

York County Veterans Treatment Court Program



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INTRODUCTION:

Resulting from our military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, an estimated 550,000 Veterans under the age of 25 suffer from a substance abuse or mental health disorder and these diagnoses have increased nearly 40 percent since 2004. Left untreated, they can directly lead to homelessness and involvement in the criminal justice system. Courts around the country are reporting an increase in the number of Veterans they are seeing and, in response, are creating Veterans Treatment Courts. Veterans Treatment Courts, or VTCs, are hybrid Drug and Mental Health Courts that recognize the unique military culture while addressing distinct Veteran issues, such as Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Military Sexual Trauma.

The Veterans Treatment Court seeks to divert eligible veteran-defendants with substance dependency and/or mental illness that are charged with a criminal offense to a specialized criminal court docket. Veterans are identified through screening and assessments. The veterans voluntarily participate in a judicially supervised treatment plan that a team of court staff, veteran health care professionals, veteran peer mentors, AOD health care professionals and mental health professionals develop with the veteran.

Many Veterans are known to have a warrior's mentality and often do not address their treatment needs for physical and psychological health care. Often those who are referred to the Veterans' Treatment Court are homeless, helpless, in despair, suffering from alcohol or drug addiction, and others have serious mental health illnesses. Their lives have been spiraling out of control. Without the collaboration of the Lebanon VA Center, the York County Courts, Probation, District Attorney, Public Defender, Drug, alcohol, mental health agency, Sheriff's Department, county law enforcement agencies, Veterans affairs, the Veterans' mentor coordinator and mentors, the criminal justice advisory board and the York County community, many would continue to have their illness untreated and would suffer the consequences of the traditional criminal justice system of jail or prison. This collaboration of unique partners affords the opportunity for these veterans to regain stability in their lives, to have their families strengthened, to have housing for the homeless and to have employment for the employable. The treatment court team will find them, offer them assistance, assess their needs, manage their care and help them solve problems.

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Key Component #1: Veterans Treatment Court integrate alcohol, drug treatment, and mental health services with justice system case processing

York's Veterans Treatment Court promotes sobriety, recovery and stability through a coordinated response to veteran's dependency on alcohol, drugs, and/or management of their mental illness. Realization of these goals requires a team approach. This approach includes the cooperation and collaboration of the traditional partners found in drug treatment courts and

mental health treatment courts with the addition of the VA Network in Lebanon, veterans and veterans family support organizations, and veteran volunteer mentors.

Key Component #2: Using a nonadversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights

To facilitate the veterans' progress in treatment, the prosecutor and defense counsel shed their traditional adversarial courtroom relationship and work together as a team. Once a veteran is accepted into the treatment court program, the team's focus is on the veteran's recovery and law-abiding behavior—not on the merits of the pending case.

Key Component #3: Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the Veterans Treatment Court program.

Early identification of veterans entering the criminal justice system is an integral part of the process of placement in the Veterans Treatment Court program. Arrest can be a traumatic event in a person's life. It creates an immediate crisis and can compel recognition of inappropriate behavior into the open, making denial by the veteran for the need for treatment difficult.

Key Component #4: Veterans Treatment Court provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, mental health and other related treatment and rehabilitation services

While primarily concerned with criminal activity, AOD use, and mental illness, the Veterans Treatment Court team also consider co-occurring problems such as primary medical problems, transmittable diseases, homelessness; basic educational deficits, unemployment and poor job preparation; spouse and family troubles—especially domestic violence—and the ongoing effects of war time trauma. Veteran peer mentors are essential to the Veterans Treatment Court team. Ongoing veteran peer mentors interaction with the Veterans Treatment Court participants is essential. Their active, supportive relationship, maintained throughout treatment, increases the likelihood that a veteran will remain in treatment and improves the chances for sobriety and law-abiding behavior.

Key Component #5: Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing

Frequent court-ordered AOD testing is essential. An accurate testing program is the most objective and efficient way to establish a framework for accountability and to gauge each participant's progress.

Key Component #6: A coordinated strategy governs Veterans Treatment Court responses to participants' compliance

A veteran's progress through the treatment court experience is measured by his or her compliance with the treatment regimen. Veterans Treatment Court reward cooperation as well as respond to noncompliance. Veterans Treatment Court establishes a coordinated strategy, including a continuum of graduated responses, to continuing drug use and other noncompliant behavior.

Key Component #7: Ongoing judicial interaction with each Veteran is essential

The judge is the leader of the Veterans Treatment Court team. This active, supervising relationship, maintained throughout treatment, increases the likelihood that a veteran will remain in treatment and improves the chances for sobriety and law-abiding behavior. Ongoing judicial supervision also communicates to veterans that someone in authority cares about them and is closely watching what they do.

Key Component #8: Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness

Management and monitoring systems provide timely and accurate information about program progress. Program monitoring provides oversight and periodic measurements of the program's

performance against its stated goals and objectives. Information and conclusions developed from periodic monitoring reports, process evaluation activities, and longitudinal evaluation studies may be used to modify program

Key Component #9: Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective Veterans Treatment Court planning, implementation, and operations

All Veterans Treatment Court staff should be involved in education and training. Interdisciplinary education exposes criminal justice officials to veteran treatment issues, and Veteran Administration, veteran volunteer mentors, and treatment staff to criminal justice issues. It also develops shared understandings of the values, goals, and operating procedures of both the veteran administration, treatment and the justice system components. Education and training programs help maintain a high level of professionalism, provide a forum for solidifying relationships among criminal justice, Veteran Administration, veteran volunteer mentors, and treatment personnel, and promote a spirit of commitment and collaboration.

Key Component #10: Forging partnerships among Veterans Treatment Court, Veterans Administration, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances Veteran Treatment Court effectiveness

Because of its unique position in the criminal justice system, Veterans Treatment Court is well suited to develop coalitions among private community-based organizations, public criminal justice agencies, the Veteran Administration, veterans and veterans families support organizations, and AOD and mental health treatment delivery systems. Forming such coalitions expands the continuum of services available to Veterans Treatment Court participants and informs the community about Veterans Treatment Court concepts. The Veterans Treatment Court fosters system wide involvement through its commitment to share responsibility and participation of program partners.

MISSION:

To successfully habilitate veterans by diverting them from the traditional criminal justice system and providing them with the tools they need in order to lead productive and law-abiding lives.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

Achieve positive veteran behavior by providing a holistic integrated set of support services including the following:

- Substance abuse services
- Mental health services
- Academic and / or vocational assistance
- Residential / housing assistance
- Outpatient and/ or transition support; and
- Job placement and job retention services

QUALIFYING FACTORS FOR DRUG TREATMENT COURT

Screening for entrance into the program will be available to those defendants who are detained at the York County Prison, are currently on pre-trial supervision, are currently

on probation supervision, and/or are awaiting preliminary arraignment before District Justice for an eligible criminal offense.

Eligible Veterans Treatment Court participants must either have an addiction to substances of abuse and the criminal offenses incurred must have been motivated by a desire to support a drug habit and/or a mental illness as defined by the DSMV-IV. Qualifying mental health diagnosis for the program includes: PTSD; Bi-Polar, Major Depression, and Schizophrenia. Participants who want to enter the program based on a drug/alcohol dependency must be determined drug/alcohol dependant according to the DSM-IV.

Participant must be eligible for VA benefits to be accepted into the Veterans Treatment Court Program.

Additionally, the defendant must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of York County, Pennsylvania.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Offenders must be referred to the Veterans Treatment Court Program within 30 days of arraignment. Probation Officers may make a referral in the event of a violation proceeding.

Referrals to the program *must* include the following items:

- Completed referral form
- Copy of the Criminal Complaint and Affidavit of Probable Cause
- A Treatment Court Application filed at the Clerk of Courts

The referral source will forward a copy of the referral and all accompanying documentation to the Treatment Court Administrator.

The Treatment Court Administrator will prescreen applications and forward to the District Attorney's Office. **The defendant's admission in the program is subject to the approval of the District Attorney's Office.**

The anticipated timeline from referral to decision to enter the program is approximately 30 days. Extraneous circumstances may prevent the ability to complete the referral within the proposed timeline.

If an offender had pled into the Treatment Court Program in the past and was unsuccessfully discharged he/she may apply again after a Five (5) year waiting period. The wait period includes applying to any other of the York County Treatment Courts.

REFERRAL SOURCES

Referrals may originate from, but are not limited to, the following sources:

- Police Officers
- District Justices
- Public/Private Defense Attorneys
- District Attorneys
- Probation Officers
- Judges

EXCLUSIONARY FACTORS FOR DRUG TREATMENT COURT

Offenders are considered ineligible if there are any unresolved out of state/county charges. It is the responsibility of the offender's counsel to resolve any pending out of county charges or state parole violations before offenders can be accepted into the program.

York County Treatment Courts values the opinion of crime victims. Victims of crime will be consulted for their opinion of diverting offenders into the program. Crimes involving any form of physical violence or threat of physical violence towards another person will be excluded if the crime victim does not consent to offender participation.

The York County Treatment Court will review the offenses pertaining to each referral made to the program. Certain offenses are automatically excluded from the program; other offenses are ***typically*** excluded from the program. The following guidelines are in place with regard to ineligible offenses:

- Murder and Manslaughter **will not** be considered under any circumstances
- All Sex offenses under Pa 3104 Chapter 31 **will not** be considered. Indecent Exposure and Open Lewdness will be considered on an individual case basis at the discretion of the District Attorney's office.
- Crimes of violence committed with a firearm will not be considered under any circumstances.
- Other crimes that include threat and/or violence against another individual not listed as a mandatory exclusion will be considered on an individual case basis at the discretion of the District Attorney's office.
- Possession of controlled substances in amounts exceeding the mandatory amounts will be considered on an individual case basis at the discretion of the District Attorney's office.
- No other pending charges, which would deem an individual ineligible.
- DUI's other the 2nd offense 3rd tier; 3rd offense 2nd tier and 3rd offense 3rd tier will not be accepted.
- Mental illnesses other than PTSD; Major Depression; Bi-Polar and Schizophrenia will not be accepted.

Offenses that are typically excluded from Veterans Treatment Court may be referred under the following circumstances. Eligibility is at the discretion of the District Attorney's office.

- An explanation of mitigating circumstances pertaining to the offense itself (i.e. graded as a felony due to status of the victim) is provided with the referral.
- The victim(s) must consent to the offender entering the program. Consent will be researched through the District Attorney's office.

Veterans Treatment Court will also consider an offender's prior record when determining eligibility. A record of excluded offenses will not result in immediate dismissal of the referral; however, may be considered as an exclusionary factor at the discretion of the District Attorney's office.

RECONSIDERATION POLICY

*****Reconsideration must be filed within 30 days of initial rejection*****

If a relevant party to the offender's case (attorney, judge, treatment provider, police officer, etc) feels the Veterans Treatment Court Team failed to consider a particularly important factor, he/she may fill out a request for the case to be reconsidered. ***An offender may file for reconsideration one time and must be within 30days of initial rejection.***

A reconsideration form must be filled out and submitted to the Treatment Court Administrator. The request must include supportive reasoning for reconsideration. Supportive reasoning is defined as mitigating circumstances pertaining to the crime, psychiatric/psychological reports that may not have been available for the initial consideration, or any other relevant information that can be placed in written format.

Once the request for reconsideration is submitted, the Treatment Court Administrator will forward the information to the District Attorney's Office. **The decision by the District Attorney will be final.**

DUE PROCESS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WAIVER OF DUE PROCESS RIGHTS

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the written plea agreement that is part of my plea agreement for entry into Treatment Court. I know that I have the following constitutional and due process rights and I waive these rights as a condition of my acceptance into Treatment Court.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the Treatment Court conditions and accept them as conditions that I must comply with while in Treatment Court.

I understand and accept that the Presiding Judge of the Treatment Court program may impose sanctions upon me if I am found in violation of any term or condition of the Treatment Court program.

The rights that I waive are:

- A. The right to advance notice, either written or verbal, of any violation of a term or condition of my treatment requirements in the program;**
- B. The right to have an evidentiary hearing to establish a violation of a term or condition of my treatment requirements in this program;**
- C. The right to be represented by an attorney in any proceeding involving a violation of any term or condition of my treatment requirements in this program;**

- D. The right to be represented by counsel will be waived if not promptly requested;**
- E. The right to attend or my attorney to attend staffing and discussion by treatment court staff of my treatment status;**
- F. The right to remain silent;**
- G. The right to assert any privilege as set forth in the Pennsylvania statutes with respect to any treatment concerning my involvement in treatment court.**

I have discussed with my attorney the above waiver and fully understand and accept the waiver as evidenced by my signature below.

Date _____

Name _____

I, counsel for _____, have explained the waiver and its meaning to my client _____ and concur with the waiver's terms affecting my client's rights.

Date _____

Name _____

INTERPRETATION

I acknowledge that _____ has interpreted this document for me and that I have had the opportunity to discuss with my attorney the terms and conditions and understand my rights and the conditions of the Treatment Court program.

Date _____

Name _____

Interpreter _____

VIOLATION CASES

Probation Officers may make referrals on offenders facing violation action as long as the offender has an unserved balance remaining of at least one year. Charges in violation cases plead into Treatment Courts are not eligible for reduction or dismissal.

METHADONE/SUBOXONE

The York County Treatment Courts do not allow the use of the medications Methadone or Suboxone while in the program. Pregnant mothers who are taking either of these medications will be accepted into the program; but expected to wean off of these medications within three months of the birth of their child. Non-pregnant individuals referred to the program who are taking these medications will be *conditionally* accepted and placed on a pending list. These participants will meet with the Treatment Court Drug/Alcohol Assessor who will monitor the individual's status in treatment and their compliance with reduction from these medications. These individuals will have one to three months to be completely weaned off of the medication. If the individual does not comply with reduction within the expected time frame, they will be rejected from admission into the Veterans Treatment Court program. The Weaning off of Methadone/Suboxone must be approved by prescribing physician. If the prescribing physician does not agree with the participant being off the medication, the defendant can not participate in the Veterans Treatment Court program.

PROGRAM LENGTH

The expected length of participation in the Veteran Treatment Court Program is 12 months. However, this will depend on the participant's ability to achieve program goals. Some participants will complete the program in 12 months, while others will need more than 18 months. The team reserves the right to review anyone's case that exceeds 24 months and decide if the participant remains appropriate for the program.

ASSESSMENTS AND TREATMENT

All eligible participants will receive drug, alcohol and mental health services through the Veterans Affairs office in Lebanon, PA. A Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist (VJO) will be assigned to the York County Veterans Court Program. Each participant will meet with the VJO for an initial assessment. Once assessed the participant will be placed into appropriate services. The Treatment Court Team will receive regular updates from the VJO to the participant's progress in treatment. Participants will also receive services through the York County Veterans Affairs Office 100 W. Market St. York, PA. The York

County Veterans Court team will make a collaborative effort to provide any and all services that are needed for the participant to obtain their treatment goals.

VETERANS MENTOR PROGRAM

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Veteran's Mentoring Program is to support the veteran through their readjustment to civilian life, to assist the veteran to navigate through the court, treatment, and VA systems, and to act as a friend and ally through this difficult time.

Vision Statement

The Vision of the Veteran's Mentoring Program is that no one is left behind.

Having a veterans participate as mentors is an important part of the Veteran's Court Diversion Project as there is a bond that occurs between veterans around the values that are shared and the sacrifices that have been made. There are veterans in our community that are having difficulties and are in need of support. It is the responsibility of the veteran community to advocate for and support these veterans that have come into the hardest times and have made contact with the criminal justice system. Are you ready to take that responsibility?

The York County Veteran's Court Diversion Project: Mentoring Program can help you take the first steps toward taking on that responsibility. The Mentoring Program offers support and encouragement for veterans in the court system by spending one-on-one time with a veteran after they appear during the proceedings of the Veteran's Court. These mentoring sessions usually do not last longer than 30 minutes and give the veteran the opportunity to bring up concerns and get feedback and support from another veteran.

Trainings on how to lead a mentoring session, what to ask, how to ask, and how to listen to answers, are offered as part of the orientation trainings. In addition, program specific trainings are also offered as part of the orientation training, including information about the court system and the VA system.

The Mentoring Program also offers support and supervision to all of the mentors from the Mentor Coordinator as well as from the other mentors in the program. Support is the main component of the program. Supervision occurs on a periodic basis in a group format to allow mentors to share experiences, ideas, barriers, and advances. Advanced trainings will also be offered to address concerns voiced during group supervision.

All potential volunteers are required to fill out an application and complete a short face-to-face interview with the Mentor Coordinator prior to being accepted into the program. Observational activities, including observing the court proceedings and observing other mentors, will be completed prior to a new mentor leading a mentor session.

PROGRAM ADMISSION

Defendant's accepted into the Veterans Treatment Court program must complete an orientation. The purpose of the orientation is to ensure that defendants understand program requirements prior to plea and formal admission into the program. All Defendant's must meet with their attorney prior to their plea into the program to ensure the defendant's are aware of their legal rights. Upon completion of the orientation, a conditional order will be completed modifying the defendant's bail to the conditions of the Veterans Treatment Court. They will then begin reporting to Veterans Court sessions and will be assigned a probation officer to begin working on phase requirements. Defendants are given credit for phase advancement from the date of the conditional order of admission. Upon Judicial availability, defendants will formally plea into the program. Additionally, prior to a defendant's plea into the program, if the charges are eligible, the ADA will determine what appropriate misdemeanor a felony offense will reduce to upon the defendant's graduation from Veterans Treatment Court. This information will be included in the admission order. Probation/Parole violation cases and DUI's are not eligible for reduction.

SUPERVISION

Veterans Treatment Court is intensive supervision. In the beginning, participants are required to report at least once a week. Probation officers are required to verify employment, attendance of support group meetings (if applicable), attendance of counseling, interaction with sponsor (if applicable), interaction with veterans mentors, payment of financial obligations and abstinence of drug use (via drug testing). The initial appointment is somewhat longer than every other appointment because of the completion of required paperwork.

Participants are required to provide proof of employment by showing pay stubs, proof of meeting attendance by showing their meeting sheets and proof of payments by showing receipts. Treatment providers fax general progress forms to verify attendance of counseling. Probation is also expected to make sure participants follow through with all court orders or agreements. Referring of participants to outside agencies for support in their recovery is another component included under supervision. Supervision requirements are specific to what phase the participants are in.

TEAM MEETINGS

The Veterans Treatment Court team shall meet once weekly prior to court sessions. During these meetings, the team will discuss the progress of those defendants scheduled

to appear in court that week. Problem areas will be discussed and alterations in case management and treatment plans will be addressed. Additionally, at this time, sanctions and incentives will be determined. The Veterans Court team will also discuss any problem cases that are not in Court the week of the team meeting. Lastly, the Veterans Court pending client list will be reviewed.

COURT SESSIONS

Court sessions will be held weekly in open court to monitor a defendant's participation and progress in the Veterans Treatment Court Program. The Court will review with the defendant their progress leading to that weeks Court appearance. At this time, any alterations to case management and treatment plans will be reviewed with the defendant. Sanctions and incentives will be distributed during Veterans Court sessions.

Court sessions are held on Thursdays at 11:00am and 4:30pm in Court Room # 2 .

SANCTIONS AND INCENTIVES

Defendants who fail to comply with program requirements (supervision, treatment, urinalysis, etc.) will be held accountable through the imposition of sanctions. Sanctions demonstrate that there are immediate consequences to inappropriate behavior. Sanctions are generally delivered on a graduated scale; however a sanction guideline is not established. The sanction philosophy for the York County Treatment Court program is to allow for team input on sanctions based on numerous factors such as, date of last sanction, behavior adjustment leading up to current infraction, work, childcare, overall program adjustment, and honesty about the infraction. The following are examples (but not limited to) of sanctions imposed.

1. Verbal Admonishment
2. Increased supervision
3. Increased urinalysis
4. Community Service
5. Electronic monitoring
6. Shock incarceration
7. Weekend incarceration
8. Scram
9. Reports in relation to inappropriate behavior
10. Journaling
11. Continuous Testing

Defendants who achieve program goals and exhibit drug-free behavior will be rewarded and encouraged by the Court through a series of incentives including (but not limited to):

1. Applause
2. Verbal accolades

3. Decrease in supervision
4. Gift cards
5. Bus passes
6. Travel permission
7. Overnight permission
8. Phase advancement
9. Graduation Raffle
10. Leave court early

VETERAN TREATMENT COURT PHASES

PHASE I:

Phase I will last a minimum of two months, depending upon offender progress. Offenders will be required to meet the following standards:

- Must attend weekly Court appearances
- Complete Intake
- Obtain Date Book
- Obtain ID
- Must meet with Probation Officer and/or VJO as directed (approximately once per week) for a minimum of eight weeks
- Complete case management screen
- Complete Mental Health screen
- Adhere to a goal plan developed by the VJO and Probation Officer
- Attend all appointments with appropriate treatment agencies
- Complete eight weeks outpatient treatment
- Attend drug/alcohol treatment or support group meetings daily (if applicable)
- Attend mental health services and take Psychotropic medications as prescribed by your Doctor (if applicable)
- Obtain a sponsor
- Complete a physical health evaluation
- Attend one pro-social activities
- Comply with urine screens at York County Probation
- Attend support groups as deemed necessary
- Complete of community service hours (50 for program completion)
- Pay the weekly participation fee (\$5.00 week).
- Six weeks consecutive clean drug tests
- Enroll in GED classes or provide copy of Diploma
- 30 hours of employment, community service or a combination of both
- Obtain a sponsor (if applicable)
- Sign Wage Attachment/Payment Agreement for any cost and restitution.
- Attend Court sessions as scheduled for a minimum of eight weeks
- Comply with house arrest with EM and/or SCRAM monitoring (if applicable)

- Comply with the meeting requirements of the Veterans Mentoring Program.
- Remain crime free for a period of eight weeks
- Begin Working in the Hazelden Community Corrections Project Client Recovery Workbook (if applicable)

The Probation Officer and/or VJO will make the initial recommendation for the offender to move to the next phase. The Court team will make the final decision for advancement.

PHASE II:

Phase II will last a minimum of four months, depending upon offender progress. Offenders will be required to meet the following standards for Phase II compliance:

- Must attend Court sessions every other week for a minimum of eight weeks
- Must meet with their Probation Officer and/or VJO as directed (offenders will still be required to attend regularly, however, less frequently than in Phase I)
- Attend all appointments with appropriate treatment agencies
- Compliance with provider treatment plan
- Demonstrate ongoing stability with regards to housing, financial management
- Demonstrate continued abstinence from drugs/alcohol for a period of at least eight weeks
- Demonstrate consistent payment of all applicable restitution
- Demonstrate consistent payment of all program fees and be current with fees
- Maintain full time employment or at least 30 hours of community service weekly
- Schedule GED Pre-test or take GED test
- Continue to attend at least four AA/NA meetings/support groups per week (if applicable)
- Comply with SCRAM and/or house arrest with EM
- Continue mental health counseling (if applicable)
- Comply with Case Management services if applicable
- Complete community service hours (50 for program completion)
- Continue medical care
- Attend one pro-social activities
- Remain crime free
- Continue working in the Hazelden Community Corrections Project Client Recovery Workbook

PHASE III:

Phase III will last a minimum of six months, depending upon offender progress. Offenders will be required to meet the following standards for Phase III compliance:

- Must attend Veterans Treatment Court once per month
- Must meet with their Probation Officer and/or VJO as scheduled.
- Attend all appointments with appropriate treatment agencies
- Continue to abide by applicable provider treatment plans
- Demonstrate continued abstinence from drugs/alcohol for at least six months.
- Pay all applicable restitution in full
- Pay all applicable program fees in full
- Maintain full time employment or 30 hours of community service weekly.
- Obtain GED
- Attend a minimum of 5 NA/AA/support group meetings per week (if applicable)
- Complete community service hours (50 for program completion)
- Continue medical care
- Continue mental health treatment (if applicable)
- Attend one pro-social activities
- Move to Modified Phase III
- Complete graduate application
- Complete graduate contract
- Remain crime free
- Complete the Hazelden Community Corrections Project Client Recovery Workbook

MODIFIED PHASE III:

In preparation for program completion, participants who have completed all requirements for Phase III and are ready for graduation will be moved to Modified Phase III. Participants in MIII are no longer required to phone the drug testing line every evening. Instead, their Probation Officer will contact them on a random basis to report for drug testing. Additionally, those in MIII may be asked to begin to participate on the Alumni Panel. All other requirements remain unchanged.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

If a participant is not working he/she will be expected to complete 15hrs a week of community service. This community service does not count toward the 50

overall hours. If the participant completes over 15hrs a week, then those extra hours maybe counted towards the 50 overall hours.

FIELD CONTACT REQUIREMENTS

Treatment Court Field (Home) Contact Requirements

Phase 1: While a client is in this phase of the York County Treatment Court Program a minimum of one (1) field contacts should be conducted. It is required an *in-home visit* be conducted within the first 30 days of receiving a client's case for assignment. If a defendant has had any type of drug and/or alcohol infractions field requirements should be increased. If a defendant's employment schedule will not permit he/she to be present during the in-home visit than a paramour or a consenting adult (18-yrs of age or older), may permit you to take a walk through of the residence.

Phase 2: While a client is in this phase of the York County Treatment Court Program a minimum of two (2) field contacts should be conducted. At least one (1) needs to be a face-face contact at the residence. If a defendant has had any type of drug and/or alcohol infractions field requirements should be increased.

Phase 3: While a client is in this phase of the York County Treatment Court Program a minimum of three (3) field contacts should be conducted. At least one of these contacts need to be conducted while defendant is on modified phase 3, one of which should be completed within 30 days prior to graduation but no later then one week prior to graduation, if possible. If a defendant has had any type of drug and alcohol infractions field requirements should be increased.

*If the defendant is living in a recovery house or any other structured living environment, field contact is not necessary. Prior to the defendant leaving a recovery house and/or changing an address, a field visit must be conducted in order to approve the residence. If an Officer can not conduct a field visit prior to approving a residence, a phone call must be made to insure those living in the residence understand the conditions of Treatment Court.

* A defendant's advancement to the next phase will be denied if the above requirements are not completed. Only in extreme circumstances will exceptions to this policy be made.

* If the team suspects adjustment problems that warrant a home check it should be completed within 2 weeks of the teams decision.

* During a clients supervision in the York County Treatment Court an Officer should attempt a field contact once every 60-days.

DRUG TESTING

All participants are required to submit to random drug screens. Everyday, participants must call the drug testing hotline to see if they have drug testing the next day. Participants can call from 9 pm to 7:30 am the next day. If their group is called, they must report for drug testing. Weekday times are from 8:30 am to 9 am and 3:30 pm to 4 pm. The weekend time is from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Participants are required to call in for drug testing on holidays as well. Drug testing takes place in the probation department and is conducted by the Treatment Court probation officers.

There is a yellow sign in sheet for participants to sign when they arrive for drug testing. They are taken back to get tested on a first come first serve basis. Participants are expected to attend every drug test for their particular group. If they miss a test without good reason, it is counted as a positive test. Participants must come prepared to give a urine sample. If they cannot, this is also considered a positive test. Flushed or adulterated urines are unacceptable and are viewed as a positive drug screen. Participants who attempt to pass false urine will be charged with a misdemeanor offense.

Urines will be sent to the laboratory when a participant refuses to acknowledge a positive drug test result or when the Probation Officer suspects drug use. If the lab confirms a positive drug test, the participant will be sanctioned with 48 hours incarceration and must pay the cost of laboratory analysis.

Participants are not to consume any food item containing poppy seeds. Positive drug tests for opiates will always be deemed positive for illegal substances.

Consuming diet pills while in Drug Treatment Court program is prohibited.

DRUG TREATMENT COURT POLICY ON NARCOTIC MEDICATIONS

Due to the high potential of narcotic medications to interfere with treatment and recovery efforts, York County Treatment Courts prohibits the use of all addictive medications. This includes a policy of prohibiting the use of narcotic pain medications (Vicodin, Percocet, Oxycontin, etc.), muscle relaxers (Flexoril, etc), sleep aids (Soma, Ambien, etc), caffeine pills and the use of narcotic anxiolytic/benzodiazepine medications (Xanax, Klonopin, Valium, etc.). ADHD Meds with Amphetamines (Adderall, Dexedrine, Procentra Etc.) are prohibited. Offenders seeking entry into the York County Treatment Courts are expected to consult with their treating physician and/or psychiatrist to seek non-addictive medications with no abuse potential to treat conditions such as chronic pain and anxiety. Offenders using such medications while participating in the program are subject to sanctions. Exceptions to this policy are made only in rare occasions, with the case of *documented* medical emergency treatment by a primary care physician. Participants who habitually seek exception to this policy are subject to increased sanctions and/or termination. If a prescribing physician feels that a client needs to be on

any prohibited prescriptions continuously to sustain a certain quality of life, then the client may not participate in the Veterans Treatment Court Program.

Additionally, No participant of the York County Treatment Courts may take any dietary supplements or vitamins as they may contain substances that would alter the normal color of urine or cause a positive drug test for illegal substances. This includes but is not limited to specific vitamins, multivitamins, weight loss aids, or any other dietary supplement. The consumption of poppy seeds is strictly prohibited while in the program. Lastly, salvia, morning glory seeds, K2/Spice, bath salts and/or any or all designer drugs legal or illegal is strictly prohibited. All mood altering or hallucinogenic substances are prohibited. All Cough medicines must be pre-approved by a probation officer. Such ingredients like alcohol, codeine and dextromethorphan (DM) are prohibited.

Below is a list of some of the unacceptable medications for the York County Treatment Courts. This list may not include all medications that are not approved by the program. Please consult with a Treatment Court officer prior to taking any medications

UNACCEPTABLE MEDICATIONS		
ALPRAZOLAM	HYDROMORPHONE	PRAZEPAM
ALURATE	HYDROXYZINE	PROLIXIN
ALZAPAM	INTENSOL	PROPOXYPHENE
AMBIEN	KLONOPIN	QUAZEPAM
AMOBARBITAL	LORACET	RESPONSANS
AMYTAL	LIBRITABS	RESTORIL
ANAFRANIL	LIBRUIUM	ROXICODONE
APO-OXAZEPAM	LORAZ	SECOBARBITAL
APROBARBITAL	LORAZEPAM	SECOGEN
AQUACHLORAL SUPPRETTES	LOTUSATEE	SECONAL
ATIVAN	LOXITANE	SECRETIN-FERRING
ATZAPAM	LUMINAL	SERAX
BARBITA	MEDILILUM	SERENTIL
BENADRYL	MELLARIL	SKELAXIN
BIPHETAMINE	MEPERIDINE	SOLAZINE
BREVITAL	METHADONE	SOLFOTON
BUTABARBITAL	METHAQUALONE	SOLIUM
BUTISOL	METHIDATE	SOMA
CENTRAX	METHOHEXITAL	SOMNOL
CHLORAL HYDRATE	METHYLPHENIDATE	STADOL
CHLORIDAZEPOXIDE	MEVAL	STELAZINE
CHLORPROMANYL	MIDAZOLAM	STRESS-PAM
CHLORPROMAZINE	MITRAN	SUBOXONE
CLOMIPRAMINE	MOBAN	SUPEUDOL
CLONAZEPAM	MORPHINE	SUPRAZINE
CLOZARIL	NAVANE	TALBUTAL
CODEINE	NEMBUTRAL	TALWIN
D-TRAN	NOCTEC	TEMAZEPAM
DALMANE	NOVA-RECTAL	TERFLUZINE
DARVON	NOVOCHLORHYDRATE	THIOPENTAL
DARVOCET	NOVODIPAM	THIORIDAZANE
DEMEROL	NOVOFLURAZINE	THORAZINE
DESOXYN	NOVOLORAZEM	TRAMADOL
DEXEDRINE	NOVOPOXIDE	TRANXENE
DIAZEPAM	NOVORIDAZINE	TRIAZOLAM
DIAZEPAM INTENSOL	NOVOXAPAM	TRIFLUOPERAZINE
DILAUDID	ORMAZINE	TRIFLURIN
DIPHENHYDRAMINE	OX-PAM	TRILAFON
DOLOPHINE	OXAZEPAM	TYLOX
DORAL	OXYCODONE	ULTRAM
DORIDEN	OXYCOTIN	VALIUM
E-PAM	PAXIPAM	VALRELEASE
FLUPHENAZINE	PEMOLINE	VAZEPAM
FLURAZEPAM	PENTAZCINE	VICODIN
FLURAZEPAM-DALMANE	PENTOBARBITAL	VISTARIL
GLUTETHIMIDE	PENTOGEN	VIVOL
HALAZEPAM	PENTOTHAL	XANAX
HALCION	PERCOCET	ZAPAX
HALDOL	PERCODAN	ZEPEX
HALOPERIDOL	PERMITIL	ZETIAN
HYDROCODONE	PERPHENAZINE	ZETRAN
	PETHIDINE	
	PHENAZINE	
	PHENOBARBITAL	

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The above list is only some of the medications not allowed by treatment courts. Please consult with your Probation officer prior to taking any medications.

EMPLOYMENT

Participants are required to obtain/maintain employment throughout their participation in the program, unless determined disabled by the Social Security Administration. Those who do not maintain employment for a two-week period will be required to complete 15 hours of community service per week. Those participants who continue to remain unemployed will be placed on the ***Work Furlough Program*** until such time as they obtain employment. Participants placed on the ***Work Furlough Program*** are remanded to York County Prison. The participant will be released every morning at 8am to begin a job search. They must report back to the York County Prison by 3:30pm where they will remain until the following morning at 8am when they are again released to conduct a job search. Participants must also meet daily with their probation officer and show proof of their job search efforts while on the ***Work Furlough Program***.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Veterans Treatment Court team expects all participants to give back to their community in reparation for past conduct. All participants are required to complete 50 hours of community service during the course of their time in the program. The Veterans Treatment Court team expects participants to be employed on a full time basis throughout their participation in the program. Those participants who are not employed will be placed on a job search. If employment is not obtained within two weeks, participants will be required to complete 15 hours of community service per week. Community service may consist of placement on the Work Crew, placement at an approved community service provider through the adult probation department or home projects. Participants who are disabled and receiving Social Security income (SSI or SSDI) will be required to complete community service weekly at an amount determined by the Treatment Court Team.

TREATMENT COURT APPROVED RECOVERY HOUSE LISTING

Male Recovery Houses:

Madison Recovery House: Owner: Mike Kushla: 542-6791 ©

Main Office: 601-603 E. Prospect St. York, PA 17403 843-5411/843-4403/848-1013

2nd Main Office: 756 W. Market St. York, PA 17401 Phone: (717) 848-9111

258 S. Belvidere St. York, PA 17404 Phone: 852-0370

221 E.Philadelphia. York, PA 17404 Phone: 812-8386

55 Colombia Ave York, PA 17403 Phone: 699-0702

555 Madison Ave York, PA 17404 Phone: 852-7876

121 N. Penn St. York, PA 17404

Phone: 815-8414

Choices Recovery House

Owner: Kathy Sorandes: 854-5445

825 S. Duke St. York, Pa.

CRS House (Sober House)

437 W. Market St. York, PA 17404

Owner: Keith Emery- (717) 424-3444 ©
- (717) 848-5240

SEES THE DAY

1200 E. Market St.
York, PA 17403

Owner: Dave Dunkle- 854-7337

Life's Beacon Foundation

506 N. George St.
York, PA 17404

Owner: Robert Allen- 577-0553

Female Recovery House:

Choices Recovery House

Owner: Kathy Sorandes: Office 854-5445

702-703 Pennsylvania Ave. York, PA 17404

Madison Recovery House

Owner: Dani Kushla- 542-4441

149 N Quenn St. York, PA

Phone: 846-6850

929 W. Poplar St. York, PA

Phone: 846-3934

Jefferson Shelter

Pam Wampler- 845-5947

17 Jefferson Ave. York, PA
(Shelter, not recovery House)

Phone- 845-5947

SEES THE DAY

1200 E. Market St.
York, PA 17403

Owner: Dave Dunkle- 854-7337

All Veterans Court clients that are mandated to live in a recovery house as part of their treatment plan will complete a minimum of six months in the recovery house.

The Veterans Treatment Court team will meet with the approved recovery house programs on a quarterly basis to maintain open lines of communication and ensure compliance with the program. Any recovery house program that does not comply with the standards of Veterans Treatment Court will be removed from the list of approved recovery houses and participants of the program will not be allowed to reside in those houses. The team will evaluate any potential new recovery house programs at the request of the owner.

For those residing in a recovery house, the recovery house president and the Probation Office must approve overnight stays.

GRADUATION

Participants who have achieved program goals, who have remained drug free continuously for a minimum of six months, and who have participated in the program for no less than one year are eligible to graduate. A participant with eligible charges can have them dismissed or reduced six (6) months after graduation. In order to have eligible charges reduced or dismissed all court costs, fees, scam/house arrest fees, and restitution must be paid in full and a participant can't obtain any new criminal charges within the six (6) months after graduation of the Veterans court program. All eligible felony cases pled into Veterans Treatment Court will be reduced to a misdemeanor and all eligible misdemeanor cases will be dismissed. Probation/Parole violation cases and DUI's may enter the program but are not eligible to be reduced or dismissed.

Graduation ceremonies take place approximately four times per year. The team reserves the right to add or cancel any graduation based on the amount of participants who are eligible to graduate. Ceremonies take place outside the normal Court session and all participants are required to attend, unless excused from attendance.

TERMINATION

Participants who refuse or are unable to comply with program goals or who have become a supervision risk will be terminated from the Veterans Treatment Court Program. The participant can at this time make a request for bail until the time of sentencing. A brief Pre-sentence Investigation will be conducted on all terminated participants prior to sentencing. Upon program termination, those cases that are already sentenced into the program under Intermediate Punishment will be subject to an intermediate punishment violation.

YORK/ADAMS DIRECTORY OF SERVICES:

A majority of services will be handled by the Veterans Affairs Department in Lebanon

Outpatient Providers

Adams/Hanover Counseling Services Hanover	(717) 632-4900
Adams/Hanover Counseling Services Gettysburg	(717) 334-9111
Adams/Hanover Counseling Services Delta	(717) 456-5578
Adams/Hanover Counseling & Education	(717) 843-0800
Atkins House	(717) 848-5454
Colonial House Outpatient	(717) 792-2036
Cornerstone Counseling and Education Services	(717) 632-6555
Gaudenzia West Shore	(717) 766-8517
New Insights, Inc. Lemoyne	(717) 303-2035
New Insights, Inc. York	(717) 845-2079
Pennsylvania Counseling Services York	(717) 848-6116
Pennsylvania Counseling Services Gettysburg	(717) 337-0026
T.W. Ponessa & Associates Counseling Services	(717) 840-6444
Wellspan Behavioral Health	(717) 851-1500

Intensive Outpatient Providers

Colonial House Outpatient	(717) 792-2036
Gaudenzia West Shore	(717) 766-8517
Pennsylvania Counseling Services York	(717) 848-6116
Pennsylvania Counseling Services Gettysburg	(717) 337-0026
T.W. Ponessa & Associates Counseling Services	(717) 840-6444
Wellspan Behavioral Health	(717) 851-1500

Partial Hospitalization Providers

Cornerstone Counseling and Education Services	(717) 632-6555
New Insights, Inc. Lemoyne	(717) 303-2035
New Insights, Inc. York	(717) 845-2079

Residential Partial Hospitalization

New Insights, Inc. Lemoyne	(717) 303-2035
White Deer Run of Williamsport	(570) 321-6127

Halfway House

Clem-Mar House, Inc.	(570) 288-0403
Clem-Mar House for Women	(570) 674-1579
Cove Forge Renewal Center at Johnstown	(814) 539-0836
Daystar Center for Spiritual Recovery	(717) 230-9898

Gatehouse for Men	(717) 626-9524
Gatehouse for Women	(717) 285-2300
Halfway Home of Lehigh Valley	(610) 439-8713
Harwood House	(610) 853-3440
New Directions Male Halfway House of White Deer Run	(814) 536-2071
Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.	(814) 940-0407

Detox

Bowling Green Inn Brandywine	(610) 268-3588
Conewago-Wernersville	(610) 685-3733
Cove Forge Behavioral Health System	(814) 832-2121
Eagleville Recovery Program	(610) 539-6000
Gaudenzia Common Ground	(717) 238-5553
Mirmont	(610) 744-1400
New Perspectives at White Deer Run	(717) 270-3900
Pyramid Healthcare	(814) 944-3035
Roxbury Behavioral Health	(717) 532-4217
Valley Forge Medical Center	(610) 539-8500
White Deer Run at Lancaster	(717) 396-0650
White Deer Run, Inc.	(570) 538-2567

Short Term Inpatient

Bowling Green Inn Brandywine	(610) 268-3588
Colonial House, Inc.	(717) 792-9702
Conewago Place	(717) 533-0428
Conewago-Wernersville	(610) 685-3733
Cove Forge Behavioral Health System	(814) 832-2121
Eagleville Recovery Program	(610) 539-6000
Gaudenzia Common Ground	(717) 238-5553
Mirmont	(610) 744-1400
New Perspectives at White Deer Run	(717) 270-3900
Nuestra Clinica	(717) 431-1435
Pyramid Healthcare	(814) 944-3035
Pyramid Healthcare	(814) 944-3035
Roxbury Behavioral Health	(717) 532-4217
Valley Forge Medical Center	(610) 539-8500
White Deer Run, Inc.	(570) 538-2567
White Deer Run at Lancaster	(717) 396-0650

Moderate Term Residential

<u>Colonial House, Inc.</u>	<u>(717) 792-9702</u>
<u>Conewago-Wernersville</u>	<u>(610) 685-3733</u>
<u>Eagleville Recovery Program</u>	<u>(610) 539-6000</u>
<u>Gaudenzia Harrisburg Concept – 90</u>	<u>(717) 232-3232</u>
<u>Gaudenzia, Inc. / People with Hope</u>	<u>(215) 238-0632</u>
<u>Nuestra Clinica</u>	<u>(717) 431-1435</u>
<u>Treatment Trends, Inc. / Keenan House</u>	<u>(610) 439-8479</u>
<u>Valley Forge Medical Center</u>	<u>(610) 539-8500</u>

Long Term Residential

<u>Bowling Green Inn Brandywine</u>	<u>(610) 268-3588</u>
<u>Gaudenzia Vantage House</u>	<u>(717) 291-1020</u>
<u>Resources for Human Development / Woman Space</u>	<u>(610) 649-8136</u>
<u>Treatment Trends, Inc. / Keenan House</u>	<u>(610) 439-8479</u>

Medically Managed Detox

<u>Eagleville Recovery Program</u>	<u>(610) 539-6000</u>
<u>Valley Forge Medical Center</u>	<u>(610) 539-8500</u>
<u>York Hospital Crisis Intervention:</u>	<u>(717) 851-5320</u>

Medically Managed Inpatient

<u>Eagleville Recovery Program</u>	<u>(610) 539-6000</u>
<u>Valley Forge Medical Center</u>	<u>(610) 539-8500</u>

Dually Diagnosed Inpatient

<u>Bowling Green Inn Brandywine</u>	<u>(610) 268-3588</u>
<u>Cove Forge Behavioral Health System</u>	<u>(814) 832-2121</u>
<u>Eagleville Recovery Program</u>	<u>(610) 539-6000</u>
<u>Mirmont</u>	<u>(610) 744-1400</u>
<u>Pyramid Healthcare</u>	<u>(814) 944-3035</u>
<u>Roxbury Behavioral Health</u>	<u>(717) 532-4217</u>
<u>Valley Forge</u>	<u>(610) 539-8500</u>
<u>White Deer Run, Inc.</u>	<u>(570) 538-2567</u>

TEAM MEMBERS

TREATMENT COURT JUDGE: The Nineteenth Judicial District Court of Common Pleas agrees to provide a Judge who will preside over Treatment Courts. The Treatment Court Judge is responsible for adhering to the York County, Pennsylvania Treatment Court Rules and all revisions to the rules with special consideration being given to the promulgation of any community-based rules deemed necessary for the success of Treatment Courts. As a member of the York County Treatment Court Team, the assigned Judge will preside over the court proceedings and monitor application of disciplines, sanctions and incentives while maintaining the integrity of the Court.

ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE DEPARTMENT - TREATMENT COURT ADMINISTRATOR: As a member of the York County Treatment Court team, the assigned Administrator will be responsible for coordinating the Court by tracking and screening referrals, compiling statistical data, preparation and management of Treatment Court dockets, soliciting community support through education and linkages in an effort to enhance services available to the participant.

ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE DEPARTMENT - TREATMENT COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: As a member of the York County Treatment Court team, the Administrative Assistant will process, track and forward all referrals to the Administrator and the Assistant District Attorney, prepare weekly paperwork for Court, order supplies, collect, track and deposit Treatment Court fees and attend all meetings and record minutes.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY: As a member of the York County Treatment Court Team, the assigned Assistant District Attorney will review all potential participants for eligibility, actively participate in staffing of cases, and interact in a positive manner to address revocations, pleas and application of sanctions and incentives as they apply to the participant. Additionally, prior to a defendant's plea into the program, the ADA will determine what appropriate misdemeanor a felony offense will reduce to upon the defendant's graduation from Treatment Court. This information will be included in the admission order.

VICTIM/WITNESS COORDINATOR: As a member of the York County Treatment Court Team, the assigned Victim/Witness Coordinator will review each case with substantial amounts of restitution owed or where a victim of a serious crime is involved to ensure that their rights are protected throughout the process. Victim input will be sought in such cases to ensure a victim is not opposed to an individual's participation in the Treatment Court program. The Victim/Witness Coordinator will contact each victim to explain the program and will monitor restitution payments throughout a defendant's

participation in the program.

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER: As a member of the York County Treatment Court team, the assigned Assistant Public Defender will complete orientations on all defendant's accepted into the program, actively participate in staffing of cases to address revocations, pleas and application of sanctions and incentives as they apply to the participant, attend Court sessions and ensure that offenders legal rights are appropriately protected. The Assistant Public Defender is not responsible for attending plea hearings, probation violation hearings, or sentencings for individuals not represented by that office.

YORK/ADAMS DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS - DRUG AND ALCOHOL CASE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST: As a member of the York County Treatment Court Team, the designated Case Management Specialist will conduct screenings and assessments/reassessments on incarcerated participants and coordinate assessments and reassessments on non-incarcerated participants, track treatment compliance through weekly reports provided to the team by providers, participate in weekly staffings, and make treatment recommendations to the Court. In addition, the Case Management Specialist will identify and provide continuum of care for participants while advocating on behalf of the client and for the integrity of the Court.

YORK/ADAMS DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS – DRUG AND ALCOHOL CASE MANAGER: As a member of the York County Treatment Court Team, the designated Case Manager will conduct case management screenings on all program participants, If a participant is found in need of service in any of the above listed areas, the Case Manager will provide information and referral to resources within the community. The Case Manager will assist the participant in becoming engaged in services with referral agencies. The Case Manager and the participant will develop a goal plan with action steps in place to reach their identified goals. The Case Manager will monitor the progress of the participant until all goals are achieved. Additionally, the Case Manager will participate in weekly staffings and Court sessions and make recommendations to the Court.

ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE DEPARTMENT – ADULT PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICER: As a member of the York County Treatment Court Team, the assigned Probation Officers will be responsible for implementing appropriate supervision levels based on established measures such as the Sanction Sheet and the Phase Check Sheets, provide community linkages and referrals to appropriate agencies, monitor accountability of social activities and home environment of participants, as well as maintain accurate and up to date records on each participant and provide frequent and random drug testing. Attend weekly staffings and Court sessions and make recommendations to the Court as to appropriate sanctions and incentives.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: As a member of the York County Treatment Court team, the Sheriff's Department will provide Court room security during Treatment Court sessions and provide transport of incarcerated defendants to necessary Court sessions.

Additionally, when available Deputy Sheriffs will conduct unannounced home visits with the Probation Officers to ensure participants program compliance.

YORK COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS: As a member of the York County Treatment Court Team, the assigned Clerk will docket all information relevant to the Treatment Courts such as filing of applications, notices of acceptance or rejection of admission, scheduling and disposition of violation hearings, bench warrants, and sentencing and graduation orders.

VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH SPECIALIST: VA is making a system-wide effort to ensure access to services for the justice-involved Veteran population at risk for homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness, and physical health problems. The Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) program was created to provide timely access to VA services for eligible justice-involved Veterans to avoid unnecessary criminalization and incarceration of Veteran offenders with mental illness.

VETERANS MENTOR COORDINATOR: The role of the Mentor Coordinator is to recruit, train, supervise and coordinate mentors from all branches of the military within the Veteran's Court Diversion Program. The Mentor Coordinator will be responsible for recruiting potential mentors, screening candidates, and selecting individuals to become Veteran Mentors. The Mentor will be responsible for training selected candidates in skills to facilitate a mentoring session and skills specific to Veteran's Court Diversion Program. The Mentor Coordinator will also be responsible for individual and group supervision as well as scheduling mentors to be present during the Veteran's Court proceedings.

VETERANS MENTORS: The Mentoring Program offers support and encouragement for veterans in the court system by spending one-on- one time with a veteran after they appear during the proceedings of the Veteran's Court. These mentoring sessions usually do not last longer than 30 minutes and give the veteran the opportunity to bring up concerns and get feedback and support from another veteran

TEAM TRAINING:

Each new team member must attend instructional sessions with the Treatment Court Coordinator. The purpose of the session is to review the operations of a treatment court program. Each team member will have access to the treatment court manuals and NDCI publications and trainings. They will also be required to watch NDCI sponsored training videos.

FORMS

YORK COUNTY VETERAN TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM PHASE I CHECK SHEET

CLIENT _____

PROGRAM ENTRY DATE _____

PHASE 1 (2 months minimum/4 months maximum)			
Requirements:	Date:		Date:
Employment, community service and/or Job programming. If not working supportive reasoning why not.		Comply with Mentoring Program	
Pay Balance of Drug Court Fees		Physical Health Evaluation Completed	
Attend 4-5 support groups daily/Sponsor(if applicable)		At least one home visit	
Attend and participate in drug/alcohol treatment (if applicable)		Comply with VA services:	
Case Management Screening Completed and comply with services if appropriate		Sign Wage Attachment/Payment Agreement and begin making payments on Court Costs and Restitution Amount Paid since being in VTC: Date of Last Payment:	
Mental Health Screening/Treatment (if applicable)		Enroll in GED classes/Take Pre-Test or Provide copy of diploma if already obtained or supportive reasoning why not.	
6 weeks consecutive clean drug tests/compliance with testing Date of Last Use:		Begin Community Service Hours Hours Completed:	

**YORK COUNTY VETERAN TREATMENT COURT
PROGRAM
PHASE II CHECK SHEET**

CLIENT _____

ENTRY DATE IN PHASE 2 _____

PHASE 2 (4 months minimum/6 months maximum)			
Requirements:	Date:	Date:	Date:
Maintain full time employment, community service and/or job programming. Supportive reasoning why not working.		8 weeks of Consecutive clean drug tests/compliance with testing Date of last use:	
Attend and participate in drug/alcohol counseling as required		Continue to make regular payments towards Court costs, fines and restitution Amount Paid since being in program: Date of Last Payment:	
Take actual GED test. Supportive reasoning why did not take test.		Pay Balance of Veterans Court Fees	
Continue to attend at least 4-5 support groups weekly/sponsor		Complete community service hours (
Continue Medical Care, if appropriate		At least two home visit	
Continue Mental Health Counseling, if applicable		Comply with case management services, if appropriate	
<i>PO:</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>Client:</i>	<i>Date:</i>

Supervisor:

Date:

**YORK COUNTY VETERAN TREATMENT COURT
PROGRAM
PHASE III CHECK SHEET**

CLIENT _____ ENTRY DATE IN PHASE 3 _____

PHASE 3 (6 months minimum/10 months maximum)			
Requirements:	Date:		Date:
Maintain full time employment, community service and/or job programming. Supportive reasoning why not employed.		6 months of consecutive clean test/compliance with testing Date of Last Use:	
Obtain GED results from test one. Take GED test 2 or 3 if needed with results. Provided copy of successful GED completion. Supportive reasoning if above is not completed		Attend minimum of 4-5 support groups per week/sponsor (if applicable)	
Complete community service hours		Making regular payments on court cost, fines and restitution Amount Paid since in program: Date of Last Payment:	
Continue medical care, if applicable		Pay Balance of Veteran Court Fees	
Continue mental health care, if required		Moved to Modified Phase III	
Comply with case management services, if applicable		Remain Crime Free for a period of at least 6 months	
Complete Graduate Contract		Complete Graduation Application	
At least three home visit-			

<i>PO:</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>Client:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
<i>Supervisor:</i>		<i>Date:</i>	

YORK COUNTY VETERANS DRUG TREATMENT COURT CONDITIONS

Participants in the York County Veterans Treatment Court Program (VTC) shall comply with the following conditions. Violation of any of the conditions may result in bail being revoked, a detainer being lodged against the person, or a bench warrant being issued. Participants in VTC must comply with these conditions:

- 1. Telephone the Probation Department every day to determine if you are to report for drug testing. Cooperate fully with drug testing.**
- 2. Report to your Probation Officer (PO) as directed by your PO.**
- 3. Attend and complete all drug, alcohol and/or mental health treatment sessions as directed by your PO and VJO.**
- 4. Have your residence approved by your PO. Obtain prior consent from your PO to change your residence.**
- 5. Obtain prior permission from your PO to leave York County.**
- 6. Obtain and maintain regular, full-time employment. Comply with job search directives by your PO until obtaining regular employment. If PO determines you are unable to be employed or unable to be employed full-time, complete community service hours as directed by your PO.**
- 7. Attend all VTC court sessions as directed by your PO.**
- 8. Not furnish any false statements, either written or oral, to the VTC Team, PO, potential or current employer, treatment provider, law enforcement official, or any other public official.**

9. **Not violate any laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States, or any local municipality. Report any new arrest or police contact to your PO within 48 hours.**
10. **Abstain from the use of alcohol, possession or consumption of any illegal drugs, or being in the presence of anyone using illegal drugs.**
11. **The use of narcotic medications, including Tramadol, Benzodiazepines, muscle relaxors, or sleep aids is forbidden while in the program. Participants must obtain prior approval from your PO before taking any prescription medication and provide a written statement from prescribing physician with respect to medication regiment.**
12. **Not possess, carry, or transport any firearm or weapon as defined by Pennsylvania and/or Federal statutes. If past and/or current criminal offenses are not under Pennsylvania and/or Federal Guidelines, then firearms may only be possessed if it is in conjunction with employment and/or military service. Weapons must be secured at the individual place of employment or military barracks. A Court order must be obtain before being allowed to carry firearms in the performance of a job duty and/or military service**
13. **Pay any applicable VTC fees including a minimum fee of \$5.00 per week. Pay SCRAM fees or electronic monitoring fees if applicable. Pay all treatment fees as incurred.**
14. **Pay all court costs, fines, fees, and restitution on any prior cases and the cases for which the Defendant has applied or been accepted into VTC. Payment shall be on a regular basis in an amount directed by your PO.**
15. **Attend regular meetings (NA, AA, Family to Family, etc.) as directed by your PO. Obtain a sponsor, if applicable.**
16. **If directed to do so by your PO or the Court: perform additional hours of community service, be subject to SCRAM monitoring for alcohol, be subject to house arrest with electric monitoring, comply with conditions of curfew established by your PO.**
17. **If directed to do so by your PO or the Court: reside in a recovery house, enter and successfully complete a residential or partial residential treatment program, complete the Freedom Program at York County Prison.**
18. **Earn a GED if you do not have a high school diploma or equivalent.**
19. **No participant of the York County Veterans Treatment Court may work as a confidential informant for any policing agency. This includes but is not**

limited to purchasing illegal substances, coordinating purchases of illegal substances and/or being involved in any activity that would otherwise be considered illegal.

- 20. No participant of the York County Veterans Treatment Court may take any dietary supplements or vitamins as they may contain substances that would alter the normal color of urine or cause a positive drug test for illegal substances. This includes but is not limited to specific vitamins, multivitamins, weight loss aids, or any other dietary supplement. Additionally, the consumption of poppy seeds is prohibited.
- 21. Comply with any other directives of the Court.

I have read and understand the above VTC Conditions.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Participants Name

Date: _____

Probation officer:
