

Department: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

As the Community Mental Health Program (CMHP), the County is obligated to perform various duties related to involuntary mental health treatment.

The Involuntary Commitment Program (ICP) is required to investigate and make recommendations to the court anytime an individual is involuntarily detained for mental health treatment. When a hearing is recommended, the county is required to submit a hearing report and provide a certified mental health examiner to assist in the evaluation of the person with an alleged mental illness. ICP employs certified commitment investigators to evaluate involuntarily detained individuals in hospitals. These individuals are alleged to be a danger to self/others or unable to provide for their basic personal needs due to a mental disorder.

The Oregon Health Authority also delegates the responsibility for the assignment and placement of civilly committed individuals to the CMHP. When a person is civilly committed they are assigned a commitment monitor who oversees their care and treatment. Commitment monitors meet with all committed patients in Multnomah County at various commitment sites to routinely assess mental status and progress towards discharge, and collaborate with inpatient and outpatient providers plus significant others to create treatment and support in the least restrictive environments.

When a civilly committed person is discharged to the community while remaining under committed status this is called a trial visit. When a person under civil commitment is released on trial visit or with other conditions made by the court, they are assigned a trial visit monitor who supports the individuals on conditional release to access care and remain safe in the community.

For every person placed under commitment or trial visit, a monitor conducts at minimum twice weekly visits to those in hospital settings under civil commitment, weekly visits to those in subacute care under civil commitment. These commitment services promote resilience, safety, and recovery in the community while reducing the need for unnecessary hospital interventions. Services apply an equity lens, utilizing culturally specific positions and culturally responsive ideals to protect the civil rights of vulnerable individuals and enhance outcomes for those individuals.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Total number of notices of mental illness (NMI) investigated	2,321	2,400	1,701	2,000
Outcome	% of investigated NMIs that did not go to court hearing	90%	80%	90%	80%
Outcome	% of investigated NMIs taken to court hearing that resulted in commitment	83%	80%	83%	80%
Output	# of commitments monitored annually	211	250	170	200

Performance Measures Descriptions

1. This includes hospital holds/ NMIs for residents regardless of without insurance and some residents with insurance. 2. Measure staff effectiveness in applying ORS 426 and reducing burden on the system. 3. The court finds clear and convincing evidence for continued commitment. 4. # reflects new & existing commitments of residents in acute care settings & secure placements.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 426 requires that all persons placed on a notice of mental illness be investigated within one judicial day, as well as monitored upon commitment, as a protection of their civil rights. The state delegates the implementation of this statute to the counties.

Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Additions and Mental Health Services.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$1,408,913	\$2,758,202	\$1,558,730	\$3,259,926
Contractual Services	\$122,504	\$277,733	\$136,070	\$327,733
Materials & Supplies	\$7,909	\$31,500	\$5,813	\$31,620
Internal Services	\$501,636	\$81,255	\$505,548	\$131,655
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,040,962	\$3,148,690	\$2,206,161	\$3,750,934
Program Total:	\$5,189,652		\$5,957,095	
Program FTE	8.50	16.10	8.80	18.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,148,690	\$0	\$3,750,934
Total Revenue	\$0	\$3,148,690	\$0	\$3,750,934

Explanation of Revenues

State \$ 3,750,934 - State Mental Health Grant: MHS 25: Acute & Intermdt Psych - Commit

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 40072 Mental Health Commitment Services

2.00 FTE added to ensure contract compliance with OHA funding requirements.