

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 16-17 Proposed

SOS 10 Commitment Investigation

Service Category: Public Safety

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| Dept.: | HHS-Behavioral Health | Mandate: | None | Related | SHALL |
| Contact: | Lisa Nichols X-6487 | Leverage: | None | Some | HIGH |

Executive Summary

Lane County Behavioral Health, as the Community Mental Health program, is responsible to provide Commitment and Investigation Services, a critical part of the mental health and public safety systems. This service is responsible for investigating situations where someone is a danger to themselves or others. These services follow up on any mental health holds in Lane County and assesses appropriateness for pursuing a 180 day commitment, then arranges for a hearing. The service also addresses family petitions for commitment. Additionally, the service is responsible for monitoring outpatient commitments, ensuring that committed individuals are following the trial outpatient commitment conditions. In addition to the public safety benefit of this service, this will allow the county to better manage hospital levels.

Service Level Descriptions (Read from bottom up. Level 1 = minimum viable service level.)

| | Revenue | Expense Total | General Fund | FTE |
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| Proposed Budget Total | \$245,171 | \$354,962 | \$109,791 | 2.50 |
| Reduction | \$0 | (\$11,924) | (\$11,924) | |

Management identified reductions in materials and service expenses to cover the service reduction of \$11,924. Specifically, fleet costs were reduced by decreasing our vehicle allotment as well as other operating expense reductions. There will be fewer fleet vehicles available for staff, which may impact responsiveness to services in the community. These services including conducting civil commitment investigations, provide monitoring and treatment to clients in the community and transporting clients to necessary services and appointments.

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| Level 2: Sr. Mental Health Specialist | \$28,916 | \$150,631 | \$121,715 | 1.00 |
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This 1.0 FTE Sr. Mental Health Specialist is dedicated to respond to situations where someone is a danger to themselves or others and will follow-up on any mental health holds in Lane County. This additional level was added to the budget in FY 14-15.

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| Level 1: Threshold | \$216,255 | \$216,255 | \$0 | 1.50 |
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The state funds 1.5 FTE Mental Health Specialists that are dedicated to provide the mandated commitment services. Due to the size of Lane County 1.5 FTE is not adequate coverage to meet the demand for these services. The program is seriously challenged to meet statutory investigation timeframes with the current level of FTE.

State/Federal Mandate

ORS 426 defines the responsibilities of the County related to commitment investigations.

Leverage Details

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

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| \$0 | back to the Discretionary General Fund |
| \$0 | into other non discretionary County Funds |
| \$0 | directly to community members via service provided |

For the purpose of this comparison, only include leveraged funds that are dependent on General Fund revenue. Do not include funds that would still be leveraged if the General Fund portion of the service were decreased or eliminated.