



**Program #40051C - Corrections Health MCIJ Dorms 12 - 18 and Infirmary** 4/21/2021

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Corrections Health Multnomah County Inverness Jail houses 860 men, women, inmate workers for inside and outside work crews, sentenced individuals and those awaiting trial who are being medically stabilized with treatment. Approximately 100 USM detainees are housed in the system daily. Over 36,000 individuals are cared for each year with over 50% having health conditions, such as diabetes, kidney failure, infections, alcohol and drug withdrawal and mental illnesses.

**Program Summary**

The core responsibility of Corrections Health is to provide a constitutional and community level of health care (medical, mental health and dental) to the individuals entrusted to our care while incarcerated in the adult detention facilities or the Donald E. Long Detention Center. That care is delivered to a population disproportionately involved in the justice system. As health risk and diseases rarely impact all communities equally, the work of Corrections Health addresses the groups disparately impacted. Recruitment and hiring practices have been refined to promote a workforce that more closely resembles the demographics of the population we serve. Further efforts will be made in FY22 to evaluate policies, procedures and practices to ensure that an equity approach is used whenever possible while maintaining appropriate access to essential care.

Trained, skilled professional staff working 24/7 provide effective screening, illness identification, evaluation and effective targeted treatment through a system of policies and procedures that reflect the standard of care in the community and equal to other correctional facilities across the country. Corrections Health provides a variety of health, mental health and dental services to 430 men and women in dorms 12-18 at MCIJ. Diverse staff work 24/7 to provide evaluation, treatment, referral, medication management, emergency response, communicable disease identification and suicide prevention. A 10 bed medical unit provides skilled nursing and protective isolation in house, and utilization of the unit prevents a stay in a hospital at a much greater cost. Chronic disease monitoring is key to prevent hospitalizations for our clients with diabetes, hypertension, seizures, heart disease and infections. Special OB/GYN and orthopedic clinics operate on-site. In partnership with custody staff, Corrections Health responds to emergencies and screens for communicable disease. Mental health services are also provided to inmates at MCIJ. Inmates are more stable in this jail which allows for mental health groups to occur several times per week. In addition to groups, individual sessions and medication management occur.

**Performance Measures**

| Measure Type | Primary Measure                                  | FY20 Actual | FY21 Budgeted | FY21 Estimate | FY22 Offer |
|--------------|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output       | Average # AIC nursing assessments monthly        | 1,800       | 1,835         | 1,200         | 1,200      |
| Outcome      | # of 14-Day Health Assessments completed monthly | 250         | 280           | 280           | 100        |

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Measure 1: Reflects care delivered in the entire facility and includes both medical and mental health requests.  
 Measure 2: Based on NCCHC accreditation requirements, we are tracking 14-day history and physical assessments.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Necessary health care for incarcerated individuals is a right because they do not have the freedom to obtain care on their own. Appropriate access to care and timely evaluation by a health professional is mandated by the 4th, 8th and 14th amendments. When serious health needs are not adequately addressed by professionals, that deliberate indifference to medical needs may bring harm to individuals entrusted to our care and increase liability for the County. Corrections Health is bound by ethical standards to provide unbiased care to all individuals based on community standards of care.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

|                        | Adopted<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds | Proposed<br>General Fund | Proposed<br>Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Program Expenses       | 2021                    | 2021                   | 2022                     | 2022                    |
| Personnel              | \$2,211,309             | \$0                    | \$2,123,130              | \$0                     |
| Contractual Services   | \$186,885               | \$0                    | \$0                      | \$0                     |
| Materials & Supplies   | \$0                     | \$0                    | \$87,195                 | \$0                     |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b> | <b>\$2,398,194</b>      | <b>\$0</b>             | <b>\$2,210,325</b>       | <b>\$0</b>              |
| <b>Program Total:</b>  | <b>\$2,398,194</b>      |                        | <b>\$2,210,325</b>       |                         |
| <b>Program FTE</b>     | 9.30                    | 0.00                   | 8.50                     | 0.00                    |

| Program Revenues     |            |            |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

## Explanation of Revenues

As a result of the current laws that govern the responsibilities of governmental agencies in the care of detained individuals, Corrections Health is unable to bill for services from Medicare and Medicaid. These rules and laws are under review nationally to determine if additional revenue sources can be made available to jails. Provider assessments, treatments, screenings, diagnostic tests and communicable diseases tests are performed at no charge. Medications are provided at no charge. Necessary clinical care is provided regardless of the detainee's ability to pay.

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2021: 40051C Corrections Health MCIJ Dorms 12 - 18 and Infirmary

Given a general reduction in adult in custody population, opportunities were created to reduce one Medical Assistant position at Inverness Jail without impacting clinical quantity or quality provided to the adults in custody should jail populations not increase significantly. This offer was changed to reduce one 1.0 FTE Medical Assistant position.