



Program #40077 - Mental Health Treatment & Medication for the Uninsured 3/7/2022

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Christa Jones
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Multnomah Treatment Fund (MTF) prioritizes community-based services to individuals who experience challenges associated with severe mental illness and have been released from jail or psychiatric hospitals and/or are at risk of hospitalization or decompensation of mental health stability. MTF funds services for uninsured individuals without financial resources that are ineligible for Medicaid through Oregon Health Plan (OHP). In some cases, the program creates access for individuals who, because of their immigration status, do not qualify for many public entitlements and resources, and have limited access to behavioral health services. Contracted providers are responsible to ensure diversity training for staff, a diverse workforce, and incorporating social equity innovation into their policy development and service delivery.

Program Summary

The Behavioral Health Division provides funds to the network of providers to treat consumers who are uninsured during periods of exacerbated psychiatric symptoms in acute stages of mental illness.

The goal is to stabilize and prevent more drastic consequences including hospitalization, incarceration, loss of housing, impacts of substance use disorder and loss of custody of children. If these services are effective, the client's stability is supported so that trauma, increased vulnerability and suffering is prevented or reduced and the county preserves funds that would otherwise be lost to costly deep-end institutional responses such as hospitalization, corrections, or homelessness response/emergency services. Since these funds are limited, providers do a review during their intake process to ensure that MTF services are provided as clinically necessary and that clients' insurance status and financial eligibility meet program criteria. Services can include individual and group therapy, case management, community outreach, housing assistance, medication management, co-occurring disorder treatment, care coordination, and crisis intervention. Of the persons served by this program, 16% were from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. While the person is receiving services, they can be linked to other supports and acquire assistance in securing OHP benefits. The demand for services in this program has slightly decreased due to Medicaid Expansion, however limitations on Medicaid eligibility requirements and on Medicare approved services means there are still individuals who require this safety net program to receive on-going mental health case management and treatment services. For example, Medicare services are required to be provided by specifically certified/licensed professionals that are not always readily available in our community. Additionally, some services, such as intensive case management and general case management are not covered by Medicare..

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Total # of adults who received county-funded outpatient services or medication	401	650	396	400
Outcome	Percentage of MTF clients that are hospitalized	5.49%	6.21%	6.06%	6.21%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

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

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$1,347,292	\$0	\$1,259,920	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,347,292	\$0	\$1,259,920	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,347,292		\$1,259,920	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 40077 Mental Health Treatment & Medication for the Uninsured

Providers have experienced critical staffing shortages that have caused mental health agencies to struggle with vacant positions and increasing costs while the pandemic continued to limit the number of MTF eligible individuals who were able to be served.