

# **28<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUNCOMBE COUNTY ADULT DRUG TREATMENT COURT**



## **PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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The Buncombe County Adult Drug Treatment Court (DTC) seeks to reduce drug/prison recidivism. It provides guidance, treatment, and discipline to those in recovery from addiction. The DTC Team is made up of probation, law enforcement, treatment providers and court officials. The Program offers individuals the tools necessary to help maintain sobriety years after program completion.

## WELCOME

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**Welcome to the Buncombe County Adult Drug Treatment Court.**

This is a recovery program for people on supervised felony probation. Your handbook will answer any questions you might have, let you know what is expected of you, and what you can expect to happen during your time in Drug Court.

While in Drug Court, you will have requirements and rules, which you must fulfill. In return, the Drug Court Team will help you in the treatment process by providing structure and support. You will be expected to follow the directions given by the presiding Judge and the Drug Court Team. You will also be responsible for following the case plan developed by you, the court team and your treatment provider. This handbook will give you general details and information to help you move through the steps toward graduation. We encourage you to share this handbook with your family and close friends, so they will know the work you are doing to stay clean and sober and support your efforts.

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The goal of the Program is to help you abstain from alcohol and other drugs. Neither positive drug screens nor setbacks in treatment result in automatic termination from the program, but sanctions will be given for each offense. If you are struggling to abstain from drugs or alcohol, the Team may make changes in your case plan for additional treatment/meetings and/or more drug screens. The Team will make all decisions about termination from Drug Court after a thorough review. The Judge will make the final decision.

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The DTC Program is a voluntary intensive treatment program. The Team includes the presiding Judge, coordinator, public defender, district attorney, probation officer, law enforcement and treatment providers.

Treatment includes group and individual counseling, community selfhelp group meetings, and weekly drug testing, which may include random tests. The coordinator will help you stay on track with your requirements throughout your program participation. The coordinator will also supervise your overall treatment as well as helping with referrals to other agencies for vocational training, employment assistance, housing, and education.

Each step requires you to be in good standing with the Team, attend all treatment meetings/groups, community self-help groups, have contact with your probation officer as directed, pay all court fees as directed, get a sponsor, and attend all Drug Court sessions and graduations. Failure to do so will result in a sanction such as additional community service hours, jail time, a delay in moving to the next step or moving back in steps, increased treatment, intensive probation, and curfew and/or ultimately an activated prison sentence.

## WHAT DRUG COURT EXPECTS OF YOU

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When you become a Drug Court participant, you must appear in court every two weeks or as directed. The court sessions involve a judge, coordinator, public defender, district attorney, treatment providers, and probation officers. The Team meets prior to court to discuss your progress report between drug court sessions to determine possible responses, sanctions or rewards.

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Requirements include:

1. **Treatment**: attendance at all sessions according to your treatment plan. You are required to take all approved prescribed medication as directed.
  2. **Coordinator & Probation meetings**: scheduled by the Coordinator or at your request; office visits as directed by your probation officer.
  3. **Drug Screens**: Abide by our call to test system, including calling in every morning between the hours of midnight and 8am. You must report to the location noted on the voice message, no later than 8:30am.
  4. **Community support activities**: The number of community meetings that you are required to attend is described below. Meetings or activities must be attended on separate days. For instance, if you are required to complete two community support activities each week, you cannot attend an NA meeting on Tuesday morning and Celebrate Recovery on Tuesday evening of that same day to meet your two community support activities.
    - *You are required to bring your community self-help meeting sheets to Drug Court.*
    - *You will be required to attend and participate in the required amount of prosocial community activities for Steps 3-5. A list of prosocial activities is included in this handbook.*
  5. **Court**: Every two weeks or as directed to review your progress. You will be expected to stay the entire session. Failure to appear in court will result in an order for your arrest being issued. Once you move to step 3, you will be called first and will be allowed to leave.
  6. You will be required to remain current on any and all court fees. ***Any untimely lapse in payment of monies owed will result in sanctions including, but not limited to, community service, not moving to the next step, I.O.P.. If you are struggling to make payments, please talk to your probation officer or coordinator.***
  7. You will be required to keep a job (at least part-time) and/or enroll in and attend school in the later program steps unless you can produce documentation of a disability.
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While relapse is part of recovery and may occur, a more intensive level of treatment may result from repeated relapses. **It is better to be honest and self-report than to have a positive test with no admission or avoid a test altogether.**

## **ADULT DRUG TREATMENT COURT RULES**

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As a Drug Treatment Court Program participant, you will be required to abide by the following rules:

1. It is the responsibility of the participant to disclose any violation of the terms of probation to their Clinician, Probation Officer, and the Drug Court Coordinator. Honesty is a core component of Drug Court. Dishonesty will only impede recovery and hold back progression through the phases. Dishonesty of any form such as lying, tampering with or adulterating drug screens, presenting fraudulent documents, etc. will not be tolerated and will subject a participant to substantial sanctions. Defrauding or lying may lead to dismissal from Drug Court and/or substantial confinement time. Honesty is essential to successful participation in the Drug Court.
2. The Program does not allow the use of alcohol, narcotics/opiates, benzodiazepines, or muscle relaxers. The Program also does not allow the use of synthetic marijuana. You are not allowed to use, possess or sell the substance Kratom. Any and all medications, including over the counter meds, are to be approved by your Drug Court Probation Officer. A list of approved over the counter medications will be provided to you. Also, diluted drug screens will be addressed accordingly in that they are treated as a positive screen. If you have questions about this, please talk to the coordinator or your probation officer.
3. Attend all Drug Treatment, Coordinator, Probation, self-help meetings, and court sessions. This includes any sessions required by your treatment provider, coordinator, probation officer, community support meetings, and drug tests.
4. Abide by a 9:00 p.m. curfew through Step 1 and/or as directed by the Judge and keep your ankle monitor charged at all times.
5. Turn in your self-help meeting verification sheets at each court session and be able to produce sheets when asked by coordinator, probation officer and/or treatment providers. Treatment groups DO NOT count toward your self-help recovery meetings.
6. Do not forge yours or any other participant's community self-help meeting verification sheets. This is cheating and will not be tolerated. If you fail to have your meeting sheet signed at the meeting (i.e., having the chairperson sign for your meeting on a separate sheet of paper) you will not get credit for those meeting(s).
7. Be on time. You are required to be on time to each scheduled treatment meeting, coordinator meeting, probation appointments, court sessions and drug screens. You are also required to remain for the entire drug court session (until you progress to step 4 and are in full compliance). If you are late or do not call before these sessions to notify someone of your tardiness or absence, it will be considered "unexcused". Late or missed drug screens are considered positive and sanctions will result in a sanction and therapeutic response being administered.
8. Do not make threats toward other participants or staff or behave in a violent manner or disrupt treatment. Violent or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will be reported to the Court. This may result in termination from the DTC Program.

9. Do not bring drugs, alcohol or weapons into any treatment, case management or probation officer meeting, court, appointment or event.
10. Dating or any other type of intimate relationship with another drug court participant is PROHIBITED. Dating any member of your treatment group is prohibited.
11. Borrowing money from or loaning money to another drug court participant is PROHIBITED.
12. Dress appropriately for court and treatment sessions (no ripped or tattered clothing, no halter or tank tops, no mini-skirts or shorts, no hats, bandanas or visors, and no clothing with offensive language or pictures). A collared shirt is preferred.

## **WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT**

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### **CASE PLAN**

Your treatment provider and probation officer will develop a case plan to fit your specific needs and identify your **strengths**. This plan will be a guide during your participation in the Program and assist you in using your strengths to stay in recovery and succeed in the program. **Your case plan may change depending on your needs and/or your participation in the program.**

### **DRUG COURT SESSIONS**

Drug Court is held every other Friday at 10:30 A.M. in the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Courtroom of the Buncombe County Courthouse. If the floor/courtroom location for a court session must be changed, the change will be posted by the entrance elevators and/or a message will be left on call2test. **Drug Court schedules may change due to certain issues as weather, Judge's schedule, or other reasons.** The team will do its best to inform you of any changes, however, if you are in question of court, it is up to you to find out about scheduling and make the needed arrangements.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Confidentiality means that information about you is carefully guarded and given to only the people who must see it. State and Federal laws require strict confidentiality regarding issues related to substance abuse and treatment. The Program has developed policies and procedures regarding your confidentiality. You will sign a release of information form for the Team members to discuss your addiction, treatment needs and progress. A signed release of information form will also be necessary for any other agency or person requesting information about your participation in the program. **If you have questions about your confidentiality issues, ask the Program Coordinator, your attorney or the Judge.**

### **TREATMENT PROCESS**

During treatment, you will be educated about the disease of drug dependency and how to live your life alcohol and drug free. The important thing is that the DTC Program will always be working with you to find the treatment that will best meet your needs while in the program. There are several levels of treatment to include intensive outpatient, intermediate outpatient, inpatient, halfway houses, jail treatment, relapse prevention and/or aftercare.

### **COMMUNITY SELF-HELP MEETINGS**

Approved **community self-help meetings** are required. A.A., N.A., and Celebrate Recovery are some examples. The more support and treatment you receive, the better your chances of staying alcohol/drug



free. You will be responsible for having the **chairperson or leader** of the meeting sign your meeting verification sheet. In addition, if you choose a 12-step program, you must have a **sponsor** (someone with at least 3 years clean and sober) and a **home group** ASAP. Please ask for guidance from the Team if you have questions or problems finding a sponsor or home group. **Your meeting sheets will be collected and checked at each court session.** Frequent attendance in an approved community self-help program is important to your recovery. Al-Anon meetings are available for your family members to help them understand you, what you are trying to accomplish, and how they can help themselves while you are in treatment and/or in this program. **Sanctions such as additional community service hours will be given by the Judge on the day of court for meeting sheets not turned in during court.**

## **DRUG SCREENING**

You will be screened throughout your entire participation in the DTC Program. You will be subject to weekly screens through your treatment provider and as directed by your probation officer. You will be subject to random drug screens aside from our call to test system. The Team will see and discuss all drug screen results including failure to screen, which is counted as a positive screen, and the Judge may order you to have a drug test at any time. **The goal of the Program is to help you remain substance free,** and the Team will be reviewing your overall performance as you progress in the treatment process. A diluted drug screen is considered as positive and you will be sanctioned.

**\*\*Drug Screen Schedule is random, location of screening depending on the probation office. You must call in on time to the call to test system or risk going to jail for a missed screen. Please also note that if you miss a test, it's positive, even if you are able to get a drug test from an alternative source.**

### **Defrauding Drug Screens**

In line with best practice standards, “Drug and alcohol testing provides an accurate, timely, and comprehensive assessment of unauthorized substance use throughout participants’ enrollment” in problem-solving courts (Standard VII, Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards Volume II). It provides the framework for accountability that is the key building block of the program. In line with North Carolina General Statute § 14-401.20, no participant shall:

- Possess, sell, give away or market for sell urine or transport urine (including synthetic urine) into the state for the purpose of defrauding a drug or alcohol screening test,
- Attempt to defraud a drug or alcohol screening test by the substitution or spiking of a sample,
- Use, possess or sell an adulterant that are intended to be used to adulterate a urine or other bodily fluid sample for the purpose of defrauding a drug or alcohol screening test.

Any violation of these provisions can subject a participant to a termination hearing

## **RECOVERY, VOCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

Recovery from addiction is more than simply “**not using.**” It also means learning new and different ways to think and behave along with becoming a responsible member of the community. Your coordinator will help to refer you to the proper agencies for vocational training, education and/or employment. The coordinator will also provide you with a monthly bus pass if needed.

## **INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS**

The purpose of **incentives** is to **reward** you for your effort, progress and success. You are rewarded in various ways. At each court session, your progress will be recognized. You will receive credit on the Incentives Board for accomplishments and successes as you turn in your incentive Sheets. In order to get stars on the incentives board, you must fill out and turn in your incentive sheet at each drug court session. Once you have turned in your incentive sheet four times in a row and without getting a sanction during that time, you will be eligible to draw from the fishbowl. You will not be allowed to ask for an additional sheet before court sessions. If you lose or misplace your sheet between drug courts, you will be disqualified from earning a star on the incentives board during that court session. Note that you must also pay on at least one of your court cases between courts to be eligible for the fishbowl. **Sanctions** provide **consequences** and are designed to help motivate you towards positive behaviors and recovery. Sanctions are given in court for non-compliance, infractions and violations. Incentives and sanctions are given to assist you in achieving and maintaining self-discipline. **You will be required to finish all sanctions issued.**

## **TERMINATION**

The Buncombe County Drug Court is committed to providing each participant an opportunity to maintain a sober and drug free lifestyle in an environment conducive to achieving this goal. Drug Court wants each participant to succeed, and considers dismissal only as a last resort. The goal is to help participants to help themselves. Continued inclusion in this Court is contingent on compliance with the guidelines and regulations. Nevertheless, not everyone who enters Drug Court will be committed to maintaining recovery and compliance with Court conditions. The Team may determine that dismissal of a participant for non-compliance is the most appropriate action for the success of all other participants. Serious violations or continuous violations will subject a participant to dismissal from the Court.

Following are a few examples of non-compliance that could result in dismissal:

- Threats of, or violence towards, peers, Probation Officers, Clinicians or Drug Court Team
- Committing a new criminal offense
- Altering or tampering with a drug screen
- An accumulation of violations and continuance of non-compliance with Court guidelines
- An inability or unwillingness to remain clean and sober
- Victimizing other participants in the program

## **CURRENT STEP REQUIREMENTS**

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### **Step 1 – Acute Stabilization (Minimum of 60 days)**

- Court bi-weekly
- Comply with treatment requirements
- Comply with supervision requirements
- Weekly office visits with Coordinator
- Monthly home visits with Probation
- Office visits with Probation as directed

- Random drug testing (minimum of 2 per week)
- Comply with electronic monitoring
- Submit application for a Medicaid
- Obtain a CCA
- Curfew by 9:00 p.m.
- Obtain approved housing
- Change people, places, and things

In order to advance to Step 2, participants must: (1) be in compliance with all conditions above for a minimum of 14 days, (2) have negative urinalysis screens for a minimum of 14 consecutive days, AND (3) complete a phase up application for Step 2.

### **Step 2 – Clinical Stabilization (Minimum of 90 days)**

- Court bi-weekly
- Comply with treatment requirements
- Comply with supervision requirements
- Weekly office visits with Coordinator
- Monthly home visits with Probation
- Office visits with Probation as directed
- Have a physical assessment completed
- Random drug testing (minimum of 2 per week)
- Maintain approved housing
- Continue changing people, places, and things
- Complete 10 hours of community service before end of Step 2
- Before moving to Step 3, participant must attend a minimum of three community support activities (ex: Celebrate Recovery, NA/AA, church, yoga, etc.).

In order to advance to Step 3, participants must: (1) be in compliance with all conditions above for a minimum of 30 days, (2) have negative urinalysis screens for a minimum of 30 consecutive days, AND (3) complete a phase up application for Step 3. As part of the phase up application clients will be asked to explain how the community support activities helps them in their recovery.

### **Step 3 – Prosocial Habilitation (Minimum of 90 days)**

- Bi-weekly court dates
- Comply with treatment requirements
- Comply with supervision requirements
- Bi-weekly office visits with Coordinator
- Monthly home visits with Probation
- Office visits with Probation as directed
- Random drug testing (minimum of 2 per week)
- Maintain approved housing
- Start working looking into dental needs (if necessary)
- Continue changing people, places, and things
- Begin Moral Reconnection Therapy (pending treatment completion)
- Participant must attend a minimum of two community support activities per week (ex: Celebrate Recovery, NA/AA, church, yoga, etc.)
- Establish prosocial activity and complete Prosocial Activity Carey Guide

- Complete 15 hours of community service before end of Step 3
- Begin employment, schooling, or other vocational activities
- Begin addressing financial issues (ex: budget assessment, *On Track* financial group)

In order to advance to Step 4, participants must: (1) be in compliance with all conditions above for a minimum of 45 days, (2) have negative urinalysis screens for a minimum of 45 consecutive days, AND (3) complete a phase up application for Step 4. As part of the phase up application clients will be asked to identify and explain who is a part of their recovery network (i.e., case worker, sponsor, pastor, etc.).

#### **Step 4 – Adaptive Habilitation (Minimum of 90 days)**

- Court monthly (1<sup>st</sup> court date of the month)
- Comply with treatment requirements
- Comply with supervision requirements
- Bi-weekly office visits with Coordinator
- Monthly home visits with Probation
- Office visits with Probation as directed
- Random drug testing (minimum of 2 per week)
- Maintain approved housing
- Continue changing people, places, and things
- Continue Moral Reconnection Therapy
- Maintain recovery network
- Participant must attend a minimum of two community support activities per week (ex: Celebrate Recovery, NA/AA, church, yoga, etc.)
- Complete 15 hours of community service before end of Step 4
- Continue employment, schooling, or other vocational activities
- Begin consistent payments on court costs and restitution based upon budget

In order to advance to Step 5, participants must: (1) be in compliance with all conditions above for a minimum of 60 days, (2) have negative urinalysis screens for a minimum of 60 consecutive days, AND (3) complete a phase up application for Step 5.

#### **Step 5 – Continuing Care (Minimum of 90 days)**

- Court monthly (1<sup>st</sup> court date of the month)
- Comply with treatment requirements
- Comply with supervision requirements
- Monthly office visits with Coordinator
- Monthly home visits with Probation
- Office visits with Probation as directed
- Random drug testing
- Maintain approved housing
- Continue addressing medical needs
- Continue changing people, places, and things
- Continue Moral Reconnection Therapy
- Maintain recovery network
- Participant must attend a minimum of two community support activities per week (ex: Celebrate Recovery, NA/AA, church, yoga, etc.)
- Complete 10 hours of community service before end of Step 5

- Continue employment, schooling, or other vocational activities
- Continue consistent payments on court costs and restitution based upon budget
- Development of continuing care plan

In order to advance to graduate, participants must: (1) be in compliance with all conditions above for a minimum of 90 days, (2) have negative urinalysis screens for a minimum of 90 consecutive days, AND (3) complete graduation application. As part of the graduation application clients will be asked to provide a detailed list of their recovery network through either their WRAP case plan, a Carey Guide, or other treatment oriented assignment.



## **GRADUATION FROM THE DRUG TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM**

Graduations are often held quarterly and all participants must be present. You must apply for graduation in writing. You will be required to write in your own words a plan about how you intend to continue your recovery, including your relapse prevention plan, goals for the future, your support system, clean and sober activities, and post- graduation goals for your future. You will be required to do a sufficient amount of writing and will be asked to read parts of your report at graduation. The coordinator will assist you as needed. You will likely begin working on your report/essay once your graduation date has been scheduled.

Upon successful completion of program requirements, you will be eligible to graduate from Drug Court.

## **CONCLUSION**

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Our mission is to support a drug/alcohol free lifestyle for chemically dependent offenders and to reduce repeated criminal acts as participants gain long-term sobriety in order to have an improved quality of life. If you are able to complete this program, this will give you an opportunity to have your charges dismissed

and/or later expunged if you are able to stay clean/sober and avoid getting new charges for at least three months-one year following graduation, depending on your plea arrangement at the time of entering DTC.

If you have any additional questions or concerns about this program, please talk to us. Finally, do not forget your family, and those who are close to you! Make them a part of what you are trying to accomplish and let them share in your success.

## **DRUG TREATMENT COURT TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF TEAM MEMBERS**

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### **COORDINATOR**

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### **ASST DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

<b>Joshua Harrold</b>	<b>259-6432</b>
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### **ASHEVILLE POLICE DEPT.**

<b>Chris Strumolo</b>	<b>251-4091</b>
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### **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

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### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE USE REPS**

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### **PEER SUPPORT**

<b>Ashley Ramey</b>	
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**BUNCOMBE COUNTY ADULT DRUG TREATMENT COURT PARTICIPATION  
AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have been accepted as a participant in the Buncombe County Adult Drug Treatment Court Program. I understand that if I successfully complete the Drug Treatment Court Program, my plea arrangement will take place (unless I am entering the program on a probation violation). I agree to do the following while participating in Drug Court:

1. I will follow all the conditions and rules of the Adult Drug Treatment Court, program staff, treatment provider and probation.
2. I agree to sign any and all releases necessary to monitor my progress and further treatment goals. I agree to sign releases, which will allow the Drug Treatment Court to review my diagnostic and treatment information.
3. I understand that the main purpose of this program is treatment and that any statement made by me while participating in this program will not be used against me in any further related criminal matters. These include statements made to drug court program staff during any phase of the program process and/or to any treatment provider during the treatment phase of the program. However, voluntary statements made by me in open court, which refer to unrelated felony criminal acts and which are not related to my participation in the Program, could be used in other criminal hearings. Such use shall be determined in a special hearing.
4. I understand that drug screen results obtained through the Drug Treatment Court Program will be used only to assist the court and treatment providers in following my progress, changing my treatment plan, giving sanctions or rewards, and/or termination or graduation from the Program. I understand that in no way will such drug screen results be used as evidence of a new crime, evidence to support any unrelated violation of probation or parole, or in any other manner not agreeing with the goals of the Buncombe County Drug Treatment Court Program.
5. I agree not to eat any **Poppy Seeds** while in the Program. **I understand that consuming poppy seeds will not be a valid defense against a positive drug test for morphine or any morphine derivative. I agree not to consume cough syrup containing alcohol while in the program. I understand that using cough syrup is not a valid defensive against a positive drug test for alcohol. I also agree to avoid taking all acid reduction stomach medications and that consuming this medication will not be a valid defense against a positive drug test for amphetamines or methamphetamines. I understand I will get permission from my probation officer and the coordinator before consuming any over the counter medications, vitamins, etc.**
6. I agree to participate in the Program for a minimum of 12 months and any additional time leading up to formal graduation. I agree to engage in any educational, treatment or other appropriate program as ordered by the court. I agree to follow additional terms as indicated by the court, program staff, and/or treatment staff. **Furthermore, I agree to complete all treatment to the satisfaction of the court and team.**
7. I understand that my charges will not be dismissed if I am removed from the Program. In that event, I will be sentenced according to the guilty plea at the time I entered the program.
8. My participation in the program can be terminated if:
  - **I do not make progress toward satisfactorily completing Drug Court; or**
  - **I commit a violent misdemeanor or any felony; or**

- I commit an assault, threaten or attempt to threaten, any treatment provider, counselor, probation officer, or other participant in the Program; or
  - I fail to pay any fees or perform services as ordered by the court; or
  - I choose to forge my meeting sheets and/or those belonging to any other participants; or
  - I choose to provide urine for another drug court participant either for probation or treatment;
  - I test positive for any synthetics, including K2, bath salts and kratom or are caught with synthetics by law enforcement or anyone on the drug court team
  - I choose to date another treatment court participant (including this court, Sobriety Court, Veteran's Treatment Court or Family Treatment Court) or anyone in my treatment groups.
9. I agree that if I test positive for alcohol or other drugs, fail to appear in court, fail to follow this contract or pick up charges of new criminal offenses, the court can give sanctions within the program rather than terminate me from Drug Court. For example, the Judge can do any of the following:
- An extension of treatment or a more intensive treatment plan, which could include Detox, more intensive outpatient, or residential treatment;
  - Jail time. I understand that any time served would be as a sentenced inmate on the charge to which I entered my guilty plea should I not complete this program;
  - Perform extra community service hours
  - Completion of essay to read to the drug court team and other participants during court proceedings
  - Extend the amount of time I will spend in the program;
  - Issue a bench warrant for my arrest;
  - Other sanctions as may appear appropriate to the Court; or
  - Terminate me from the program and impose judgment and sentence.
10. I agree that the court may require me to seek and keep a job, attend vocational rehab counseling, work toward and complete my GED if needed and/or further education as part of my treatment program.
11. I agree to report as directed, and to make all court appearances as ordered. I agree to keep the court, program staff, treatment provider and probation informed of my current address at all times, and **report a change of address PRIOR to any change**. I agree and understand that I must always get permission from the probation office before spending any nights outside my approved residence, even if it is **only one overnight**. If I do not get approval, I will not assume that I have permission. I understand that if I do not abide by this rule, I will be sanctioned.
12. I agree to give urine tests as ordered by the court, program staff, treatment provider and probation. I agree and understand that I am to have NO diluted drug screens while participating in drug court and that having diluted drug screens will likely result in a sanction.
13. I agree that I will not use or possess any alcohol, synthetics and/ or illegal drugs.
14. I understand that I am not to use ANY mind altering substances while in DTC and that I will ask PPO's and coordinator before I use any over the counter substance. I understand that I am not allowed to abuse any prescribed non-narcotic medications. I understand that I must participate in any and all pill counts if requested to do so by probation and/or coordinator.
15. I understand that I must perform a minimum of 50 community service hours unless otherwise ordered by the Drug Treatment Court Judge. I understand that I will perform at least four hours of community service each week until my hours are completed. These hours will begin once the



probation office has set up a location for me to complete my hours. I understand it is my responsibility to talk to my probation officer about getting my location set up.

16. I understand that if I am removed from the program and sentenced, I will not get any sentence credits except actual time spent in custody.
17. I understand that if I choose to forge my recovery related meeting sheets, I will be sanctioned. I understand that it is better to advise the team that I failed to attend all required meetings rather than forging my sheets. I understand that forging my sheets could cause me to be terminated from drug court.
18. I understand that I must submit at reasonable times to warrantless searches by the probation officer of my person, vehicle, premises, computer and cell phone while I am present, for the purposes reasonably related to my participation in the Drug Treatment Court Program and probation supervision. I am aware that all of my social media accounts may be monitored and that the Drug Treatment Court staff may ask that I remove myself from any and/or all social media at any time. Failure to abide by this sanction could result in immediate termination from the program.
19. I understand that dating another Treatment Court participant or anyone in my treatment groups could cause me to be terminated from drug court.
20. I understand that I am not allowed to use my cell phone during DTC sessions in any way (calls, texts and internet) and that using my cell phone could cause me to have to surrender my phone to the coordinator and/or probation officer until further notice.
21. I understand that I must dress appropriately for court. This means no shorts, pajamas, sweatshirts, leggings, t-shirts or sweatpants. Jeans are fine, a collared shirt or blouse is preferred. If you appear in court dressed inappropriately, you may be asked to leave to change clothes and return. If you have any questions about this, please discuss with coordinator or probation officer. Dressing appropriately for court shows respect for yourself, the program and the court system.
22. I understand that upon successful completion of the treatment program and having followed the conditions of the contract to the satisfaction of the court, the agreed-upon arrangement made at the time of my admission to Drug Court will occur.
23. I understand that I have the right to an attorney during all court proceedings. An attorney will be appointed for me through this program.
24. I understand that if I have any questions concerning Drug Treatment Court, I should discuss the matter with my attorney or the Program Coordinator.
25. I declare that the statements written above have been read by me or to me, and I understand and agree to each of the above statements and conditions.

I have read the Participant Agreement and Handbook or it has been read and explained to me, and I understand what will be required of me as a participant in Drug Treatment Court.

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PARTICIPANT/DATE

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WITNESS/DATE

