

Change Item Title: Expand Mental Health Crisis Response Services

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Fund				
Expenditures	1,000	1,000	750	750
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	1,000	1,000	750	750

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends expanding mental health crisis response services to an additional sixteen counties and two tribes at a cost of \$2 million in the FY2014-15 biennium and \$1.5 million in the FY2016-17 biennium. These services help individuals cope with mental health crisis in their own home rather than in more restrictive and expensive settings. Services are currently available in 59 counties and one tribe.

Rationale/Background:

Mental health crisis response services are face-to-face, short-term intensive mental health services initiated during a mental health crisis or mental health emergency to help people cope with immediate stressors, identify and utilize available resources and strengths, and begin to return to baseline level functioning. Services are provided by trained mental health staff. Mental health crises can be exacerbated by an inappropriate involvement of law enforcement, where the crisis could more aptly be assessed and stabilized by an experienced mental health professional working with or without the involvement of law enforcement. Services are covered as a medical assistance, or private insurance benefit when provided by qualified mental health staff. Not all counties and tribes in Minnesota have access to crisis response services. Currently 59 Minnesota counties have mobile crisis response services for children and 49 counties have services for adults. One tribe has services for both children and adults. This proposal would provide start-up funds for new mobile crisis teams and for the cost of non-billable services provided by the teams.

Proposal:

This proposal provides start-up funding to expand access to mental health crisis response services to an additional 16 counties and two tribes.

Performance Measures:

Four new mobile crisis response teams will be developed which will cover sixteen counties and two tribes. Improved access to mental health crisis services is expected to increase access to these services in additional areas of the state.

Statutory Change: Not Applicable

2014-15 Biennial Budget

Human Services

DHS Fiscal Detail for Budget Tracking

Net Impact by Fund (000's)			FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 14-15	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 16-17
General Fund			1,000	1,000	2,000	750	750	1,500
Other Funds								
Total All Funds			1,000	1,000	2,000	750	750	1,500
Budget Detail	BACT#	Description	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 14-15	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 16-17
GF	57	Adult Mental Health	1,000	1,000	2,000	750	750	1,500
Requested FTE's								
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