

Program #40084 - Culturally Specific Mental Health Services 2/17/2017

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

Executive Summary

Culturally-specific outpatient mental health services provide treatment for five under-served communities in our county (Pacific Islander, African-American, Eastern European, Latino, and Native-American). These communities have encountered difficulty finding mental health treatment that incorporate their culture, tradition and language. Some communities of color are also over-represented in the criminal justice system. Through this program offer 897 indigent individuals received services in FY16.

Program Summary

The system of care built and maintained by Multnomah County must reflect the demographics of those we serve. To ensure that all members of our community have treatment options that incorporate specific cultural needs, MCHD contracts for mental health services for individuals from five communities currently under-served or insufficiently served. Those communities are: Eastern European/Slavic/Russian Speaking, African-American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latino/Hispanic, and Native American/ Alaskan Native. Multnomah County Mental Health prevalence data suggests that members of the African-American and Native American communities are more likely to be placed in restrictive settings such as hospitals and jails as a result of mental health symptoms. African-Americans are over represented in correctional facilities and the criminal justice system. Culturally-specific services address mental health problems through early access to culturally and linguistically appropriate treatment including nontraditional but culturally appropriate outreach, engagement, and treatment services. Early intervention can mitigate the need for expensive hospital, residential care, or crisis services.

A growing population of African, Pacific Islander and Middle East refugees were identified in stakeholder discussions and culturally specific behavioral health provider meetings. Programs and benefits for refugees are time limited and do not offer comprehensive mental health treatment. Culturally specific providers reported that the majority of uninsured refugee referrals (72%) came from Multnomah County Health Department clinics. Funding targeted for comprehensive mental health treatment and support services specific to refugee populations decreases the need for crisis services, hospitalization and/or unnecessary involvement in the criminal justice system.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Total culturally diverse individuals receiving services ¹	897	735	934	900
Outcome	Culturally specific persons served per 1,000 culturally diverse in population ²	3.9	3.2	4.1	4.1

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ This total includes all persons served under this contract and does not include those culturally diverse persons served by Multnomah Mental Health or in other programs. ² Service Rate Per 1,000 Calculation- Numerator: Total unduplicated culturally diverse individuals served. Denominator: Total county census for similar groups taken from the American Community Survey estimates for 2015.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

N/A

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Contractual Services	\$1,567,513	\$0	\$1,618,420	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,567,513	\$0	\$1,618,420	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,567,513		\$1,618,420	
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 2017: 40084 Culturally Specific Mental Health Services