

# First Judicial District Mental Health Court

## MENTAL HEALTH COURT AGREEMENT

The mental health court is a voluntary program which links the judicial system with the resources of the mental health system to address the monitoring, supervision, and treatment of mentally ill offenders.

### ACCEPTANCE INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM MEANS:

- Entering a plea of guilty. This plea may be held in “abeyance” meaning that a judgment of conviction and sentencing is postponed upon condition of compliance with specific requirements. Upon successful completion of the program the court may reduce the degree of offense or allow a dismissal of the case.
- Possible sanctions by the court (which could include incarceration) for failure to comply with treatment, court assignments and recommendations, and/or violations of this agreement.
- Agreement to proceed with any sanction imposed by the court without subsequent hearing or representation, except removal from the Mental Health Court program.
- Agreement to a waiver of due process so that the mental health court committee, including judge and prosecutor, may discuss your case without your attorney present.
- Completion of an authorization for disclosure so that mental health, substance abuse, and other health care information may be shared with the mental health court committee.

### PARTICIPATION IN THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM GENERALLY MEANS:

- Participation in the program for a period of time as determined by the court.
- Personally arrange for, and participate in, recommended mental health services.
- Attendance at weekly (or as otherwise scheduled) court hearings as directed by the court.
- Keeping all mental health/substance abuse treatment appointments as scheduled and taking all medications as prescribed.
- Actively participating in your treatment and court assigned activities.

### DURING ALL PHASES OF THE PROGRAM, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Follow all local, State and Federal laws and regulations and commit no criminal violations.
- Commit no acts or threats of violence.
- Maintain a stable drug-free Cache County residence and inform the court of any change in residence.
- Refrain from alcohol and non-prescribed drug use and comply with drug treatment and/or monitoring as may be ordered by the court.
- Notify your case worker within 48 hours regarding any potential charges or new citations.

*I understand that signing this agreement demonstrates my willingness to participate, but otherwise does not guarantee my acceptance into the mental health court. However, if accepted into the program, this agreement will be considered binding as to the conditions of program participation.*

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Defendant's Signature

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Date