

Department: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

Coordinated diversion includes three forensic diversion programs for criminal, legal system-exposed individuals who experience serious mental illness. Programs provide assessments and care coordination to divert people from lengthy jail and state hospital stays and promote stability in the community. The goal of all three programs is to move individuals out of the criminal justice system and connect them to the broader mental health and addiction system. BIPOC communities are overrepresented in the forensic population. Programs' equity practices include: participation in system improvement at the state and local level, creating workforce diversity, assuring that assessment tools, curriculum and forms are provided in a person's native language, and connecting clients to culturally specific resources and services.

Program Description

Aid and assist services assess, consult, and provide care coordination for individuals who have been deemed unable to aid and assist in the defense of criminal charges filed against them. In accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS), Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR), and Court orders, aid and assist staff evaluate individuals for community based treatment options, maintain contact with all persons ordered to Oregon State Hospital (OSH), participate in care meeting and facilitate discharge planning for hospitalized individuals, provide community based care coordination and service linkage, and make regular reports to the Court regarding the status of individuals who are unable to aid and assist. New federal orders have limited the length of time an individual can be committed to the Oregon state hospital. As such, the number of individuals needing services through the Aid and Assist team has increased significantly.

Mental Health Court is a specialty court for individuals who have been found guilty of a crime and agree to participate in mental health treatment and probation in order to divert from prison sentences. BHD staff assess persons referred to Mental Health Court and make recommendations regarding treatment needs and treatment availability; provide care coordination and case management services to court participants to support participants' treatment needs, housing needs, applications for benefits, and accessing other needed services. Jail Diversion services are time limited support provided to individuals with a history of judicial involvement who are at risk of further legal exposure due to psychiatric instability. The Bridge Treatment Team works to identify individuals who are already legally and criminally exposed through the Aid and Assist program and those who are at risk of legal/criminal exposure. The team consists of Mental Health Consultants, peers, and case managers who work to engage individuals in treatment and connect them to long term treatment and recovery resources. While the team works with all individuals, they specialize in working with BIPOC and LGBTQ+ individuals.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	# of participants served by Forensic Diversion	374	300	388	350
Outcome	% of participants served in the Community by Forensic Diversion	25%	25%	31%	25%
Output	# of individuals served by Bridge Treatment Team (1)	N/A	75%	N/A	75%
Outcome	% of active clients who achieve intake +1 appointment with community treatment and/or community supports (2)	N/A	45%	N/A	45%

Performance Measures Descriptions

(1) New output for the Bridge Treatment team will identify the individuals being supported by this program. (2) New outcome for the Bridge Treatment team during the first year of programming will identify percentage of clients being connected to longer term supports at conclusion of brief treatment program, excluding those who are determined to have benefited from brief treatment alone, those who disengage from services and those who are referred to a higher level of care.

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	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$863,470	\$2,739,996	\$894,287	\$3,912,196
Contractual Services	\$703,751	\$1,562,056	\$539,220	\$1,532,917
Materials & Supplies	\$2,741	\$237,118	\$1,861	\$96,505
Internal Services	\$210,698	\$291,811	\$205,924	\$429,979
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,780,660	\$4,830,981	\$1,641,292	\$5,971,597
Program Total:	\$6,611,641		\$7,612,889	
Program FTE	4.80	17.70	5.50	24.70

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,830,981	\$0	\$5,971,597
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,830,981	\$0	\$5,971,597

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$266,022 in indirect revenues.

State \$ 1,532,538 - Oregon Health Authority: Aid & Assist Grant

State \$ 2,570,267 - State Mental Health Grant: MHS-04 Aid & Assist Client Svcs & MHS-09 Jail Diversion

State \$ 1,200,000 - Assist Population - Jail Diversion

State \$ 668,792 - State Improving People's Access to Community-based Treatment (IMPACT)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 40088 Coordinated Diversion for Justice Involved Individuals

The Aid and Assist team experienced a dramatic increase in workload due to the Mosman order limiting the length of time a person can stay at OSH and changes in when individuals at OSH are assessed for Hospital Level of Care. The program has also seen an increase in individuals receiving community restoration services. The team was restructured to meet the demand and new staff were hired in order to ensure that statutory requirements were met. Over 2023/24 we have seen higher acuity needs in Mental Health Court with more intense person to person crimes (assault and assault with a weapon involved). More than half of our participants continue to have ongoing substance use and needs that are difficult to address due to limited appropriate treatment resources. This program has seen a significant increase in the number of referrals and the number of individuals entering the program.