

Olympic Heritage Behavioral Health Facility

In 2024, the Legislature appropriated funding to the Health Care Authority (HCA) in budget proviso – 5950 ESSB; Section 215 (130) – to contract for community behavioral health services for up to 40 beds at the Olympic Heritage Behavioral Health (OHBH) facility located in Tukwila, Washington.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) currently serves civilly committed patients and other court-referred populations that require state psychiatric care for treatment and rehabilitation at the OHBH facility. To deliver behavioral health services at the OHBH facility, HCA will lease two floors from DSHS.

Budget proviso 130 mandated that HCA focus primarily on behavioral health services that address the needs of adults with history or likelihood of criminal legal involvement to reduce the number of individuals with behavioral health or other diagnoses accessing behavioral health through the criminal legal system. Budget proviso 130 also required HCA to conduct a provider interest survey to determine service options for operating up to 40 beds at the OHBH facility with a target opening date of April 1, 2025.

Overview

In consultation with DSHS and based on input gathered from Tribal Governments and key partners through the OHBH Provider Interest Survey, and with approval from the Office of Financial Management, HCA will procure and contract for short-term residential treatment and/or a co-occurring behavioral health disorders program. Additionally, the behavioral health services will be provided with cultural humility and with an understanding of an individual's culture and community. The approach to behavioral health services will also be informed by historical trauma and the resulting cycle of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES).

As directed by the proviso, HCA conducted a procurement for these services and has selected Pioneer Human Services to provide co-occurring substance use and mental health services.

Pioneer Human Services will offer a voluntary 32 bed facility providing Clinically Managed High Intensity Residential treatment (American Society of Addiction Medicine, level 3.5). Eight of the beds will be for medically monitored detox and 24 beds for substance abuse treatment focusing on co-occurring needs. The program's target population is adults involved in the criminal justice system who have experienced co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder and/or symptoms.

Eligibility requirements

Behavioral health services delivered by Pioneer Human Services are open to Washington residents 18 years of age and older, eligible for Medicaid, with a diagnosed substance use disorder or co-occurring disorder (substance use disorder and mental health diagnosis) and meet the criteria for services.

Budget for State Fiscal Year 25

Carry Forward Level budget anticipates the following funding:

- FY25, GF-S, \$3,352,000

Estimated budget:

- FY26, GF-S \$8,276,000, GF-F \$2,850,000
- FY27, GF-S \$5,426,000, GF-F \$5,700,000

These services are anticipated to have federal funding match.

Partners

HCA collaborated with DSHS to build partnership to launch co-located behavioral health services at OHBH. During development of this project, HCA also consulted with the City of Tukwila, the Governor's Office and Office of Financial Management.

For more information

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