

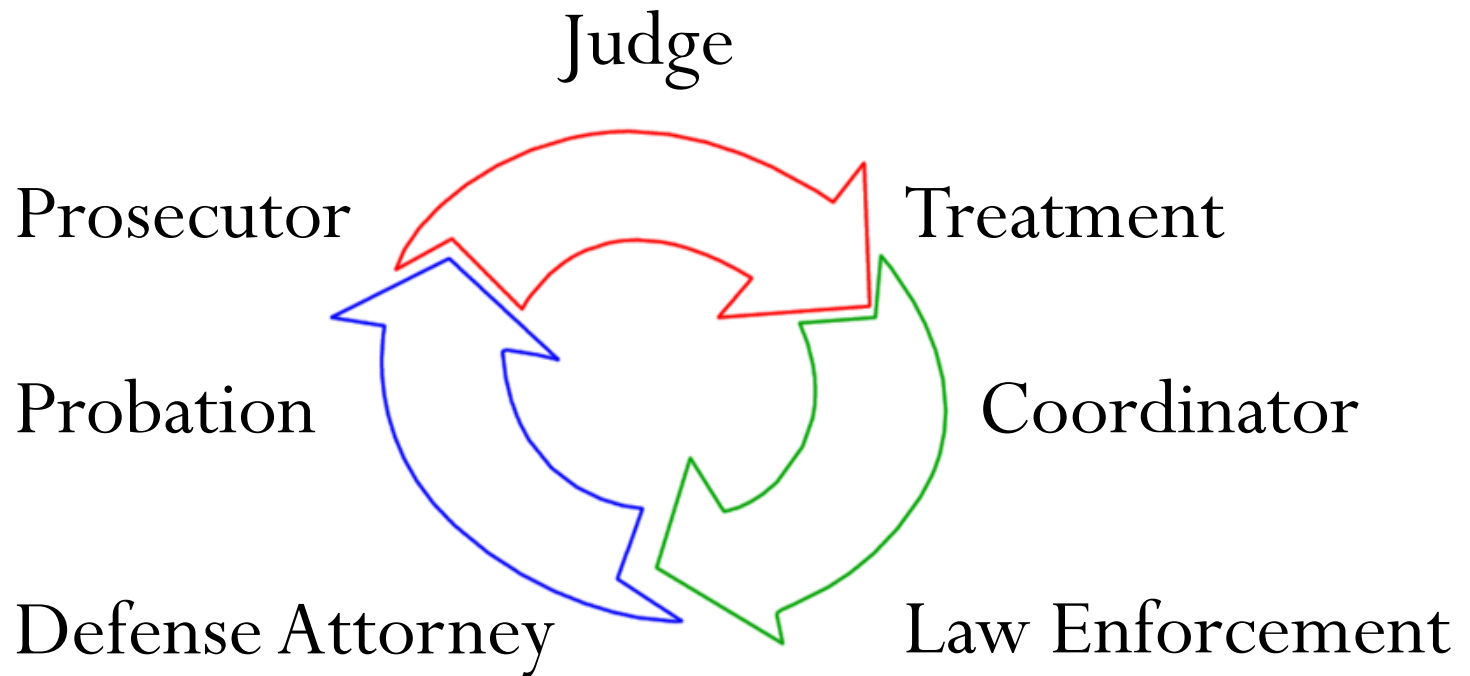
CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT COURT THERAPEUTIC SPECIALTY COURTS



2 MAIN GOALS OF THERAPEUTIC COURTS

Reduce Recidivism

Increase Engagement in Community Treatment



Clark County Therapeutic Courts

District Court

Mental Health Court

Veterans Court

Substance Abuse Court

DUI Court

Superior Court

Drug Court

DOSA

Juvenile Recovery Court

Family Treatment Court



Mental Health Court Statistics

- Honorable Kelli Osler presiding
- Established April 2000
- 363 Graduates through 12/31/2018
- Caseload as of 03/13/2019: 36 participants
- Court held Wednesdays at 2pm (DC) and 3pm (SC)
- 12-month minimum program as of 01/01/2019



Clark County Mental Health Court Expansion Project

- Start date 01/01/2018
- Added felony offenders to the existing District Court Mental Health Court Program
- Pre-plea program for both District and Superior Courts
 - Also accept post-plea District Court cases
- Since start date, have seen a 157% increase in new participants



Referral Process

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Vancouver City Attorney's Office are the gatekeepers for Mental Health Court pre-plea referrals.

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/district-court/therapeutic-specialty-courts>

Mental Health Court Target Population

Clark County resident

Pending/current felony or misdemeanor charges

Volunteer for the program

Primary diagnosis of a major mental disorder and/or co-occurring SUD

Want treatment

Nexus between mental health disorder and criminal act

Have 12 months jurisdiction remaining on post-plea District Court cases

No current/prior serious violent offense (without special finding by Judge)

No current/prior charges involve firearm

No offenses where substantial or great bodily harm or death was caused

No pending charges or outstanding warrants

Cannot be a working "informant"

No current/prior sex offense

MENTAL HEALTH COURT



Volunteer to Participate in Mental Health Court 12 Months Minimum (as of 01/01/2019)



Clark County Mental Health Court Program Flowchart District Court – Wednesdays at 2:00pm Superior Court – Wednesdays at 3:00pm

START PROGRAM (12 month minimum program with a \$150 program fee if found to be financially able to pay)

**Phase 1:
Orientation/Engagement**
(Minimum one month)

- Attend court & PO meetings weekly
- Engage in treatment and determine a treatment plan
- Attend all treatment groups & 1:1s
- Random UAs, PBT, or other testing
- Competencies: budget, learn about diagnosis and Rx, coping skills, strengths, stable housing
- Develop case plan with PO
- Complete full risk assessment with PO

Ask for Help!

Rewards Used:

- Decreased Requirements
- Decreased Court Appearances
- Gift Certificates
- Praise & Recognition
- Community Events
- Raffle prizes

Phase 2: Intensive Treatment
(Minimum four months)

- Attend court weekly
- Report to PO 2x/month
- Attend all treatment groups & 1:1s
- Follow your case plan
- Random UAs, PBT, or other testing
- Develop a Support Person
- Pay \$50 MHC fee unless waived by court for indigence, and develop a payment plan for LFOs and restitution
- Competencies: budget, Support Person, strengths, housing, financial stability, Rx, relationships, continued care
- Update case plan with PO

Sanctions Used:

- Writing assignments
- Increased court / meetings
- Longer stay in program due to behavior
- Community Service / Work Crew
- EHC / SCRAM
- Jail stays

*****Judge's Discretion *****

Phase 3: Community Engagement
(Minimum three months)

- Attend court 2x/month
- Report to PO 2x/month
- Attend all treatment groups & 1:1s
- Demonstrate skills, supports
- Random UAs, PBT, or other testing
- Pay \$50 MHC fee unless waived by court for indigence, and follow payment plan for LFOs and restitution
- Competencies: Support Person, healthy and enjoyable pro-social pursuits, continued care plan
- Update case plan and risk assessment with PO

Possible Termination:

- Bench Warrant status
- New Charges / Illegal Behavior
- Unsuccessful discharge from treatment program
- Chronic Non-Compliance / Continued Dishonesty

If terminated, you will be sentenced on your original case.

Phase 4: Maintenance
(Minimum three months)

- Attend court & PO meetings once monthly
- Develop continued care/WRAP plan
- Attend all treatment as instructed and transition to continued care plan if recommended
- Random UAs, PBT, or other testing
- Pay \$50 MHC fee unless waived by court for indigence, and follow payment plan for LFOs and restitution
- Competencies: payment plan, pre-exit interview, continued care plan
- Support system
- Update case plan with PO

Phase 5: Recovery
(Minimum one month)

- Attend court & PO meetings once monthly
- Apply Continued Care plan
- Random UAs, PBT, or other testing
- Finalize LFO/restitution payments
- Review and finalize case plan with PO
- Complete final exit interview

Graduation!



Volunteer to Participate in Mental Health Court 12 Months Minimum (as of 01/01/2019)

Clark County Mental Health Court Phase Advancement Criteria

Questions?

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To Apply for Phase 2:

- Have been in Phase 1 for a minimum of one month
- Completed MH assessment, have treatment plan
- Stable in treatment plan with no unexcused absences or sanctions for past 14 days
- No new law violations
- Develop case plan with PO
- Complete risk assessment with PO
- Complete Phase 1 competency checklist: budget, learn about diagnosis and Rx, coping skills, strengths, stable housing
- Review progress, checklist, and case plan with Team in court prior to phasing up.

To Apply for Phase 3:

- Have been in Phase 2 for a minimum of four months
- Address issues around medications, housing, finances, and/or other needs, so that each of these issues is stabilized or you have a plan to stabilize each of these areas
- Stable in treatment plan with no unexcused absences or sanctions for past 30 days
- No new law violations
- Follow case plan and make progress
- Develop a Support Person
- Pay \$50 MHC fee unless waived by court for indigence, and develop a payment plan for LFOs and restitution
- Complete Phase 2 competency checklist: budget, Support Person, strengths, housing, financial stability, Rx, relationships, continued care
- Review progress, checklist, and case plan with Team in court prior to phasing up.

To Apply for Phase 4:

- Have been in Phase 3 for a minimum of three months
- Continue to stabilize issues around medications, housing, finances, and/or other needs, so that each of these issues is stabilized or you have a plan to stabilize each of these areas
- Stable in treatment plan with no unexcused absences or sanctions for past 30 days
- No new law violations
- Update case plan risk assessment with PO
- Pay \$50 MHC fee (\$100 total payments) unless waived by court for indigence, and develop a payment plan for LFOs and restitution
- Complete Phase 3 competency checklist: Support Person, healthy and enjoyable pro-social pursuits, continued care plan
- Review progress, checklist, and case plan with Team in court prior to phasing up.

To Apply for Phase 5:

- Have been in Phase 4 for a minimum of three months
- Develop a Continued Care plan with treatment provider
- Stable in treatment plan with no unexcused absences or sanctions for past 30 days
- No new law violations
- Pay \$50 MHC fee (\$150 total payments) unless waived by court for indigence, and develop a payment plan for LFOs and restitution
- Complete Phase 4 competency checklist payment plan, pre-exit interview, continued care plan
- Update case plan with PO
- Have support system in place
- Review progress, checklist, and case plan with Team in court prior to phasing up.

To Apply for Graduation:

- Have been in Phase 5 for a minimum of one month
- Apply your Continued Care plan and follow through with your recovery efforts
- Stable in treatment plan with no unexcused absences or sanctions for past 30 days
- No new law violations
- Finalize any LFO and restitution payments. MHC fee of \$150 should be paid in full by now or waived for indigence
- Review and finalize case plan with PO
- Complete final exit interview with Court Coordinator



Veterans Court Statistics

- Honorable John Hagensen presiding
- Established April 2011
- 54 Graduates through 12/31/2018
- Caseload as of 03/13/2019: 4 participants
- Court held Mondays at 10am



Why have a special court for Vets?

Because each branch of the military has its own culture, its own language, code of conduct, rules, regulations, norms, ranks, stories, legends, rituals and rites, we feel we are justified in creating a separate specialized court docket dedicated solely to address the specific needs of our service men and women and forge a stronger relationship with the VA.



Substance Abuse Court (SAC) Statistics

- Honorable Sonya Langsdorf presiding
- Established April 1999
- 210 Graduates through 12/31/2018
- Caseload as of 03/13/2019: 8 participants
- Court held 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10:30am & 2pm



DUI Court Statistics

- Honorable Sonya Langsdorf presiding
- Established October 2017
- 7 Graduates through 12/31/2018
- Caseload as of 03/13/2019: 3 participants
- Court held 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10:30am & 2pm



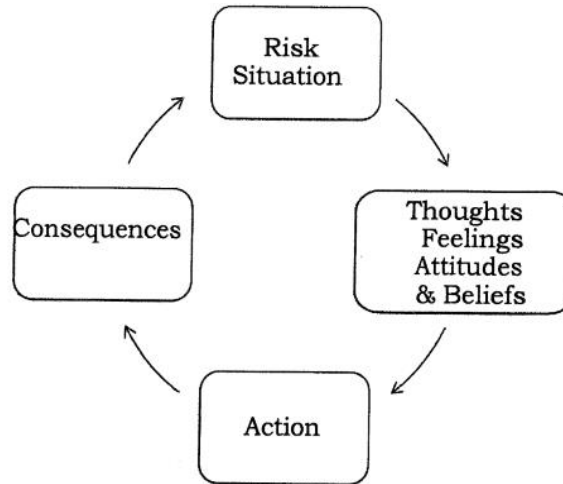
Why move multiple DUIs from SAC?

- Traditional screening and risk assessment tools often misidentify DUI offenders as low risk for repeating their crime. This can lead to inadequate sentencing and treatment and repeat DUI behavior.
- DUI Court clients are more likely to present with many protective factors, such as employment, stable housing, and prosocial relationships. There may be less demand for the court to focus on basic needs, but more necessity to address criminal thinking errors through cognitive behavioral programs.
- To address thinking errors, participants are required to complete the Decision Points-DUI class

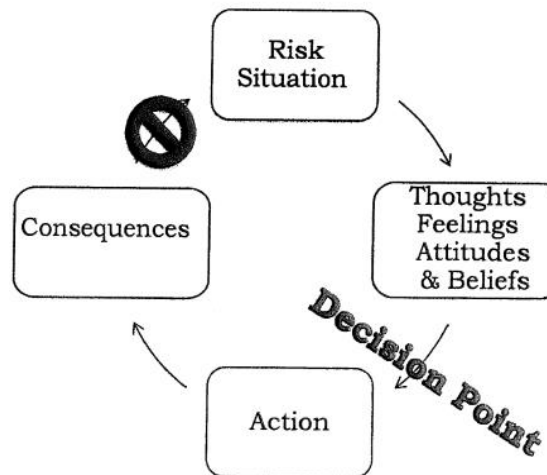


Decision Points - DUI

Trouble Cycle



Stop the Trouble Cycle



QUESTIONS / ANSWERS

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“I am in a better place mentally...I hope the program is always available to help the ones that need it.”

~ 2015 Mental Health Court Graduate

