees	na/-	na/-	na/-	75%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

From the US Supreme Court to the Oregon State Revised Statutes, necessary health care for incarcerated individuals is a right because they have lost their freedom to obtain care on their own. Access to care, an evaluation by a health professional and a right to receive care that is mandated by the 4th, 8th and 14th amendments. When serious health needs are not addressed by professionals, deliberate indifference to medical needs bring harm to individuals entrusted to our care. Corrections Health is bound by ethical standards to provide unbiased care to all individuals.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$253,167	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$253,167</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$253,167</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	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 3rd party payers, insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid and OHP. These rules and laws are under review both locally and 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 for evaluations, clinic visits and medications. Many treatments, screenings, diagnostic tests and communicable diseases testing are at no charge.

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: