

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, In Target

Executive Summary

The Behavioral Health Division is responsible for providing oversight and coordination for behavioral health crisis services to the entire population of Multnomah County. Crisis services are particularly important to ensure care to the most vulnerable and marginalized communities. To this end, care is taken to support equitable services that prioritize addressing disparities related to access and outcomes. Crisis services include immediate 24/7/365 access to phone crisis support, 24/7/365 mobile crisis outreach, urgent walk in care and access to Peer Supports, and postvention care through the Trauma Intervention Program Northwest.

Program Description

The behavioral health crisis system consists of multiple services that interconnect to support the acute behavioral health needs of the entire community regardless of age, insurance status, or other identity and there is no charge to the individual. Multnomah County Behavioral Health Call Center: Serves has the hub for crisis services and response. Phone support is available 24/7/365 from masters level clinicians. Services include, and are not limited to, crisis counseling, de-escalation, referral support, resource recommendations, and triage and dispatch of mobile crisis outreach. Dedicated warm transfer lines with 911 and 988 to improve coordination of care and reduce law enforcement dispatch to behavioral health emergencies. Dedicated referral and coordination lines to streamline and improve care coordination as well as access to sub-acute and respite services for uninsured individuals.

Mobile Crisis Response Teams: 24/7/365 mobile response teams of clinicians and peer support specialists available to respond anywhere within the county to meet with individuals in crisis, perform risk assessment, and develop safety plans. Services designed to provide follow up and wrap around support to reduce potential need for higher level of support. Teams prioritize response without law enforcement and when law enforcement is needed work in tandem to ensure behavioral health is addressed as primary. Services also include specific support and outreach to local Emergency Departments to connect individuals to ongoing care and reduce likelihood of crisis.

Shelter Behavioral Health Team: 7 days per week, teams of QMHA counselors and Peer Support Specialists provide onsite support to county located homeless shelters. Services included outreach, engagement, crisis counseling, de-escalation, and follow up services to those at risk of escalation.

Urgent Walk-In Clinic: 7/365 behavioral health clinic available to provide immediate Peer Support, crisis evaluation and triage, medication management, linkage and referral. Reduces utilization of ED's for those in need and provides immediate drop off support for law enforcement.

Trauma Intervention Program NW: Upon request access to on-scene emotional and practical support to victims, families and friends of victims, and communities impacted by traumatic events as well as post disaster after action calls to first responders.

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Total # of engaged persons on a monthly basis through OTIP	575	400	511	400
Outcome	Total # of de-escalations per month through OTIP	65	60	65	60
Output	Total Crisis System Contacts	103,587	95,000	101,343	95,000

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025	
Personnel	\$0	\$177,591	\$0	\$185,045	
Contractual Services	\$333,715	\$0	\$0	\$1,354,575	
Total GF/non-GF	\$333,715	\$177,591	\$0	\$1,539,620	
Program Total:	\$511,306		\$1,539,620		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	
Program Revenues					
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

\$1,539,620 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Fund 1521. Tax revenues are budgeted in the Joint Office of Homeless Services program 30000 Administration and Operations. \$1 million of this funding is one-time-only.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: