

HILL COUNTY DUI/DRUG TREATMENT COURT



PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

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WELCOME



Welcome to the Hill County DUI/Drug Treatment Court (Treatment Court). This program was created to give persons charged with qualifying offenses an opportunity to address seriously their addiction to drugs and alcohol and recover from their addiction. By entering the Treatment Court program, you are perhaps getting the best opportunity you will ever have to reclaim and rebuild your life.

This handbook is designed to answer your questions, provide overall information about the program, and explain what will be required of you as a treatment court participant. As a participant, you will be expected to comply with treatment court rules, follow the instructions given in treatment court by the judge and comply with the treatment plan developed for you by your treatment provider and the treatment court team.

We are happy to welcome you into the program and wish you every success in your recovery.

Please read this handbook carefully. It is your responsibility to be familiar with its contents. We encourage you to share this information with your family and friends who support your recovery. The information in this handbook may change from time to time, without prior notice, and should not be considered a binding agreement between you and the treatment court program.

OVERVIEW

The Treatment Court is a court-supervised, comprehensive treatment program for adults who have been charged with one or more qualifying offenses. This program is a voluntary program that includes regular court appearances before the Treatment Court

Judge. By working together, we seek to provide a variety of programs and consistent supervision geared toward supporting and helping you maintain a drug/alcohol-free life.

Treatment court involves frequent court appearances, strong judicial supervision, drug/alcohol testing, frequent, unscheduled home visits by treatment court team members or law enforcement officers, group and individual drug/alcohol treatment, as well as other needed and assigned programs and services. The Court awards incentives for compliant behavior and progress and provides sanctions for non-compliant behavior. Participants who do not comply with treatment court rules and requirements may be jailed, moved back to a previous phase of treatment court, ordered to undergo increased treatment or be subject to a variety of other sanctions. They may also be terminated from treatment court. All of the staff working with treatment court will assist you to be sure you understand what is expected of you.

THE TREATMENT COURT TEAM

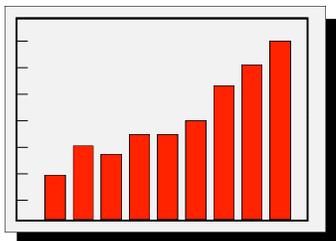


The treatment court judge serves as a lead partner of the treatment court team and presides at all team staffings and treatment court sessions. The judge and other team members will make all decisions regarding your participation in the treatment court program based upon input from the various team members, providers, and other support services. In addition to the judge, the treatment court team consists of the following members:

- Defense Attorney (your attorney)
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Treatment Court Coordinator
- Treatment Specialist
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
- Law Enforcement Representative
- Probation and Parole Officer
- Misdemeanor Probation Officer

Prior to each treatment court session, the treatment court team members will meet to review your case so that your progress can be discussed with you during the treatment court session.

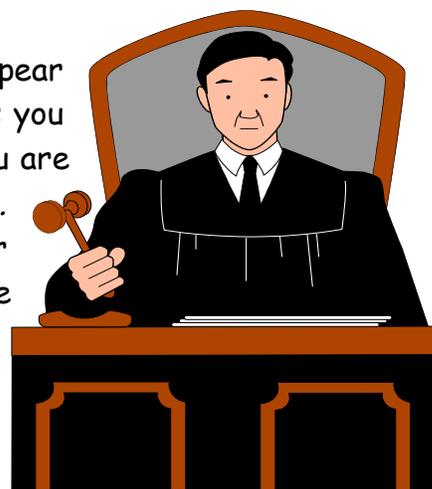
PROGRESS REPORTS



Before your treatment court hearing, the judge will be given a progress report presented by the treatment court coordinator, and your treatment provider/s. The entire treatment court team will review and discuss the progress report, which will discuss your drug/alcohol testing results, attendance, participation and cooperation in the treatment program, and compliance with treatment court rules and requirements. The judge may ask questions about your progress and discuss any problems you may be having. You will be expected to discuss openly and honestly how you are progressing in treatment and what issues may be affecting you for the week. If you are doing well, you may be rewarded with incentives. If the team concludes from its consideration of your progress reports that you are not making progress or complying with rules and requirements, the judge will discuss this with you and determine future action, which may include sanctions to help you remember and pursue your goals in the program and move toward or maintain your recovery.

TREATMENT COURT SESSIONS

As a treatment court participant, you will be required to appear in treatment court on a regular basis. The number of times you must appear depends upon the phase of treatment court you are currently in and the level of your success in the program. Failure to appear may result in a warrant being issued for your arrest and detention in jail until you can appear before the court. If you have questions about your court appearances, you may contact the treatment court coordinator, your treatment provider or your attorney. The phases of treatment court are listed below.



While treatment court is more informal than other court proceeding, participants still need to be concerned with their courtroom behavior: The following behavior at court sessions will **not** be tolerated:

Arriving late and leaving early: Court begins at 3 p.m. and ends when the judge declares the docket to be concluded. An important part of TREATMENT COURT participation is attendance and attention for the duration of court sessions unless specifically excused by the court. You are responsible for arranging other obligations and plans to accommodate your attendance at complete treatment court sessions.

Talking: If conversations in the courtroom become loud, neither the participants nor the Treatment Court staff can hear the judge speak. Remember that, while Treatment Court sessions are more informal than other court proceedings, you are nevertheless in a courtroom in a formal court proceeding and are expected to conduct yourself accordingly. Chatting or visiting and movement in and out of the courtroom are not appropriate conduct during treatment court sessions.

Attire, food and cell phones in the courtroom: Treatment Court participants are expected to dress appropriately in Court. Men must wear pants of appropriate length and fit, a shirt and shoes. Women must wear pants or skirts of appropriate length, a modest top and shoes. Tight and/or low-riding pants, see-through blouses, mini-skirts, "crop tops", tube tops, bathing suit tops and halter tops are examples of unacceptable attire. Clothing that bears violent, racist, sexist, drug or alcohol-related themes or promotes or advertises alcohol or drug use will not be permitted. No gang colors or gang clothing shall be worn in court. No sunglasses, bandanas or hats are to be worn inside the courtroom. Food, drinks and powered cell phones or pagers that are not placed on vibrate are not permitted in the courtroom.

MEDICATIONS POLICY

Individuals enrolled in Drug Court who have a diagnosed substance use disorder are generally prohibited from accepting and/or filling a prescription for a medication with abuse potential. This material is to clarify the use of both prescription and non-prescription medications for those individuals enrolled in Drug Court.

The areas of greatest concern are those medications classified as controlled which indicate they have a degree of potential abuse liability. These would include such medications as opioid type pain medications and certain non-opioid type pain medications (example: Tramadol), benzodiazepines (example: Valium, Ativan, Xanax) and certain prescription sleep medications such as Ambien, Lunesta, or Sonata. Additionally, certain

non-controlled prescription medications (example: Soma, a muscle relaxant) can have significant abuse potential. When these medications are not being used in emergent or urgent medical conditions, such as a surgical procedure, the use of these medications should first be discussed with Suzanne Lockwood, APRN, from Center for Mental Health, or another approved medical professional, and the Drug Court should then be notified of the details of their use.

This should include such things as what medicines are used, length of time they are to be used, dosage, and who will control and administer these medications. This plan must be approved prior to their use and subsequently monitored.

Medically Assisted Treatment programs are available to qualified participants when referred by the Treatment Court Team.

Surgical Procedures

Exceptions to this policy include episodes of acute medical conditions such as those requiring surgery for which pain medication is essential. Prior to any surgical procedure the Drug Court participant should contact the Drug Court medical caregiver and discuss the impending procedure and what kind of pain medication is to be given. Such medications under these conditions should be prescribed for the shortest period of time possible and be under the control of a trusted and approved caregiver who will both administer the medication and keep it in their possession. The plan, including who will be the caregiver following the procedure must be preapproved by Suzanne Lockwood, APRN of Center for Mental Health or an approved medical provider, and Drug Court.

Over-the-Counter Medications

Non-prescription medications, also referred to as over-the-counter medications (OTC), in general have less potential for abuse. The Court reserves the right to prohibit the use of any substance which may result in an altered mood or behavior. The following represents some approved OTC's:

Colds and viral types of infections are frequently encountered. Taking medications such as Tylenol, Motrin (ibuprofen) or Aleve (Naproxyn) according to label directions are acceptable for pain and discomfort.

Cough and congestion medications, such as plain Robitussin without dextromethorphan (DM), are acceptable.

Other acceptable remedies/treatments are nasal saline spray, Zicam, and Airborne.

Nasal congestion medications such as Afrin (oxymetcoline generic) should be limited to two to three days.

Some individuals choose to use so-called natural or herbal type remedies for their medical issues. Apart from standard vitamin preparations, non-prescription herbal type preparations should be reviewed by Suzanne Lockwood, APRN, or an approved medical provider. No energy drinks or other possibly mind altering herbal items.

Approved Over-the-Counter Medications

Condition/Need	Medication
Colds, Coughs, Congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Robitussin (plain no DM)* Tessalon Perls* Afrin (3 days only)* Nasal Saline* Zicam
Pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ibuprofen* Tylenol* Aspirin* Aleve* Motrin

Acute Illness Requiring Medical Intervention

Occasionally, flu or upper respiratory conditions, etc., may necessitate a trip to the doctor or a walk-in clinic. Under such conditions, the participant is expected to inform the medical attendant he/she has an addiction and is not allowed to take any medications with abuse potential if medication is to be prescribed. Many medical caregivers do not understand addiction and it is up to the participant to firmly request an alternative medication to those with abuse potential. Drug Court participants will be held accountable for maintaining abstinence regardless of minor illness.

If the participant sees a medical professional for any condition in which medication is prescribed, the participants will be required to submit a verification, signed by the treating provider, to evidence the participant informed the provider of his/her addiction and participation in drug court. Failure to do so will be considered a violation of drug court rules and subject to sanction.

If you have a question about this policy or about a proposed medical procedure, please bring it to the attention of the team.

Participant Requirement if Seeking Medical/Dental Care

In the event a participant seeks medical/dental care other than through Center for Mental Health, the Participant is required to notify the medical provider s/he has been diagnosed with a substance use disorder and is a participant of the Hill County Treatment Court.

To comply with this requirement Participants are required to submit to the team coordinator a Treatment Court Participant Verification Form (See attachment A) completed by the medical/dental care provider each time the participant seeks medical/dental care.

STAGES OF TREATMENT COURT

Stage 1:

Length: Approximately 4 Weeks

In stage 1, the participant will be assigned to a probation officer or court coordinator and a treatment counselor. They will comprise the treatment team and will provide an orientation/overview of the Drug Court Program. The Participant's problems and needs will be assessed and a treatment plan will be developed. Stage 1 requirements include:

1. Contact the assigned coordinator or probation officer once per week
2. Attend 12-step program (N/A, M/A, A/A, etc.) a minimum of three times per week providing written verification of attendance.
3. Submit to breath/urinalysis testing(See Drug Testing Procedure)

4. Attend Treatment groups and individual counseling sessions as directed by the treatment team
5. Pay \$5:00 per court appearance as part of the fee of a total of \$300:00.
6. Submit an essay regarding drug/alcohol usage and history and its impact of participant's life.

Requirements for Completion of Stage 1:

1. Attend Status Hearings in Court with Judge. It is anticipated these shall occur weekly unless otherwise directed
2. Participate in Stage 1 for a minimum of 4 weeks
3. Attend individual and group treatment sessions
4. Drug/alcohol testing as directed
5. Participate in 12-step program at least three times each week
6. Drug Court Judge and drug court team agree that client has begun acceptance of personal responsibility for recovery and the need for help in that process
7. Complete all treatment requirements as directed by the treatment provider/s which includes family/support/sponsor involvement and attendance
8. Remain "clean" and sober for a minimum of two weeks
9. Write a letter saying "goodbye" to alcohol or drug of choice

Stage 2:

Length: Minimum of 5 months

In Stage 2, the participant's treatment plan will be updated to identify treatment goals and objectives. Counseling and meetings will focus on the participant's problem areas and help to identify ways of coping with stressful situations. Stage 2 requirements include, but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Attend treatment as required
2. Drug/alcohol testing as directed
3. Participate in a 12-step program at least three times each week
4. Attend court appearances and make payments toward \$300 Drug Court fee.
5. Obtain and maintain an approved sponsor and verify weekly contact
6. Obtain or maintain employment, training or enter a formal academic program
7. Complete all treatment requirements as directed by the treatment provider/s
8. Obtain or maintain safe, stable housing

Requirements for Completion of Stage 2

1. Attend treatment services
2. Obtained or maintained employment, training or academic program
3. Attended a minimum of 3 self-help meetings each week with verifications (participate in weekly 12-step meetings with verification)
4. Obtained and maintained an approved sponsor
5. Obtained sobriety and established a stable, drug-free lifestyle with a minimum of nine weeks with no major sanctions and no drug use
6. Submit to the Drug Court Judge a written relapse prevention plan, prepared by the participant and his/her treatment counselor
7. Pay at least 50% of required drug court fees.
8. Complete all treatment requirements as directed by the treatment provider/s.
9. Drug Court Judge and drug court team agree that client has sufficient information and proper attitude to support recovery
10. Maintain safe, stable housing

Stage 3:

Length: Minimum 6 months

Stage 3 will address ongoing recovery needs including maintaining total abstinence from all drugs through relapse prevention. The focus will be on daily living skills. This stage is designed to support the participant in return to the community as a productive and responsible person. Stage 3 requirements include:

1. Monthly contact with the case manager
2. Attend weekly therapeutic/aftercare group sessions or individual session as directed by the treatment team
3. Attend at least 2 self-help groups per week and verify attendance
4. Drug/alcohol testing as directed
5. Monthly court appearance and payment toward drug court fees
6. Completion of all treatment requirements as directed by the treatment provider/s
7. Become employed or maintain employment or begin/continue a training or formal academic program

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete stages 1 through 3 inclusive
2. Attendance at treatment services(group, drug/alcohol testing, individual sessions)
3. Obtained or maintained employment or formal training or academic program
4. Participated in at least two weekly 12-step meetings with verifications
5. Treatment Court Judge and treatment court team agree that the client has sufficiently integrated the necessary information to support recovery for the long term
6. Pay all drug court fees and restitution
7. A minimum of 12 weeks with no major sanctions including no drug use
8. Petition Treatment Court for graduation

Stage 4:

The 4th Stage is strictly for the benefit of the participant to help him/her maintain sobriety. The Drug Court Coordinator will call the participant, monthly at first, to see how she/he is doing and if there is anything that can be done to assist the participant. Discussion between the participant and Coordinator will not be provided to the judge or members of the Drug Court team without the participant's permission. This Stage is to help the participant to solve any problems s/he may have after formally leaving the Drug Court. The coordinator may also ask questions to assist in improving the Drug Court

12-STEP/SELF-HELP GROUP PARTICIPATION

Participation in 12-step/self-help groups, such as NA or AA, is required because such groups help you examine, understand and recover from your addiction through the guidance, support and encouragement of others who are in recovery from addiction and understand what you are going through. Participants must attend each meeting in its entirety - staying only long enough to have an attendance slip signed is not permissible. Participants must also bring proof of AA/NA attendance to their office sessions with the DUITC coordinator. Failure to attend full meetings or bring attendance slips to treatment court coordinator may result in a sanction in court.

If the groups that are available to you include some religious component that conflicts with your religious or personal beliefs, you may ask the judge to exempt you from participation in such groups. If you are exempted from participation, the treatment court team will require that you participate in alternative services or programs that provide similar help but do not conflict with your religious or personal beliefs.

Ask your coordinator for a list of meetings and you may also find other meetings on the internet at the following web pages:

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings

www.aa-montana.org

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meetings

www.namontana.com

AL ANON Meetings

www.al-anon.alateen.org

Gamblers Anonymous Meetings

www.gamblersanonymous.org/mtgdirMT.html

Adult Children of Alcoholics (on line meetings)

www.adultchildren.org

PAYMENT OF COSTS AND FEES

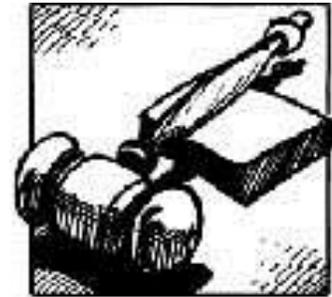
You will be required to pay treatment court costs and fees to the extent that the Treatment Team finds that you have the reasonable ability to pay without interfering with your rehabilitation and recovery. The cost of positive drug tests varies and the treatment court participation fee is up to \$5.00 per week. You are also responsible for all costs of treatment unless otherwise ordered by the Treatment Court Judge. These costs and fees are subject to change.

CONFIDENTIALITY

State and federal regulations require that your identity and privacy be protected. To comply with these regulations, the treatment court team and treatment providers have developed policies and procedures that guard your privacy. You will be required to sign an Authorization for the Limited Release of Confidential Information form. The consent allows confidential substance abuse information to be disclosed only to treatment court team members and the information will be used solely for the purpose of monitoring your progress in treatment, and, when necessary, determining appropriate changes in your treatment or other program requirements or appropriate incentives or sanctions.

TREATMENT COURT RULES

As a participant you will be required to abide by the rules outlined in the participation agreement, including, but not limited to the following:



1. Sign a Treatment Court Contract, which outlines your rights, benefits, and responsibilities.
2. Abide by all rules, regulations and requirements imposed by the treatment court.
3. Maintain the confidentiality of other Treatment Court participants.
4. Always tell the truth. Overcoming addiction is not easy and relapses are expected but the treatment team cannot help you address relapse or other issues unless you are honest.
5. Participate in all treatment and services as required by treatment court.
6. As a condition of participation in the treatment court program, your person, property, place of residence, vehicle or personal effects may be searched at any time, with or without a warrant, by the treatment court coordinator or any law enforcement officer. Evidence lawfully seized is admissible as

evidence in any proceeding whether or not the proceeding is for the offense in connection with which the search was originally made.

7. Maintain a safe and appropriate home at all times. Keep the treatment court coordinator, treatment specialists and Misdemeanor/Felony Probation Officers informed of your current address and phone number at all times. In addition, Treatment Court staff must be able to find a participant at all times, so it is your responsibility to keep Treatment Court staff informed of your whereabouts and to abide by any travel restriction contained in your Treatment Court Contract. Obtain prior approval prior to allowing any person to reside in your home.
8. Do not use or possess any alcohol, illegal drugs, or any drug paraphernalia.
9. Medical marijuana is not permissible in the program.
10. Inform your treating physician(s) that you are a recovering addict and may not take narcotic or addictive medications or drugs, unless approved by your attending physician and/or treatment court team, and only in the case of a medical emergency.
11. Do not possess or use any weapons unless specifically authorized by the treatment court, and disclose the presence of any weapons possessed by anyone else in your household.
12. Do not make any threats toward other participants or staff or behave in a violent or threatening manner. Violent or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and may result in arrest and/or termination from the Treatment Court program.
13. Do not enter any business whose primary item of sale is alcohol; nor a gaming establishment.
14. Avoid, when possible or as ordered by the treatment court, associating with persons using or possessing drugs/alcohol.

15. Do not use any mood altering substances, such as drugs or alcohol or have any contact with law enforcement. Any use of drugs or alcohol or contact with law enforcement shall be reported to the Treatment Court Coordinator/Probation Officer within 24 hours.
16. Pay costs and fees as ordered by the treatment court.
17. Be on time and attend court sessions and treatment sessions as scheduled, submit to alcohol and drug testing, and remain clean and sober and law abiding.
18. Treatment Court participants are expected to dress appropriately in Court. Men must wear pants of appropriate length and fit, a shirt and shoes. Women must wear pants or skirts of appropriate length, a modest top and shoes. Tight and/or low-riding pants, see-through blouses, mini-skirts, "crop tops", tube tops, bathing suit tops and halter tops are examples of unacceptable attire. Clothing that bears violent, racist, sexist, drug or alcohol-related themes or promotes or advertises alcohol or drug use will not be permitted. No gang colors or gang clothing shall be worn in court. No sunglasses, bandanas or hats are to be worn inside the courtroom.
19. Treatment Court participants will be required to commit to seatbelt use when traveling in a motor vehicle and to transport children in child safety seats that are appropriate for their height and weight.
20. Treatment Court participants are warned that driving while licenses are suspended or revoked may result in incarceration, additional penalties, and increased license suspension periods. Participants are also expected to appropriately address their transportation needs by relying on properly-licensed friends and family members, walking or bicycling or taking public transportation.
21. As a Treatment Court Participant you are prohibited from fraternizing or becoming romantically involved with any other Treatment Court Participant or with any other Treatment Court Team Members. Additionally, all Treatment Court Team Members are prohibited from fraternizing or becoming romantically involved with any Treatment Court Participants. Any

participant involved with another participant should immediately and fully disclose the relevant circumstances to your Treatment Court Coordinator so that a determination can be made as to whether the relationship violates this policy. If a violation is found, the Treatment Court may take whatever action appears appropriate according to the circumstances, up to and including disciplinary sanctions or termination from the program. Failure to disclose facts may lead to disciplinary sanctions, up to and including termination from the program.

COMPLIANCE WITH TREATMENT COURT RULES WILL RESULT IN REWARDS CALLED INCENTIVES. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONS.

INCENTIVES

Incentives may be awarded by the judge, following consultation with the treatment court team, when you comply with treatment court rules and requirements and demonstrate progress. Incentives may include, but are not limited to:

- Receive recognition from the Judge during Court
- Deduct \$5.00 or more from your \$300 Drug Court Fee
- Advance you to the next phase
- Reward progress with free coupons/tickets and other benefits
- Receive gift of the day at court appearance
- Receive chance(s) at monthly gift through fish bowl/basket
- Receive certificates of achievement
- Receive other incentive determined to be appropriate by the Court

SANCTIONS

Sanctions may be imposed by the judge, following consultation with the treatment court team, when you do not comply with treatment court rules and requirements and/or do not demonstrate progress. There is a wide range of sanctions available that the judge can impose. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Community Service
- Treatment and/or workbook assignments
- Reimbursement of costs for additional testing
- Additional self-help groups
- Lose time in phase or Demotion to previous phase
- Additional testing
- Apology
- Journaling
- Termination from program
- Jail time

The Treatment Court Team, at weekly staffing sessions, determines whether you are in compliance with treatment court requirements and makes appropriate incentives or sanctions, and you do not have the right to a hearing before the court to make such determinations.

TERMINATION FROM TREATMENT COURT

Relapse is not unexpected, and participants will not be expelled from treatment court unless there is a pattern of lack of participation in, and compliance with, the program and/or repeated testing results indicating continued drug/alcohol use.

Violations that could result in termination include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Missing and/or positive drug/alcohol tests
- Altered drug/alcohol test
- Demonstrating a lack of program response by failing to cooperate with the treatment court team or treatment program

- Violence or threat of violence directed at treatment court staff, treatment staff, other participants of the program or other clients of the treatment providers
- Commission of a new crime
- Violating release conditions
- Absconding from the program and the court
- Voluntarily deciding to petition court for termination
- Fraternalization with other treatment court participant or Team Member

If a majority of the DUI Treatment Court Team, excluding the Judge and Treatment Court Defense Counsel, believes that a participant should be removed and terminated from DUI Treatment Court for noncompliance with the terms and conditions of DUI Treatment Court, the Team may recommend to the Judge that the participant be terminated. You will receive a written notice that explains why termination is being considered. Each participant is entitled to a hearing on the termination recommendation. If, after a hearing, the participant is terminated from the program, the DUI Treatment Court Coordinator shall notify the Court, attorneys and probation officer in the underlying criminal case of the participant's termination.

SEARCH AND ARREST REQUIREMENTS



As a participant in treatment court, you are required to submit your person, property, vehicle, place of residence and/or personal effects to search and seizure of narcotics, drugs, alcohol or other contraband at any time of the day or night, with or without a search warrant, by the treatment court coordinator or any law enforcement officer, that you are violating treatment court rules or orders. Evidence lawfully seized is admissible as evidence in any proceeding whether or not the proceeding is for the offense in connection with which the search was originally made.

Any law enforcement officer is authorized to arrest a treatment court participant whom the officer observes:

- violating any criminal law punishable by incarceration
- ingesting a controlled substance, including marijuana, or alcohol

- to be under the influence of a controlled substance, including marijuana, or alcohol
- possessing a controlled substance, alcohol or drug paraphernalia

Participants who are arrested will appear before a judge the next court day following arrest and will be required to appear at the next treatment court session.

CHEMICAL TESTING (DRUG/ALCOHOL SCREENING)

You will be required to submit to drug/alcohol testing throughout your participation in treatment court. Testing measures may include urinalysis, breathalyzer, saliva strips, patch testing or other testing devices.



- When you provide a sample for testing you will be directly observed by trained staff to ensure the absence of tampering or other errors.
- If you refuse to provide a sample when asked, you will be treated as if you had tested positive. If you miss a test, delay providing a sample more than 30 minutes, or provide a sample that is determined to be diluted or otherwise adulterated it may be considered a positive (dirty) test and other sanctions may occur
- If you have a positive test in any treatment court phase, you will lose your clean and sober time accumulated in treatment court and the treatment court judge, based on recommendations from the treatment court team or treatment staff, may apply other immediate sanctions, to help you stop your drug/alcohol-using behavior.
- Diluted UA's are considered problematic and will be dealt with accordingly. It is up to you to provide a reliable sample. Please take the following steps to ensure that your UA will not return diluted:
 - 1) *Eat food at least one hour prior to testing.*
 - 2) *Do **NOT** consume large quantities (2 or more large cups) of water or other drinks immediately before your test.*
 - 3) *Do not take/drink diuretics (diet shakes, teas, over the counter diuretics, Creatinine, etc).*

GRADUATION



Upon your successful completion of a treatment program and satisfaction of all other treatment court requirements, including continued sobriety and approval of your application for graduation by the treatment court, you will graduate from the treatment court program. Graduation from the treatment court program represents a great accomplishment and is recognized as a very important event. Your friends and family that support your sobriety will be invited to join you at a special graduation ceremony as the treatment court team congratulates you for successfully completing Phases I - IV of the treatment court program and achieving your goal to establish a drug/alcohol-free life.

ALUMNI GROUP AND CONTINUING CARE

In order to provide you with a continuing support system and to ensure that you can maintain your valuable sobriety, upon graduation you will be invited to participate in a treatment court alumni group that offers support and guidance as you continue on with your sobriety. **Please take advantage of this opportunity for continuing support of the sobriety you have worked so hard to achieve.** Your participation will also be an opportunity to prove to the treatment court team, to yourself and to those that care about you that you are committed to a new life as a productive, law-abiding and clean and sober member of society.

CONCLUSION



The goal of the Treatment Court Program is to help you achieve a life free of dependence on mind-altering substances. Your acceptance into the treatment court means that the treatment court team has concluded that *you can succeed.* The judge and other treatment court team members, court staff and treatment providers will be there to guide and assist you throughout your participation in treatment court, *but the final responsibility for success or failure will be yours.* To succeed, you must honestly desire to change to a new life free of drugs/alcohol and be willing to work hard with those who will be available to help you reach that goal.

PERSONAL NOTES

ATTACHMENT A

DUI/Drug Treatment Court Participant Verification

This is to verify the below named patient has informed the below signing medical provider s/he has been diagnosed with a substance use disorder and is a participant of the Hill County District Drug Court. The below named patient has fully advised the signing medical provider s/he is generally prohibited from accepting and/or filling a prescription for a medication with abuse potential and has requested the medical provider not prescribe any such medications unless absolutely necessary and on an emergent basis.

To be Completed by Medical/Dental Provider:

Patient Name: _____

DOS: _____

Dx: _____ Medication Rxd (if any): _____

Medical/Dental Provider Signature

Date

Medical/Dental Provider Contact Information:

*Hill County Drug Court
Judge Audrey Barger
Paul Nugent, Coordinator
(406) 265-5481 ext. 249
pnugent@mt.gov*