



Program #40059 - Corrections Health Mental Health Services 4/25/2019

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs: 40049, 40050-40051
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Corrections Health Multnomah County Detention Center, Inverness Jail and Juvenile Detention Home collectively house over 1,000 adults and 80 juveniles. Over 36,000 adult individuals are cared for each year with approximately 30% having mental health and behavioral issues. Over 3,500+ juvenile individuals are cared for each year from Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties-- brought in from the community, other jurisdictions and other community holding facilities. Over 40% of those juveniles have significant mental health conditions.

Program Summary

Providing health care to detained individuals is the responsibility of Corrections Health. From first entering the facilities through booking until release or transfer to another jail, prison or USM service, trained and skilled Corrections Health personnel provide effective 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 the mental health services to adults in the MCDC and MCIJ facilities and juveniles in the JDH facility. At MCDC, approximately 400 detainees are housed in classification (new jail housing), female, male, close custody and mental health housing modules. Ninety-six rooms are designated for those with mental health diagnosis and cared for by a team of mental health nurses, consultants and providers for diagnosis and treatment. Early identification, evaluation and treatment provide safety for clients, especially for suicide prevention. At MCIJ, approximately 600 men, women, inmate workers for inside and outside work crews, sentenced individuals and those awaiting trial are housed. A 10 bed medical unit provides skilled nursing and protective isolation in house, and utilization of the unit prevents a stay in a hospital at a much greater cost. Mental health services are also provided to inmates at MCIJ, both individually and in groups. Inmates are typically more stable in this jail which allows for mental health groups to occur several times per week. In addition to groups, individual sessions and medication management occur. JDH health professionals work 16 hours/day, seven days a week providing care for 80 youth daily in 7 individual housing units from three counties. Care ranges from minor ailments to major chronic and emotional diseases resulting from substance abuse, trauma, lack of health care, lack of knowledge of hygiene and self care, frequent infections and a high rate of medical and mental illness.

In addition to the services provided by mental health professions, mental health and behavioral issues are screened for and addressed by nursing and other staff in a variety of circumstances: intake/reception screening, 14-Day Health Assessment, response to medical request forms, management in observation units and at release. This health care is delivered effectively through providing the right care in the right setting.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Avg number of mental health evaluations for suicide watch per month.	222	200	235	240
Outcome	Avg of total number of active and constant suicide watches per month to prevent inmate injury or death	120	90	130	130
Output	Avg number of evaluations performed by Mental Health Consultants for all Corrections Health sites per month	860	900	785	825
Outcome	% of detained youth receiving mental health medications monthly	44%	40%	45%	45%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure 1: Tracking MHC evaluations help to assess client access to care and resource utilization; Measure 2: Tracking both "ACTIVE" and "CONSTANT" suicide watches, capture management of detainees felt to be at risk, better-reflecting resource needs; Outcome Measure: Tracking percentage of youth receiving psychotropic medications allows for monitoring of needs at the JDH facility.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$3,192,760	\$0	\$3,431,645	\$0
Contractual Services	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$19,724	\$0	\$22,858	\$0
Internal Services	\$307,010	\$0	\$303,496	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,559,494	\$0	\$3,797,999	\$0
Program Total:	\$3,559,494		\$3,797,999	
Program FTE	21.80	0.00	23.40	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. 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 2019: 40059-19 Corrections Health Mental Health Services