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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Coordinated diversion includes three jail and/or hospital diversion programs for criminal legal system-exposed individuals experiencing severe mental health issues. Programs provide support and connection to community treatment options, divert people experiencing a serious mental health issue from lengthy jail stays, and promote stability in the community. It is well documented that Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities are overrepresented in the forensic population. Program equity practices include: continuing advocacy and participation in system improvement at the state and local level, creating workforce diversity, promoting that client assessment and materials be provided in the client's native language, and broadening admission criteria to connect clients to culturally specific resources and services.

Program Summary

Mental Health Court provides time-limited intensive monitoring services to persons involved in the criminal legal system post-adjudication. Defendants plea into the court and are supported by Parole/probation, Mental Health Court monitors and peer specialists. The focus is on connecting defendants to community treatment, housing, and financial and medical entitlements. Staff provides ongoing monitoring and support for individuals enrolled in the Mental Health Court.

The Forensic Diversion Program is a pre-adjudication program, focusing on diverting I defendants with mental health disabilities from the criminal justice system. The program also works with individuals charged with a felony and/or misdemeanor and ordered to undergo competency evaluation/restoration at the Oregon State Hospital (OSH). Staff provide mental status evaluations and linkage to basic need resources in the community; time-limited coordination/linkage to treatment services, housing, financial and medical entitlements, and social services. In addition, Forensic Diversion provides community restoration as an alternative to being placed in the Oregon State Hospital. This option is less restrictive and provides the client with continued stability and services while maintaining safety in their community as an alternative to extended time in the Multnomah County Detention Center.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	# of participants served by Forensic Diversion	297	300	319	300
Outcome	% of participants served in the Community by Forensic Diversion	47%	30%	42%	30%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

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

State of Oregon Safe Neighborhood Advocacy Partnership grant

US Dept of Health & Human Services Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$460,864	\$1,549,196	\$530,183	\$1,630,152
Contractual Services	\$592,701	\$969,669	\$611,538	\$885,300
Materials & Supplies	\$3,992	\$5,887	\$2,611	\$1,726
Internal Services	\$239,792	\$143,727	\$204,046	\$151,301
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,297,349	\$2,668,479	\$1,348,378	\$2,668,479
Program Total:	\$3,965,828		\$4,016,857	
Program FTE	3.80	11.70	3.80	10.70

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,668,479	\$0	\$2,668,479
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,668,479	\$0	\$2,668,479

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$39,527 in indirect revenues.

\$ 1,080,000 - Oregon Health Authority: Aid & Assist Grant

\$ 1,588,479 - State Mental Health Grant: MHS Special Projects based on 2019-2021 IGA with State of Oregon

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 40088A Coordinated Diversion for Justice Involved Individuals

The impact of COVID-19 on the Forensic Diversion program is that jail capacity was reduced to manage the physical distancing requirements to limit exposure to COVID-19, impacting custody discharges and also arrest rates. This impacted referral numbers into the program. However, due to a reduction in community resources, as a result of COVID-19 and the workforce shortage, connections to community resources and supports took longer to achieve and clients required more ongoing support. This was very pronounced with housing resources as shelter space was limited. Despite these challenges, the Coordination Diversion teams consistently responded to client and system partner needs and maximized funding to support services.