

STATE OF MICHIGAN SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OAKLAND COUNTY	ORDER REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MENTAL HEALTH TRACK OF THE ADULT TREATMENT COURT	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2009-03
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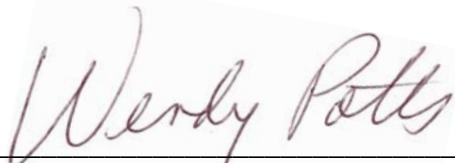
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

This order also establishes a Mental Health Treatment Track for the existing Adult Treatment Court in the Sixth Circuit Court as approved by the SCAO. The Court will collaborate with the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority, Oakland County Office of Substance Abuse Services, Oakland County Sheriff’s Department, the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office, Defense Counsel, Oakland County Community Corrections and others, to better serve individuals with diagnoses of mental illness, co-occurring disorders, developmental disability, or serious emotional disturbance.

1. All the above mentioned parties (along with other pertinent community agencies) have entered into an MOU with the Sixth Circuit Court. The MOU describes the role of each party (see attached).
2. In the development of the program’s policies and procedures, consideration was given to the ten essential elements of a Mental Health Court as described by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (see attachment B).
3. A multidisciplinary group of stakeholders participated in the planning and program design of the mental health track.
4. Legal and clinical eligibility criteria are both clearly defined, policies to identify the target population have been developed, and those individuals responsible for referring participants have been trained to identify eligible participants.
5. Policies that facilitate timely participant identification, referral, and admission into the mental track have been developed.
6. Policies and procedures describing the program length, level of supervision, treatment plan development, requirements for successful completion, expulsion criteria, case disposition upon successful completion of the program, any sanctions, incentives, and other key program components are developed and will be explained to eligible participants as part of the terms of participation.
7. Guidelines to identify and expeditiously resolve any participant competency concerns have been developed.

8. Local evidence-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services and other ancillary services (e.g., medication compliance, housing and benefit issues, crisis intervention, peer and family support) have been identified and are available resources for program participants to utilize.
9. The Court shall maintain case files in compliance with Trial Court General Schedule 16, the Michigan Case File Management Standards. The Court has established procedures to ensure substantial compliance with Part 2 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to safeguard the confidentiality of participants' medical records.
10. Each mental health track team member and their roles are described in either the MOU or in the program manual. Each team member has completed training on working with individuals who have been diagnosed with a mental illness or developmental disability.
11. Policies and procedures on the methods and frequency in which the responsible individuals will monitor participant compliance with the program requirements have been developed.
12. Funding sources and local treatment service resources have been identified as part of the plan for sustaining the mental health track. The plan also includes the collection of data for SCAO to use in conducting a process and outcome evaluation that may be used to demonstrate the effectiveness of the program and thereby help secure future funding.

This Administrative Order is effective May 5, 2009.



Wendy Potts, Chief Judge

May 5, 2009

Date

ATTACHMENT A

The 10 Essential Elements of Mental Health Treatment Courts As Described by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

1. Planning and Administration
2. Target Population
3. Timely Participant Identification and Linkage to Services
4. Terms of Participation
5. Informed Choice
6. Treatment Supports and Services
7. Confidentiality
8. Court Team
9. Monitoring Adherence to Court Requirements
10. Sustainability

