

AMC Rule No. 43.3. Specialized Dockets: Mental Health Court

(A) Establishment of the Akron Mental Health Court Program

- (1) Pursuant to Sup. R. 36.20 through 36.29, and by order of the Judges of The Akron Municipal Court, effective September 23, 2013, the rules and guidelines of The Akron Municipal Mental Health Court program, created in 2001 and formally adopted on January 2, 2012 are hereby modified.
- (2) The Akron Municipal Mental Health Court Program will provide effective supervision and enhanced treatment services to sixty (60) misdemeanor offenders in an effort to promote recovery in the areas of mental health and substance abuse.
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  - (a) The goal of The Akron Municipal Mental Health Court Program is to hold participants charged with a misdemeanor offense and also having a serious and persistent mental illness, accountable by providing immediate and appropriate mental health and substance abuse treatment. The Mental Health Court program will also focus on facilitating behavioral changes through the use of risk/needs assessments, referrals to appropriate community resources, and providing comprehensive case management and community supervision.
  - (b) Additional goals and objectives include: Screen up to 150 referrals per year for admission to the Mental Health Court Program, maintain a maximum participant level of 50 and an average of 35 participants in the program, reduce recidivism among active mental Health Court participants so that 75% of successful Mental Health Court graduates remain arrest and conviction free over the next three years , 30% of active clients linked to treatment shall decrease their illegal drugs and substances (This shall be monitored by self-report as well as random drug screens), and participants shall improve stability in the community – the team shall effectively link participants to permanent housing resources, benefits, and assist with employment readiness and placement.

(B) Placement and Screening for the Akron Municipal Court Program

- (1) Individuals being considered for The Mental Health Court Program must be adjudicated through the Akron Municipal Court. Offenders will be referred to the program either through Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, under R.C. 2951.041; or post-conviction of an eligible misdemeanor offense.
  - (a) All individuals shall be screened by the CSS Summit Link program. The Summit Link program will review the arraignment docket each day, Monday-Friday. The screening form shall be placed in the court file for further review with a copy being given to the Mental Health Court Coordinator/Probation Officer.

- (3) In the event a participant is terminated from the program, the case shall remain with the Mental Health Court Judge. The Mental Health Court Judge will administer the re-imposition of the participant's sentence.

(D) Case Management


- (1) The Akron Mental Health Court program will provide Case Management services in the least restrictive manner that is consistent with offender compliance and public safety.
- (2) The Akron Mental Health Court Program will work closely with all of its community partners to provide the most intensive and comprehensive treatment to each offender entering the Mental Health Court Program.
- (3) All forms, program descriptions, handbooks and agreements shall be incorporated as part of the Akron Mental Health Court Program.

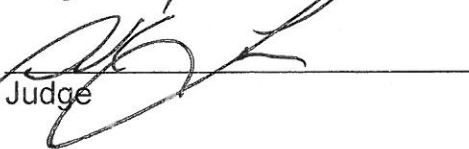
(E) Termination from The Mental Health Court Program

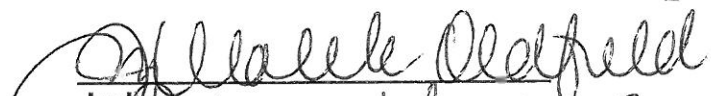
- (1) All individuals who are unsuccessfully terminated from the Akron Mental Health Court program are subject to have their entire original suspended sentence re-imposed.
- (2) Intervention In Lieu of Conviction (IILC) participants who are unsuccessfully terminated from the Akron Municipal Mental Health Court program are subject to a finding of guilt, and the imposition of sentence up to the maximum penalties permitted for each charge.
- (3) With input from the Mental Health Court Team, The Mental Health Court Judge may impose a sentence utilizing a combination of all resources available to the court including but not limited to jail, community service, house arrest, residential treatment, non-residential treatment, probation, fines, court costs, etc.

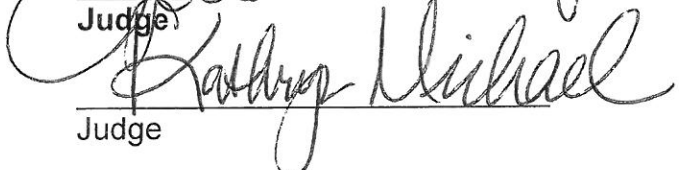
IT IS SO ORDERED,

  
Mental Health Court Judge

  
Judge *KATARINA LOK*

  
Judge

  
Judge

  
Judge

NOT AVAILABLE/ON LEAVE  
Judge John E. Holcomb

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