

**Program #40088A - Coordinated Diversion for Justice Involved Individuals** 7/6/2021

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted

**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Coordinated diversion includes three jail and/or hospital diversion programs for justice-involved individuals experiencing severe mental health issues. Mental health professionals staff the Community Court, Mental Health Court, and Forensic Diversion Program. Programs provide support and connection to community treatment options, they divert people experiencing a serious mental health issue from lengthy jail stays and promote stability in the community. It is well documented that BIPOC communities are overrepresented in the forensic population. Program equity practices include: creating workforce diversity, promoting that client assessment and materials be provided in the client’s native language, and broadening admission criteria to connect clients to culturally specific resources and services.

**Program Summary**

Community Court works with defendants who have been involved in low-level crimes, such as trespassing and littering, crimes that are often perpetrated by individuals who are houseless. The focus is on restorative justice and clients are able to participate in a variety of social services as an alternative to jail or community service.

Mental Health Court provides time-limited intensive monitoring services to persons involved in the criminal justice system post-adjudication. Defendants plea into the court and are supported by Parole/probation, Mental Health Court monitors and peer specialists. The focus is on connecting defendants to community treatment, housing, and financial and medical entitlements. Staff provides ongoing monitoring and support for persons enrolled in the Mental Health Court.

The Forensic Diversion Program is a pre-adjudication program, focusing on diverting mentally ill defendants from the criminal justice system. The program also works with persons charged with felonies and misdemeanors and ordered to undergo evaluation/restoration at the Oregon State Hospital (OSH). Staff provides mental status evaluations and linkage to basic needs in the community; time-limited coordination/linkage to treatment services, housing, financial and medical entitlements, and social services. In addition, Forensic Diversion provides community restoration as an alternative to being placed in the Oregon State Hospital. This option is less restrictive and provides the client with continued stability and services while maintaining safety in their community as an alternative to extended time in the Multnomah County Detention Center.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	# of participants in Community Court	431	718	297	0
Outcome	% of participants in good standing or have successfully completed services	43	52	41	0
Output	# of participants served by Forensic Diversion	308	400	282	300
Outcome	% of participants served in the Community by Forensic Diversion	37	15	37	30

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\*Community Court has been furloughed since April 2020, though, staff remained connected to clients to provide support and connection. Official tracking within the program, including new enrollments and evaluation of good standing and successfully completed services was stopped at the time of the court furlough. This program will be discontinued and new performance measures will be implemented focusing on Diversion, Aid and Assist and Mental Health Court.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Oregon Health Authority, Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services

State of Oregon Safe Neighborhood Advocacy Partnership grant

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

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
Personnel	\$241,820	\$1,630,496	\$197,808	\$1,549,196
Contractual Services	\$501,468	\$1,197,557	\$592,701	\$969,669
Materials & Supplies	\$3,645	\$4,058	\$3,992	\$5,887
Internal Services	\$149,371	\$211,871	\$239,792	\$143,727
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$896,304</b>	<b>\$3,043,982</b>	<b>\$1,034,293</b>	<b>\$2,668,479</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$3,940,286</b>		<b>\$3,702,772</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	1.90	12.90	1.80	11.70

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,032,669	\$0	\$2,668,479
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$11,313	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,043,982</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,668,479</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$34,644 in indirect revenues.

\$ 1,080,000 - Oregon Health Authority: Aid & Assist Grant

\$ 1,588,479 - State Mental Health Grant: MHS Special Projects based on 2019-2021 IGA with State of Oregon

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2021: 40088 Coordinated Diversion for Justice Involved Individuals

The impact of COVID-19 on the Forensic Diversion program is that jail capacity was reduced by 30% to manage the physical distancing requirements to limit exposure, impacting custody discharges and also arrest rates. This impacted referral numbers into the program. However, due to a reduction in community resources, as a result of COVID-19, connections to community resources and supports took longer to achieve and client's required more ongoing support. This was very pronounced with housing resources as shelter space was limited. Additionally, the Community Court program was furloughed in March, so did not accept new clients into the program. Program staff continued to support roughly 30 clients to connect to much needed housing, behavioral health, food, and other resources. We reduced program FTE in FY22 due to the program furlough not being lifted.