

**Department:** Community Justice                      **Program Contact:** Stuart Walker  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program                      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Mental Health Unit (MHU) provides supervision services for probation, parole, and post-prison individuals who have been diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness. MHU works in collaboration with a variety of community partners including but not limited to the Sheriff's Office, the Courts, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Health Department, the Local Public Safety Coordinating Committee (LPSCC), Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC), Portland Police, treatment providers, and community groups that work with this population.

**Program Summary**

MHU works to decrease justice-involved individuals (JIIs) with severe behavioral health issues from incarceration and hospitalizations. MHU increases community safety and minimizes individual contact with the criminal justice system by JIIs with individualized community-based treatment and case management with supervision from specially trained parole-probation officers (PPOs). The goal of MHU is to reduce recidivism, enhance community safety, and support individuals experiencing significant behavioral health needs in achieving long-term stabilization and improved functioning.

MHU performs the following:

- 1) Improves access to appropriate services for people with severe mental illness who are at high risk of criminal justice involvement;
- 2) Assists individuals in achieving an improved quality of life outside of jails, prisons and hospitals; and
- 3) Provides ongoing monitoring and surveillance.

This program supports public safety by providing supervision and case management functions. PPOs provide skill training to justice-involved individuals to help them change thinking and behaviors that can lead to continued criminal justice involvement. Treatment and case management is provided to high and medium risk individuals to help them stabilize their mental health symptoms and individuals are connected to long term care in the community.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted operations beginning in March 2020. PPOs have limited in person visits to address immediate public safety concerns and address high risk behaviors. They maintain contact with justice-involved individuals via phone or other virtual options. Regular in person meetings will resume in FY 2022 when it is safe to do so.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of adults served annually	505	525	500	525
Outcome	Percent of adults convicted of misd. or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	20%	30%	20%	30%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Measures 1 and 2: FY 2020 Actual and FY 2021 Estimate have been significantly affected by COVID-19. DCJ anticipates numbers will return to normal in FY 2022, as vaccine rollout completes in Summer 2021 and when court backlogs are resolved.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$1,627,053	\$0	\$1,683,996	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,390,222	\$275,301	\$1,370,543	\$293,967
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$66,327	\$0	\$5,485
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$3,017,275</b>	<b>\$341,628</b>	<b>\$3,054,539</b>	<b>\$299,452</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$3,358,903</b>		<b>\$3,353,991</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	11.00	0.00	11.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$341,628	\$0	\$299,452
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$341,628</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$299,452</b>

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$299,452 grant from Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, Specialty Court program. Funding supports Multnomah County Mental Health Court for justice-involved individuals struggling with substance use disorder through recidivism outcomes by way of interdisciplinary team collaboration, court-directed treatment, and compliance. Grant funding level for 2021-2023 biennium expected to be at the same level as the 2019-2021 biennium. FY 2022 is 49% allocation for the 1st year of 2021-2023 biennium budget.

Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2021: 50024 Adult Mental Health Unit - Supervision and Treatment

Contractual services had a net reduction of \$1,013. This consisted of an increase of client assistance due to the new mental health outreach program initiative that started during FY 2021 - \$12,000 and a reduction of \$13,013 in contracts.

Materials & Supplies reduced by \$60,842 1) training \$5,199 2) supplies \$61,128.