Key Impacts of FY27 County Budget:
Corrections Health (CH) and Behavioral Health Division (BHD)

Highlights: Key Budget Impacts to CH and BHD programs that directly impact adults in custody or other justice-related individuals, including impact on community and legal system partners.

Corrections Health:

The major change within the Corrections Health Division is the partial-elimination of Program Offer 40047, the Corrections Health Transition Services Program (TSP). The Clinical Support Specialists (TSP Planners) was discontinued as a result of budget impacts. This will result in a loss of case assessment and management for high-acuity adults in custody who are exiting the carceral setting from the Multnomah County Downtown Detention Center. While adults exiting custody will still benefit from the work of the three remaining Community Health Specialist 2's (TSP Workers), which includes Medicaid enrollment; supply provisioning; and medication supports, the ability to support people with complex needs during re-entry has been diminished. This will create a loss of support and/or more of a shift to Multnomah County Sheriff's Office counselors to meet the needs of those exiting custody.

Behavioral Health

State funding was allocated to support Aid & Assist, Civil Commitment, and Psychiatric Security Review Board as top priority populations for Oregon Health Authority's funding. The Behavioral Health Division's capacity in the Mental Health Court was reduced from 5.0 FTE to 3.0 FTE to balance County Financial Assistance Agreement funds for other required services. The Behavioral Health Division will continue providing mental health clients connections to community based services and supports to ensure communication flow between providers and the court so they may have the opportunity to meet the requirements of their formal supervision and decrease future criminal justice involvement.

The Behavioral Health Division was awarded $377,312 by the Criminal Justice Commission Improving People's Access to Community Based Treatment, Supports, and Services Grant program. LPSCC was the applicant (per grant rules). Funds will provide for three contracted peer mentors who specialize in serving individuals with behavioral health needs who are involved in the criminal justice system. It will cover the cost of these peer providers to work with Aid & Assist and Mental Health Court.