

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 22-23 Proposed

SOS 27: **Commitment Investigation**
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Service Category: Public Safety

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| Mandate | None | Related | SHALL |
| 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, and 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 Descriptions

| | Revenue | Expense Total | General Fund | FTE |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|------|
| Proposed Budget Total | \$5,610,884 | \$6,204,046 | \$593,162 | 4.00 |

The State of Oregon funds 2.0 FTE Mental Health Specialists dedicated to provide the mandated commitment services. Due to the size of Lane County 2.0 FTE is not adequate coverage to meet the demand for these services and the program is seriously challenged to meet statutory investigation timeframes. The County funds an additional 1.0 FTE Sr. Mental Health Specialist who 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. These services include conducting civil commitment investigations, provide monitoring and treatment to clients in the community and transporting clients to necessary services and appointments. As a logical expansion of arranging client hearings, 2.0 FTE Senior Mental Health Specialists to serve as Trial Visit Monitors and 1.0 FTE Mental Health Specialist to serve as an Access Coordinator, were added in the FY 21-22 budget to service clients at a critical intersect between Behavioral Health and the Public Safety and criminal justice systems, who are often unhoused. Those 3 additional FTE support that population's needs through oversight and care coordination, as well as collaboration with the Courts to prevent their entry into the criminal justice system. A 1.0 FTE County Counsel position to coordinate commitment investigation hearings is found within the Department of County Counsel's budget and will appear in this program's budgeted expenditures beginning in FY 23-24.

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 |