

Division: Behavioral Health

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Community Mental Health Program (CMHP) is obligated by law to perform various duties related to involuntary mental health treatment.

The CMHP is responsible for prehearing commitment investigations. Multnomah County's certified investigators investigate Notices of Mental Illness (NMIs), including 'hospital holds,' 'Magistrate holds,' and 'Two party petitions'. For all Notices of Mental Illness received, a certified mental health investigator conducts a prehearing investigation within three judicial days, submits a recommendation to the court, and provides an investigation report as required under ORS 426.070. When applicable, the CMHP and the treating physician may certify a person for diversion at any time up to three judicial days after the person is placed into custody.

The CMHP is required to monitor individuals in Multnomah County under civil commitment, conditional release, or trial visit. Multnomah County's post-commitment and trial visit monitors meet routinely with all committed patients in Multnomah County at various commitment sites to assess mental status and progress toward discharge. These monitors collaborate with inpatient and outpatient providers plus significant others to create discharge plans in the least restrictive environments. For every person placed under commitment or trial visit, a monitor conducts a minimum of twice weekly visits to those in hospital settings under civil commitment, weekly visits to those in subacute care under civil commitment, and weekly to monthly visits to those in residential and community settings under trial visit.

Equity Statement

Civil commitment has the potential to disproportionately affect groups with racialized identities and other marginalized groups, reflecting systemic biases rather than purely clinical needs. Multnomah County's Mental Health Commitment Services work to ensure that dignity and due process rights are protected for all those who go through the civil commitment process.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,558,730	\$3,259,926	\$0	\$5,895,245
Contractual Services	\$136,070	\$327,733	\$0	\$287,000
Materials & Supplies	\$5,813	\$31,620	\$0	\$37,625
Internal Services	\$505,548	\$131,655	\$163,803	\$480,395
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,206,161	\$3,750,934	\$163,803	\$6,700,265
Total Expenses:	\$5,957,095		\$6,864,068	
Program FTE	8.80	18.00	0.00	32.50
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,750,934	\$0	\$6,700,265
Total Revenue	\$0	\$3,750,934	\$0	\$6,700,265

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Total number of Notices of Mental Illness (NMIs) investigated	2,126	2,138	2,400
% of NMIs investigated resulting in hearing recommendation	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%