

Behavioral Health and Crisis Services

FUNCTION

The mission of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services is to foster the development of a comprehensive system of services to assist adults and children in crisis or with behavioral health needs. Behavioral Health Services works with the State's public mental health and substance abuse systems to ensure that treatment, rehabilitation and referral services are available for persons with long-term mental illness and that medically indigent individuals and families have access to substance abuse intervention and treatment services. In Crisis Services, 24-hour crisis intervention services are provided for persons experiencing a situational, emotional or mental health crisis. Emergency Services, another service for individuals and families in crisis, provides subsidies to low-income renters, handicapped persons and families with dependent children; and partners with community groups to provide a continuum of services for homeless families and adults, including emergency shelter and transitional housing. Crime, partner abuse or sexual assault victims receive immediate assistance as well as on-going counseling.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

System Planning and Management

As the State mandated local mental health authority, this program is responsible for the planning, management and monitoring of Public Mental Health Services for seriously, emotionally disturbed (SED) children, and adults with a serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI). This includes persons with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders, homeless persons with SPMI, and persons with SPMI who have been incarcerated and/or are on conditional release. This program is responsible for the ongoing development of a continuum of quality mental health services that provide for consumer choice and empowerment, and at the same time assure that consumers have access to clinically appropriate and cost-effective behavioral health services.

FY07 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	7,714,520	20.9
FY07 Approved	8,023,570	20.1

Behavioral Health Specialty Services

Behavioral Health Specialty Services includes the Adult Behavioral Health program and the Access to Behavioral Health

Program Summary

	Expenditures	WYs
System Planning and Management	8,023,570	20.1
Behavioral Health Specialty Services	2,591,150	24.2
Behavioral Health Community Support Svcs	7,369,490	20.7
Criminal Justice/Behavioral Health Services	1,941,290	17.4
Outpatient Addiction Services (OAS)	3,124,310	27.2
Victims Assistance and Sexual Assault Services	2,237,370	18.7
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	3,033,610	18.1
24-Hour Crisis Center	4,907,530	46.1
Mental Health Svcs for Seniors & Persons with Disabilities	715,660	2.0
Rental & Energy Assistance Program	5,591,820	7.8
Shelter Services	4,865,040	2.8
Partner Abuse Services	2,929,340	19.1
Supportive Housing Services	1,695,290	10.9
Housing Stabilization Services	4,454,380	32.2
Service Area Administration	622,780	4.1
Totals	54,102,630	271.4

Care program. The Adult Behavioral Health program provides a comprehensive range of mental health services including assessment, referral, diagnostic evaluation, psychotropic medication prescription and monitoring, and family and psycho-educational support to Montgomery County residents who have a high level of acuity and are involved in multiple systems in the community. These individuals are unable to receive Public Mental Health System services or the level of care necessary in order to effectively stabilize their illness. This program has expanded capacity to provide services to limited English proficiency (LEP) clients and those with specialized cultural and language needs. The Access to Behavioral Health Care program provides screening, assessment, and linkage for individuals seeking Behavioral Health services, addictions services, mental health services, or services to individuals with a co-occurring disorder. This service is for Montgomery County residents of all ages.

FY07 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	2,446,620	24.2
FY07 Approved	2,591,150	24.2

Behavioral Health Community Support Svcs

Behavioral Health/Community Support Services is composed of three sub-programs: Community Case Management Services, the Urine Monitoring Program, and the Program/Contract Monitoring Unit. These programs provide: 1. case management services to Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) clients, homeless women, and other clients who are “high-end” users of services and involved in multiple programs within HHS; 2. the Urine-Monitoring Program provides services to clients referred by the courts, child welfare, the criminal justice system and others required to submit to urine surveillance or who require or request urine screening and testing; and 3. the Program/Contract Monitoring Unit monitors compliance for private addiction treatment providers of detoxification, outpatient, intensive outpatient, residential halfway house, combined care, and long-term residential treatment services to enhance the addictions treatment continuum of services for residents of Montgomery County.

FY07 Changes

- Maintain funding for the Avery Road Treatment Center to provide medical detoxification and intermediate residential treatment services.*
- Maintain funding for the Avery Road Combined Care Program to provide services to individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.*
- Provide funding to maintain capacity for outpatient substance abuse services.*
- Provide funding for Lawrence Court Halfway House to maintain existing bed capacity.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	5,967,330	19.7
FY07 Approved	7,369,490	20.7

Criminal Justice/Behavioral Health Services

Criminal Justice/Behavioral Health Services is composed of three programs: Clinical Assessment and Triage Services (CATS), Community Re-Entry Services (CRES), and Jail Addiction Services (JAS). Clinical Assessment and Triage Service (CATS) staff provide behavioral health screening, assessment, triage, and diversion services at entry into the Montgomery County Detention Center. Jail Addiction Services (JAS) is an intensive jail-based residential addiction treatment program for inmates at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility who are alcohol and/or drug addicted. Community Re-Entry Services (CRES) staff provide linkages to community-based mental health and addiction treatment services as well as follow-up to assure that housing and other needed services are accessed in the community.

FY07 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	1,758,020	17.4
FY07 Approved	1,941,290	17.4

Outpatient Addiction Services (OAS)

OAS provides outpatient, intensive outpatient and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT/methadone) services for clients who are homeless, are referred by the criminal justice system, and/or meet medical need requirements. Special emphasis is placed on treating the homeless; opiate addicts; and individuals with co-occurring psychiatric and substance abuse disorders. OAS also provides addiction treatment and urine monitoring services for clients served by the Montgomery County Circuit Court Adult Drug Court treatment program.

FY07 Changes

- Replace grant funding for the Adult Drug Court Program.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	2,899,220	27.8
FY07 Approved	3,124,310	27.2

Victims Assistance and Sexual Assault Services

This program provides information, referral, support, crisis, and ongoing counseling services to persons subjected to sexual abuse (exclusive of partner abuse), as well as to persons victimized by crimes in general. A 24-hour outreach effort is provided through volunteer support, and compensation is provided to eligible victims of crime.

FY07 Changes

- Shift funding for Migrant and Refugee Cultural Support (MIRECS) which provides human trafficking outreach and education, from the Community Grants Non-Departmental Account.*
- Provide the required County match for the Victim Compensation Fund.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	2,071,290	18.7
FY07 Approved	2,237,370	18.7

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

This program provides comprehensive mental health and other necessary services to children, youth and their families that are individualized, culturally and linguistically appropriate and administered in the least restrictive, most conducive environment. In addition, this program collaborates with other child-serving agencies and community partners to ensure children, youth and their families achieve outcomes that result in mental wellness for all involved. Services include mental health screenings and assessments, outpatient treatment, specialized care coordination, play therapy, substance abuse prevention and behavior/medication management.

FY07 Changes

- Annualize funding to provide wraparound services to youth with a serious mental illness (Care Coordination – formerly Community Kids Program).
- Enhance capacity at the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Clinic to stabilize the child mental health system.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	1,718,650	11.6
FY07 Approved	3,033,610	18.1

24-Hour Crisis Center

This program provides telephone, walk-in, and crisis residential services to persons experiencing situational, emotional, or mental health crises. In addition, the Crisis Center provides a mobile crisis team response for sixteen hours/day (8:00 AM to midnight), seven days/week. Much of the work of the Crisis Center is focused upon providing the least restrictive community based service which is appropriate. Many of the services provided are alternatives to more traditional mental health services. Psychiatric crisis resources are used to prevent hospitalizations and suicides. Disaster mental health services include crisis management and consultation for disasters, as well as consultation and services for community crises. The Crisis Center coordinates mental health response during disasters and community critical incidents. The Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team provides community based mental health services for those individuals with the highest level of acuity. During the off-hours (after 5:00 p.m., weekends and holidays), crisis back-up services are provided for various health and human services needs when the clients' primary service providers are not available.

FY07 Changes

- Launch a Sobering Center for public inebriates to begin January 2007.
- Enhance funding to expand the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team to serve 20 additional clients.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	4,216,200	42.5
FY07 Approved	4,907,530	46.1

Mental Health Svcs for Seniors & Persons with Disabilities

This program provides mental health services to seniors,

persons with developmental disabilities, and persons with hearing impairments. Services include evaluation, treatment, outreach counseling, provider training, caretaker support, and referral services.

FY07 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	711,500	1.9
FY07 Approved	715,660	2.0

Rental & Energy Assistance Program

This program provides subsidies to low-income renters, handicapped persons, and families with dependent children.

FY07 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	5,517,140	8.3
FY07 Approved	5,591,820	7.8

Shelter Services

This program coordinates and provides shelter services to both families with children and single adults on a seasonal and emergency basis. Support services, including case management and outreach, are provided to persons transitioning to more permanent housing. Front-end assessments are provided to identify persons who may have a mental illness, substance abuse concerns, or other issues that contribute to their homelessness.

FY07 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	4,821,670	2.8
FY07 Approved	4,865,040	2.8

Partner Abuse Services

This program provides crisis counseling, on-going outpatient counseling, emergency shelter, referral for transitional housing; and support and advocacy to victims and families of partner-related physical abuse. Assessment, counseling, and education are also provided to abusers.

FY07 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	2,801,810	18.8
FY07 Approved	2,929,340	19.1

Supportive Housing Services

This program provides transitional housing for families with children and persons with mental disabilities. On-site case management is provided to assist persons receiving services to become self-sufficient.

FY07 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	1,510,700	10.4
FY07 Approved	1,695,290	10.9

Housing Stabilization Services

This program provides intake and assessment for County households who are experiencing a housing-related emergency. State and County grants are provided, as well as referrals for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), in order to prevent homelessness, assist with utility arrearage, and avoid welfare dependence. This program also offers mediation services to prevent homelessness by reconciling young adults and their children with the family of origin.

FY07 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	4,301,550	32.2
FY07 Approved	4,454,380	32.2

Service Area Administration

This program provides leadership and direction for the administration of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services.

FY07 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY06 Approved	801,870	4.1
FY07 Approved	622,780	4.1