

### Program #40059A - Corrections Health Behavioral Health Services

FY 2024 Proposed

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Program Offer Type: Existing Program Offer Stage: Proposed

**Related Programs:** 

**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 over 30% having mental health and behavioral issues. Over 2,500+ 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 Description**

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. That care is delivered to a BIPOC 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 FY24 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 mental health and transition 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. 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 40 youth daily in 7 individual housing units from three counties. In addition to the services provided by mental health professionals, transition service staff is available to provide a bridge for releasing AICs and YICs who are on SUD and need additional follow up in the community. The staff includes community health workers, CHN, MHCs and eligibility specialists.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer			
Output	Average # mental health evaluations for suicide watch per month	250	250	250	250			
Outcome	Average of total number of active and constant suicide watches per month to prevent AIC injury or death	100	125	100	100			
Output	Average # of evaluations performed by Mental Health Consultants for all CH sites per month	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000			
Outcome	Monthly average of AICs on SUD being tracked by the Transition Program that come back to custody	0	5	5	5			

### **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 medication 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

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$4,780,637	\$0	\$4,951,048	\$0
Contractual Services	\$80,000	\$0	\$84,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$366,328	\$0	\$384,645	\$0
Internal Services	\$413,062	\$0	\$433,213	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$5,640,027	\$0	\$5,852,906	\$0
Program Total:	\$5,640,027		\$5,852,906	
Program FTE	31.45	0.00	30.65	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: FY 2023: 40059A Corrections Health Behavioral Health Services