

Department: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Individuals with unaddressed mental health needs and addictions are overrepresented in the criminal justice system. Coordinated Diversion services reduce criminal justice involvement for individuals with unmet behavioral health needs by intervening in the jail and with the court to create avenues to services in the community. These services minimize unnecessary use of jail detention, decrease future contacts with law enforcement, and reduce the number of individuals at the Oregon State Hospital. Coordinated Diversion services include mandated Aid & Assist monitoring, mandated Community Restoration, and the Adult Mental Health Court. These services are required of the Community Mental Health Program (CMHP) by Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 161 and Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 309.

Coordinated Diversion services includes Aid & Assist Community Restoration services. In Oregon, a court is required to consult with the CMHP in all criminal cases where the court questions a defendant's understanding of the charges against them and being able to aid and assist in their own defense due to a mental health disorder. The Coordinated Diversion services team responds to court orders and works with the individual and the court to connect to supports and treatments in the community. When someone is found unable to aid and assist in their defense, they may be ordered to the Oregon State Hospital (OSH) for treatment or be released to the community and ordered to participate in competency restoration services in the community. Coordinated Diversion services provide monitoring, providing intensive case management, and frequent updates to the court for individuals in the community under community restoration orders. The CMHP is also responsible for discharge planning and care coordination while an individual is at OSH for competency restoration. Coordinated Diversion Services have regular and ongoing communication and collaboration with OSH to facilitate effective discharges to community-based levels of care for all patients placed under Aid & Assist orders. Coordinated Diversion services also includes the Adult Mental Health Court with the Multnomah County Circuit Court. This specialty court docket provides wrap-around support for individuals with acute behavioral health needs under formal court supervision who are at high risk to remain in the criminal justice system without intensive services. Coordinate Diversion services divert individuals from the criminal justice system and OSH into community restoration services whenever possible through person-centered engagement and coordination between the systems of the courts, jails, and community resources. Peer-delivered services are an essential part of all Coordinated Diversion services. Coordinated Diversion services are culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and they reduce the overrepresentation and overincarceration of persons with mental health needs in the criminal justice system. These services intervene at an individual level while also addressing larger systemic barriers that are root causes for individuals with mental health and other disabilities being overrepresented in the criminal justice system.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	# of Community Restoration Consult court orders received by Aid & Assist team	222	350	576	504
Outcome	% of Community Restoration Consult court orders responded to within five judicial days (1)	80%	100%	100%	100%
Output	# of orders to provide community restoration services in the community by Aid & Assist team	129	140	140	140
Output	average total daily caseload served in Mental Health Court	59	60	75	75

Performance Measures Descriptions

(1) Due to changes with the Mosman order, the team had difficulty managing workload and this outcome dropped for the year. More staff have been hired and all consults are being completed in the required timeline.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS Chapter 161 requires the Community Mental Health Program (CMHP) to provide consultation services to the court in all criminal cases where a defendant's ability to "aid and assist" in their own defense due to a mental health disorder. Oregon Health Authority, Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services.

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

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$894,287	\$3,912,196	\$805,358	\$4,153,335
Contractual Services	\$539,220	\$1,532,917	\$235,709	\$2,103,636
Materials & Supplies	\$1,861	\$96,505	\$5,493	\$47,269
Internal Services	\$205,924	\$429,979	\$305,201	\$297,514
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,641,292	\$5,971,597	\$1,351,761	\$6,601,754
Program Total:	\$7,612,889		\$7,953,515	
Program FTE	5.50	24.70	4.70	25.50

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$5,971,597	\$0	\$6,601,754
Total Revenue	\$0	\$5,971,597	\$0	\$6,601,754

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$108,058 in indirect revenues.

State \$ 1,248,281 - Jail Diversion GY25

State \$ 3,442,300 - State Mental Health Grant: MHS-04 Aid & Assist Client Svcs & MHS-09

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

State \$ 711,173 - State Improving People's Access to Community-based Treatment (IMPACT)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 40088 Coordinated Diversion for Justice Involved Individuals