



Sheriff - Jail Medical 00100.816.

Mission Statement

The Clallam County Sheriff's Office has a proactive commitment to providing honest, ethical, and quality service to the community with integrity and professionalism. This commitment is focused on the improvement of quality of life for those we serve by delivering the highest possible standard of law enforcement services.

Function

To provide adequate community standard of medical care in a cost effective and efficient manner.

Trends/Events

The Jail medical program is facing a surge in the number of inmates arriving with severe physical and mental health conditions, along with the need for expensive medications. An important challenge arises from the fact that all types of insurance cease to cover medical expenses once an individual is incarcerated, placing the entire financial burden on the county. Despite the cost considerations, the doctors in the jail have a legal obligation to provide necessary care and honor existing prescriptions and treatment plans. In cases where serious health conditions necessitate hospitalization, the inmate's classification level and charges play a role in determining whether they are released or kept in custody during their hospital stay. However, given the current inmate population and the nature of their charges, court-ordered releases are not frequently possible.

Compounding these issues is the rising cost of our medical provider, Correctional Healthcare Company (Wellpath), who has increased program costs due to the struggles in finding adequate and qualified nursing personnel. We have encountered difficulties in negotiating a competitive wage and benefit package with the provider, making it challenging to attract and retain the right candidates.

The jail's MAT (Medication-Assisted Treatment) program has been expanded over the last year in collaboration with Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic, and has proven effective at introducing inmates to medical and behavioral treatment plans and connecting them to services after release. This evidence-based approach aims to reduce the risk of relapse and promote successful reintegration into society after release. We will continue to offer these services as funding allows, and seek out new routes of funding or programs we can offer for remediating addiction or mental health issues amongst our inmate population.

Goals

1. Provide consistent and adequate community levels of medical care for inmates.
2. Provide ongoing assessment of medical program for cost effectiveness.
3. Work in partnership with Olympic Medical Center to reduce costs of Inmate Outside Medical costs.
4. Maintain and increase medical staffing levels.

Workload Indicators

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual
In-house Doctor appointments (Sick calls)	726	796	238
Medical intake screenings/Nurse calls	1,116	1416	750
Withdrawal monitoring by Nurses	115	147	74
Prescription medications ordered	2,684	2,663	949
Amount saved on Inmate Olympic Medical Center costs	\$284,374.09	\$240,867.16	\$199,203.86
Mental Health Sessions held (2019 Nov/Dec only)	493	421	289
Safe Cell Clearances by Mental Health Professional	20	36	14

Grant Funding Sources

This fund does not receive any grant revenue.

Revenues

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual	2024 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0	0	0
Charges for Goods and Services	278,865	311,780	197,923	501,277
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	690	309	175	500
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	556,542	623,046	487,786	743,501
Total	836,097	935,135	685,884	1,245,278

Expenditures

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual	2024 Budget
Salaries and Wages	204,782	218,939	118,095	306,532
Personnel Benefits	67,218	64,009	36,415	106,284
Supplies	75,502	88,055	53,287	106,220
Other Services and Charges	488,596	562,889	478,088	726,242
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0

Capital Outlays	0	1,242	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	836,097	935,135	685,884	1,245,278

Staffing

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	2.25	2.25	2.25	3.25