

**Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 23-24 Adopted**

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

<b>Mandate</b>	None	<b>Related</b>	SHALL
<b>Leverage</b>	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
<b>Adopted Budget Total</b>	\$8,084,056	\$8,695,272	\$611,216	37.30
<b>Current Service Level</b>	\$8,084,056	\$8,695,272	\$611,216	37.30

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. 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. One of the Trial Service Monitor positions was reallocated in FY23 to supervise the commitment team. Those 4 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.

**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:

_____ \$0	back to the Discretionary General Fund
_____ \$0	into other non Discretionary County Funds
_____ \$0	directly to community members