

Health Services

Mission, Historical Perspective, Program Summary and Goals

Mission

To improve the health of all Oregonians by:

- ◆ Promoting healthy communities and individual behaviors;
- ◆ Preventing unnecessary death and disability;
- ◆ Supporting the best possible treatment of mental illness and alcohol, tobacco and other drug dependencies; and
- ◆ Ensuring access to adequate health care.

Historical Perspective

The passage of House Bill 2294 in 2001 enabled the Department of Human Services (DHS) to bring under joint management all previously health-related programs within the Department: The Office of Mental Health Services and related state hospital operations, the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, the Health Division, and the Office of Medical Assistance Programs. In contrast to other clusters, Health Services does not deliver community services through state employees in local field offices. Rather, services are provided by county-based local systems, private agencies and health care organizations, and private practitioners. Accordingly, the cluster is focused on the coordination of policy and the management of contracts, special payments and data, and the evaluation of provider performance.

The scope of services managed within the cluster is understandably broad, including community prevention, direct clinical services, and the financing and sponsoring of individual health coverage. To accomplish this seven

administrative offices were organized, each with its unique authorities and responsibilities. This document reflects current structures and anticipates the appointment in early March 2005, of a Public Health Director with responsibility for the supervision of all public health services.

In addition, two Offices have responsibilities cluster-wide for the reduction of health disparities through attention to multicultural health issues and the investigation of allegations of abuse and neglect while in state-funded care of persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

Summary of Programs and Goals

Health Services may be broadly organized into three sections: Public Health, Mental Health and Addictions, and Medical Assistance Programs.

Collectively, these sections administer 120 unique programs, many of which are grants-funded or fee-supported. Each section will be described in detail in this presentation, including specific program goals and performance measures.

Health Services Organizational Chart

