

**ESTABLISHMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
TREATMENT COURT**

15<sup>th</sup> District Court Local Administrative Order 2014- 05 J  
14A District Court Local Administrative Order 2014- 04 J  
14B District Court Local Administrative Order 2014- 04 J  
22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court Local Administrative Order 2014 - 04 J

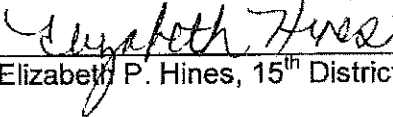
**IT IS ORDERED:**

The purpose of this order is to establish a mental health treatment court in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court. The court will collaborate with Community Support and Treatment Services, Washtenaw County Community Corrections, Ann Arbor Police Department, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Ann Arbor City Attorney, Washtenaw County Prosecutor, 14A District Court, 14B District Court, 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court, and the defense counsel to better serve individuals with diagnoses of mental illness, developmental disability, or serious emotional disturbance. All the above-mentioned parties have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court. The roles of each party are described in the Memorandum of Understanding.

1. 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 (BJA) (See attachment A).
2. A multidisciplinary group of stakeholders participated in the planning and program design of the mental health treatment court.
3. 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 will be trained to identify eligible participants.
4. Policies that facilitate timely participant identification, referral, and admission into the mental health treatment court are in development.
5. 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.
6. Guidelines to identify and expeditiously resolve any participant competency concerns have been developed.
7. 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.

8. The court will maintain case files in compliance with Trial Court General Schedule 16, the Michigan Case File Management Standards. The court will establish procedures to safeguard the confidentiality of participants' medical records, as required by law.
9. Each mental health treatment court team member and their roles are described in either the Memorandum of Understanding or in the program manual. Each team member will complete training on working with individuals who have been diagnosed with a mental illness or developmental disability.
10. Policies and procedures on the methods and frequency in which the responsible individuals will monitor participant compliance with the program requirements have been developed.
11. Funding sources and local treatment service resources have been identified as part of the plan for sustaining the mental health treatment court. 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.


Date: 7-1-14

  
Elizabeth P. Hines, 15<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge


Date: 7/8/14

  
Richard E. Conlin, 14A District Court Chief Judge

Date: 7/8/14

  
Charles J. Pope, 14B District Court Chief Judge

Date: 7-2-14

  
David S. Swartz, 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court Chief Judge

**The 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 and Adherence to Court Requirements
10. Sustainability