

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** Stuart Walker
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
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 connect them to long term care in the community.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted operations beginning in March 2020. PPOs had limited in-person visits to address immediate public safety concerns and address high risk behaviors. Field visits resumed in February 2021 and office visits resumed in October 2021, with staff taking the necessary safety precautions. PPOs are meeting clients face-to-face on a regular basis and have resumed all case management practices. The Mental Health Unit also has been conducting community outreach since May 2021 in an effort to reach justice-involved individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of adults served annually	495	525	500	500
Outcome	Percent of adults convicted of misdemeanor or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	7%	30%	7%	7%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measures 1 and 2: In FY 2022 the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the justice system by slowing Court processes. DCJ is now beginning to see the backlog of court cases, and as resolved, more individuals are being placed on probation. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased pressure on the scarce supply housing and DCJ has seen the percentage of JII's supervised by the MHU who are homeless climb to 63%. Community based mental health and substance abuse resources have also been less available.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$1,683,996	\$0	\$1,730,076	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,370,543	\$293,967	\$1,278,053	\$200,181
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$5,485	\$0	\$59,670
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,054,539	\$299,452	\$3,008,129	\$259,851
Program Total:	\$3,353,991		\$3,267,980	
Program FTE	11.00	0.00	11.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$299,452	\$0	\$259,851
Total Revenue	\$0	\$299,452	\$0	\$259,851

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus

\$259,851 from Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, Specialty Courts Grant Program grant agreement \$509,686 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2023. 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. FY 2023 budget is 51% for the 2nd year of grant agreement minus approximately an estimated \$90 overspent in FY 2022.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 50024 Adult Mental Health Unit - Supervision and Treatment

(1) Contractual Services (general funds) decrease of \$92,490 due to reduction of mental health contracts. (2) Contractual Services (other funds) decrease of \$93,786 due to reduction in Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, Specialty Courts Grant award.

Material and Supplies increased by decreased by \$5,485 in general supplies; In FY 2023, The MHC grant will purchase a web based software subscription (\$59,670). SPROKIT is a flexible, web-based platform that offers criminal justice stakeholders the ability to engage, direct and monitor participant completion of pre-determined activities through an app on the participants' phone.