

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO. _____

PLAINTIFF

VS.

JUDGE MARIANNE SEZON

DEFENDANT

MENTAL HEALTH COURT
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
__ *Diversion* __ *Post Conviction*

The undersigned defendant (hereinafter referred to as “participant”) requests that he/she be placed into the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas Mental Health Court Program as part of a community control sentence or a diversion program. The participant acknowledges that he/she has received a copy of the Participant Handbook and has consulted with his/her attorney regarding the legal ramifications of entering into the Mental Health Court Program. The detailed requirements and process of the Mental Health Court Program are set forth below.

Once the participant has been ordered to complete the Mental Health Court Program, his/her case shall be transferred to the Mental Health Court Docket. The Mental Health Court Judge has the authority to sanction the participant while he/she participates in the Mental Health Court Program. However, the case shall be returned to the original Judge for final disposition.

Terms and Conditions of Mental Health Court Program:

1. The participant understands that by entering into the Mental Health Court Program that he/she will be subject to more intensive standards of supervision than a person on probation, and is waiving certain rights to which he/she might otherwise be entitled:
 - A. Waiver of the right to freely associate with other persons, who, in the sole discretion of the Court, interfere with or impede the recovery of the participant; and
 - B. Waiver of the right against unlawful search and seizure; the participant agrees to a search, without warrant and without probable cause, of his/her person, including cell phones, computer, lap top, notepad, tablet and any other electronic device, motor vehicle, or place of residence by a supervising officer or other authorized representative of the Court at any time;

C. Participants retain the right to request the attendance of defense counsel during the portion of a treatment team meeting in which their participation is discussed.

D. The Mental Health Court docket shall not terminate participants unless provided notice of intent to terminate, a hearing and representation by an attorney. The participants shall have a commensurate level of rights as those required for community control revocation hearings. A participant may waive the right to a hearing, so long as the participant has had the right to consult with an attorney, and the waiver is made knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily.

E. An adult specialized docket shall not impose a jail sanction for non-compliance without providing notice, a hearing, and representation by an attorney. A participant may waive the right to a hearing, so long as the participant has had the right to consult with an attorney, and the waiver is made knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily.

F. Participants do not have the right to contest the imposition of sanctions that do not impact liberty interests. Adjustments in treatment activities are not sanctions.

2. The participant agrees to enter into and complete inpatient and/or outpatient mental health treatment and counseling, including any aftercare requirements, and to pay the treatment provider for costs not paid by government resources. The participant agrees to report as scheduled for treatment and to participate in all activities of the treatment program, which may include any or all of the following:

A. Preliminary Assessment

- Prior to the official Mental Health Court Program entry hearing, the participant agrees to undergo a risk assessment and investigation with the Ashtabula County Probation Department, and a mental health assessment at the Community Counseling Center, Signature Health or U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, which will determine the level of treatment required, and be screened for possible substance abuse needs. The participant shall complete a release of information for communication about confidential information, participation/progress in treatment, and compliance with the provisions of the "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996", 42 U.S.C.300gg-41, as amended, and Sections 2151.421 and 2152.99 of Ohio Revised Code and 42 CFR.

B. Outpatient Counseling/Psychotherapy

- A minimum of one individual session per month with a trained and licensed mental health therapist;
- Therapy session frequency may vary depending on participant responsivity/schedule.

C. Psychiatry

- A psychiatric evaluation must be completed to determine if the participant would benefit from a medication regime;
- The participant is required to take all prescribed medications as instructed by their trained and license psychiatrist;

- Any emerging concerns must be promptly reported to the participants' clinicians;
- Frequency of sessions will be determined by the psychiatrist.

D. Case Management

- Regular visits with a case manager are used to assist the participant with various needs;
- Frequency of sessions vary depending on participant needs/schedule.

E. Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP)

- 3 to 4 days per week; 3 hours per day;
- Dual Diagnosis track if necessary for those with co-occurring substance abuse disorders;
- Length of the program is determined by the counselor based on the participant's progress.

F. Supported Employment Services

- The participant may be required to work with a Supported Employment Specialist to assist with obtaining/maintaining employment.

G. Dual Partial Hospitalization Program (DPHP)

- 5 days per week; 3 to 6 hours per day;
- Length of the program is determined by the counselor based on the participant's progress.

H. Adult Aftercare

- 1 to 2 days per week; 1 to 2 hours per day;
- Length of the program is determined by the counselor based on the participant's progress.

I. Crisis Services

- Immediate mental health services will be available and may be required for emergency situations.

J. Anger Management

- 1 day per week; 1 hour per day
- Length of the program is determined by the counselor based on the participant's progress.

K. Dialectical Behavioral Therapy

- 1 day per week; 1 hour per day
- Length of the program is determined by the counselor based on the participant's progress.

L. Living with my Illness

- 1 day per week; 1 hour per day
- Length of the program is determined by the counselor based on the participant's progress.

M. Substance Abuse Treatment

Substance abuse treatment groups may vary in length depending on the treatment provider. In addition the requirements may differ between treatment providers. Listed below are examples of some treatment programs.

- **Criminal Thinking Group**
 - 12 weeks; 2 days weekly (Tuesday and Thursday) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- One individual session required on either Monday or Wednesday bi-weekly (times may vary depending on participant responsivity/schedule)
- A minimum of four Court approved self-help recovery program meetings per week (i.e. NA/AA, SMART, NAMI, or other evidence based programs)
- **Aggression Replacement Therapy**
 - 10 weeks; 3 days weekly (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - One individual session required on either Tuesday or Thursday bi-weekly/ tri-weekly (times may vary depending on participant responsivity/schedule)
 - A minimum of four Court approved self-help recovery program meetings per week (i.e. NA/AA, SMART, NAMI, or other evidence based programs)
- **Seeking Safety**
 - 12 weeks; 2 days weekly (Monday and Wednesday-Males) (Tuesday and Thursday-Females) from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - One individual session required Monday-Thursday weekly or bi-weekly (times may vary depending on participant responsivity/schedule)
 - A minimum of four Court approved self-help recovery program meetings per week (i.e. NA/AA, SMART, NAMI, or other evidence based programs)
- **Thinking for a Change**
 - 12 weeks; 1 day weekly (Monday-Males) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Thursday-Females) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - One individual session required Monday-Friday weekly or bi-weekly (times may vary depending on participant responsivity/schedule)
 - A minimum of four Court approved self-help recovery program meetings per week (i.e. NA/AA, SMART, NAMI, or other evidence based programs)
- **Relapse Prevention**
 - 12 weeks; 1 day weekly (Wednesday) from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - One individual session required Monday-Friday tri-weekly (times may vary depending on participant responsivity/schedule)
 - A minimum of four Court approved self-help recovery program meetings per week (i.e. NA/AA, SMART, NAMI, or other evidence based programs)

N. **Residential Treatment**

- **NEOCAP (NorthEast Ohio Community Alternative Program)**
 - The Court may, if necessary, refer the participant to the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program, a community based corrections facility program located in Warren, Ohio, for treatment for a period of up to six (6) months.
 - There are four phase levels that residents progress through during the four to six month program. They are: *Phase I* (Orientation) for approximately the first 30 days of residency. The focus during Phase 1 is on completing an accurate assessment of

the resident's needs and using that assessment to build a comprehensive case plan. Additionally, the focus is on enhancing the resident's motivation for treatment and familiarizing the resident with the cognitive behavioral treatment modality. During Phase 1, the resident's movement is restricted to the facility with the only exception being a medical emergency. Phase 2 of the program is earned through appropriate effort and overall good behavior and lasts for approximately 30 days. Phase 3 is earned through consistent good behavior and effort and also lasts approximately 30 days. During phases 2 and 3 of the program, the resident spends the majority of the time attending treatment groups and movement in the community is limited to program related activities and community service projects. Phase 4 of the program is also earned through consistent, good overall effort in the program and is the time in which the resident works to prepare for successful reintegration back into his/her home community. Some activities during this phase include, but are not limited to: obtaining employment, participating in work release, securing housing, attending community support group meetings (AA/NA) and spending time with family on approved leave passes that must be earned through good behavior.

- Each resident is given a variety of assessments in order to develop an individualized treatment plan. This plan is created to address such issues as mental health, substance abuse, attitude and orientation, employment/vocational training, education and housing. The resident participates in an intensive cognitive behavioral curriculum that has proven to be effective in addressing criminal behavior. The goal is to reduce the likelihood of relapsing or reoffending. Residents move through the curriculum by meeting their individualized program goals. As they progress, the residents gradually reintegrate into their communities. Residents must demonstrate appropriate behavior obtaining and maintaining employment (if appropriate), attending support group meetings and becoming pro-social members of their communities. The resident is assigned a Case Manager, who assists him/her in developing a treatment plan with goals and objectives to address the identified criminogenic factors. The resident immediately starts to address the goals and objectives in his/her treatment plan. Goals that cannot be obtained within the four (4) to six (6) months of residency will become a part of the resident's release plan, which is forwarded to the probation department. The probation officers enforce, monitor and supervise compliance with the release plan. Groups are developed to be comprehensive in nature and address the total range of the resident's criminogenic needs. Each group addresses major criminogenic areas and uses curricula that are evidence-based and proven to reduce criminal behavior in the adult resident population. Cognitive-behavioral methods are applied in all group activities.

- **Turning Point**

- If the participant meets the criteria for non-medical residential treatment, the participant will be admitted into the residential turning point for a minimum of ninety (90) days. The staff will ensure the participant attends all mental health treatment appointments, provide random drug screens, as well as, provide transportation to Mental Health Court Status Hearings.

- **O. Medication Assisted Treatment**

- In appropriate cases the Mental Health Court works with Community Counseling Center, Signature Health or Lake Area Recovery Center to provide Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) (i.e. Suboxone, Subutex, Vivitrol, etc.).

- **P. Compliance Testing**

- If the participant is diagnosed with a moderate to severe substance abuse disorder he/she agrees to contact a drug testing automated system Monday through Friday between 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to find out if he/she is required to submit a urine screen during their treatment provider's business hours (~8:00 a.m. to ~5:00 p.m.) that day. Those participants not diagnosed with a moderate to severe substance abuse disorder will be tested on a random basis to be determined by their probation officer or the Mental Health Court Team. All participants' substance use is monitored by random, frequent and observed alcohol and drug testing protocols.
- The participant is also required to submit to testing if requested by treatment, the probation department, or the Judge. All testing results will be shared with the Judge and the other members of the treatment team. Testing positive will result in a sanction and/or therapeutic adjustment. The participant will be tested with an instant urinalysis drug screen. The participant agrees to travel to the testing location (treatment provider or the probation department) during the hours indicated for the testing. The participant agrees to arrive at the testing location to produce a sample within a certain period of time. If the participant fails to provide a urine sample when requested, it will be treated the same as a positive test and immediately sanctioned. A diluted sample is considered a positive test and will be immediately sanctioned. Should the participant tamper with or adulterate the urine sample, including submitting the sample of another individual, it will be considered a positive test and the participant will be immediately sanctioned. In addition participants will be required to abstain from mind altering substances, legal or illegal, including Alcohol, Kratom, Synthetic Drugs, Bath Salts, Pseudoephedrine, Creatine, Inhalants/Whip-its, Phenibutal, Alcohol Vapes, etc. It is also required that participants do not consume poppy seeds, as they can cause a false positive which will result in a sanction. In addition the participant may not take Non-FDA Approved foods, medications, supplements, chemicals, herbal remedy, etc. (Examples include natural remedies, workout supplements, etc.) There are also medications that can cause a false positive or that are not recommended for individuals in recovery; therefore, prior to taking any over-the-counter medications make sure to consult with the treatment team, Probation Officer and/or Counselor to determine if it could cause issues with your treatment and/or drug screens. This is always updating, so participants must always check with the team regarding new

substances or prior to taking anything new.

If the participant tests positive, the participant may request that the sample be retested for confirmation. If the participant fails to make a timely request so that the sample is not available to retest, the ability to request confirmation testing is deemed waived. If the confirmation testing returns positive, the participant will be sanctioned.

In addition to sanctions for positive tests, the Judge and treatment team may require a change in the participant's treatment plan. The Judge and treatment team understand the difference between relapses in the beginning of treatment versus later on in the program and treatment and/or sanctions are used when appropriate and enforced by the Judge.

The participant shall also submit to testing of his/her breath, hair follicle or blood as required by the Mental Health Court Team.

Q. Recovery Program Meetings

- The participant may be required to attend outside recovery program meetings, depending on the treatment phase, and shall be responsible to timely turn in proof of attendance each and every week. Such self-help recovery programs must be evidence based and approved by the Court. (NA, AA, SMART Recovery, etc.)

R. Violation Reporting

- The participant agrees to voluntarily report to the Court, Probation and the treatment staff, any violations of the Mental Health Court Program rules, including the participant's use of illegal drugs or alcohol.

3. The participant must pay a supervision fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per year for the duration of the term of supervision. None of the \$150.00 supervision fee shall be used as part of the treatment costs. The participant agrees to abide by all the general terms and conditions of the supervision of the probation department.

4. The participant must obtain and maintain full time employment unless this requirement is waived by the Court.

5. The participant must comply with any and all requirements the Court may impose upon the participant at the time of entry into the Mental Health Court Program or as the result of a sanction in the furtherance of treatment.

6. The participant must attend all scheduled court appearances, including status hearings at least twice monthly during the initial phase. The participant must further attend all scheduled appointments with treatment and the probation department. The failure of a participant to attend a scheduled court appearance or report to treatment or probation may result in the issuance of a warrant for the participant's arrest.

7. The participant shall not use any mind altering substances, legal or illegal, including Drugs, Alcohol, Kratom, Synthetic Drugs, Bath Salts, Pseudoephedrine, Creatine, Inhalants/ Whip-its, Pheibutal, Alcohol Vapes, etc. while in the program. In addition the participant may not take Non-FDA Approved foods, medications, supplements, chemicals, herbal remedy, etc. (Examples include natural remedies, workout supplements etc.) The participant shall not be in any establishment primarily engaged in the sale of alcoholic beverages.

8. You must report all prescribed medications to your treatment provider and the probation officer. You will agree to provide verification of any prescriptions from your doctor including signing a release for the Mental Health Court Treatment Team to contact any doctor. In addition you will agree to bring all psychiatric medications to every office visit with your probation officer. Medications that participants are generally **NOT** permitted to take include Opiates (example: Lortabs, Vicodin, OxyContin or Oxycodone, Tylenol 3, Percocet, Darvon, Darvocet, etc.), Amphetamines (example: Adderall, Ritalin, Strattera, etc.) and Benzodiazepines (example: Klonopin, Xanax, Diazepam, Valium, etc.). If a doctor believes that it is absolutely necessary to prescribe medications that will yield a positive urine drug screen (UDS), you must submit a letter to the Court from the doctor stating that he/she is aware of your status as a recovering person, why the need for the medication outweighs the possible risks to your status as a recovering person and that he/she has been made aware of your participation in the Mental Health Court Program and that you are subject to UDS. If you test positive and do not have a letter from your doctor, you are subject to sanctions immediately. You agree to take all approved medications strictly as prescribed. In addition you are required to provide medical paperwork to your probation officer or Mental Health Court Team for every doctor visit, which should contain all prescribed medications, prescriptions given at the visit, and be signed by the doctor's office.

9. Releases/and or confidentiality waivers must be executed and delivered to the Court, probation and treatment, authorizing the participant's physician or psychologist to release confidential or otherwise privileged information regarding the participant to the Court, probation and treatment.

10. The participant must inform probation and treatment staff of any changes in employment or address within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence of the change.

11. The participant shall not associate with anyone known to be actively involved in any criminal acts or behaviors.

12. In order to successfully complete the Mental Health Court Program, the participant must be in compliance with all of the phases of the Mental Health Court Program.

A. Orientation Phase

The Orientation Phase occurs during the eligibility screening and assessment process. During this phase the participant will be expected to do the following:

- Meet as instructed with the Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or Mental Health Court Probation Officer. They will interview you as part of a risk assessment and will prepare a written report. The purpose of this report is to collect information that will assist the Mental Health Court Treatment Team in assessing the participant's eligibility to participate in the Mental Health Court Program and to inform the assigned judge's decision whether to grant your request for Mental Health Court.
- Meet as instructed at your mental health treatment provider's location in order to undergo a complete mental health assessment.
- Sign any necessary releases of information.
- Become familiar with the location of the service providers and address any issues of transportation and/or employment.
- Review the participant handbook and the participation agreement with your defense counsel.

You should discuss any questions you have regarding your eligibility and desire to participate in the Mental Health Court Program with your defense counsel.

B. Phase I

In order to meet the obligations of Phase I, the participant will be required to:

- Attend weekly status review hearings;
- Develop initial treatment plan;
- Attend all treatment sessions;
- Call in and submit to random alcohol and drug testing (if applicable);
- Complete a substance abuse assessment, if indicated;
- Attend weekly office visits and follow all rules of supervision with the Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or probation department;
- Cooperate with random home visits by the Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or probation department;
- Engage in sober community support activities; and
- Remain law abiding.

To advance:

- ✓ Compliance with above;
- ✓ Minimum 14 consecutive no infractions/14 days clean urine screens.

Movement through this Phase is based upon the participant's compliance and progress.

C. Phase II

In order to meet the obligations for Phase II, the participant will be required to:

- Regularly attend status review hearings before the Judge to review the participants progress;
- Comply with Treatment Plan;
- Continue to attend all treatment sessions;
- Continue to attend all required office visits and follow all rules of supervision with the

Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or probation department;

- Continue to cooperate with random home visits by the Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or probation department;
- Continue to call in, submit and provide negative results to all alcohol and drug testing (if applicable);
- Continue to engage in sober community support activities;
- Obtain/maintain stable, clean, sober housing
- Create a realistic plan for payment of restitution, fines and supervision fees;
- Follow through on housing, educational, vocational, and employment referrals; and
- Remain law abiding.

To advance:

- ✓ Compliance with above
- ✓ Minimum 30 consecutive days no major infractions/ 30 days clean urine screens.

Movement through this Phase is based upon the participant's compliance and progress.

D. Phase III

In order to meet the obligations of Phase III, the participant will be required to:

- Regularly attend status review hearings before the Judge to review the participants progress;
- Comply with Treatment plan;
- Continue to attend all treatment sessions;
- Continue to attend all required office visits and follow all rules of supervision with the Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or probation department;
- Continue to cooperate with random home visits by the Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or probation department;
- Continue to call in, submit and provide negative results to all alcohol and drug testing (if applicable);
- Continue to engage in sober community support activities;
- Obtain/maintain employment, schooling, vocational training, or engage in other Court approved activity;
- Obtain and verify a recovery sponsor (if applicable); and
- Remain law abiding.

To advance:

- ✓ Compliance with above;
- ✓ Minimum 30 consecutive days no major infractions/60 days clean urine screens.

Movement through this phase is based upon the participant's compliance and progress.

E. Phase IV and Maintenance

During the maintenance phase, the participant is required to continue to successfully and faithfully adhere to all treatment and Mental Health Court Program requirements, and to continue to meet the same obligations as set forth above in the other Phases.

Graduation from the Mental Health Court Program will occur after the participant has successfully completed all of the phases. In order to graduate the participant will have to demonstrate the following compliant behavior and accomplishments.

- Successfully completed all required treatment programs;
- Demonstrated stability in the community;
- Regularly attend status review hearings before the Judge to review the participants progress;
- Continue to attend all treatment sessions, such as, therapy, psychiatry, etc.;
- Continue to attend all required office visits and follow all rules of supervision with the Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or probation department;
- Continue to cooperate with random home visits by the Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or probation department;
- Obtain/maintain stable, clean, sober housing;
- Obtain/maintain employment, schooling, vocational training, or engage in other Court approved activity;
- Continue and complete the Mentorship Program by mentoring a Mental Health Court participant, giving a Turning Point or IOP Lead, or serving as a treatment volunteer;
- Complete any other outside requirements (parenting classes, family counseling, financial counseling etc.)
- Demonstrated abstinence from alcohol and drugs as evidenced by submitting negative screens for a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to graduation;
- Paid in full restitution, fines, supervision fees and court costs, unless otherwise determined.

To advance:

- ✓ Compliance with above
- ✓ Minimum 30 days no infractions/90 days clean urine screens.

The Judge has discretion to determine when the participant will graduate.

F. Commencement

- Remain compliant with all requirements through actual Commencement ceremony;
- No sanctions/infractions within 30 days of Commencement ceremony.

14. The goal of the Mental Health Court Program is to encourage success and discourage failure. With that objective, the Mental Health Court Program uses incentives as an important component in making lasting changes in behavior. Incentives demonstrate acknowledgment of the difficult changes a participant is making in his/her life. Positive changes and compliance with Mental Health Court requirements will be rewarded.

Some of the positive changes and behaviors that may be rewarded include, but are not limited to:

- Attending all status hearings;
- Attending all treatment sessions;
- Attending all appointments with the Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or probation department;
- Abstaining from alcohol and drugs, as evidenced by negative test results;
- Engaging in vocational or educational activities;
- Securing stable housing;
- Obtaining employment;
- Advancing in the Mental Health Court Program Phases;

- Obtaining a Sponsor; and
- Accomplishing any other milestone identified by the treatment team.

The Judge uses incentives on a case-by-case basis. The Judge dispenses incentives as the participant's status and conduct indicate. The Judge determines the type of incentives received based on the participant's performance and compliance with program requirements. There are many types of incentives available that may include, but are not limited to:

- Encouragement and praise from the Judge;
- Ceremonies and tokens of progress, including advancement in the Mental Health Court Phases;
- Decreasing court appearances and supervision contacts;
- Increasing or expanding privileges;
- Gift cards for restaurants, movie theaters, recreational activities, or personal care services;
- Reducing fines or fees;
- Recovery Books;
- Weekly fishbowl incentives; and
- Graduation from the Mental Health Court Program.

Incentives may be provided and can be earned through compliance with the Mental Health Court Program.

15. Just as it is important to recognize progress, it is also important to respond swiftly to problems and noncompliant behavior. A participant's noncompliance will be governed by immediate and graduated sanctions. By imposing sanctions, a participant who is not compliant with the requirements of the phases will learn that there are consequences for his/her behavior. The objective is not only to reprimand noncompliance, but to re-engage and encourage the participant to continue working through the recovery and treatment process. Sanctions are issued according to the seriousness of a violation. Serious violations could result in termination from the program. Sanctions are used on a case-by-case basis by the Judge when a participant fails to comply with Mental Health Court Program requirements. These requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Failure to attend status hearings;
- Failure to respond in a timely manner to voice mail messages left from probation or treatment staff;
- Failure to attend treatment appointments;
- Failure to keep scheduled appointments with the probation department;
- Falsifying or attempting to falsify any required documentation, including self-help recovery meeting attendance;
- Failure to call in for drug screen in the allotted time;
- Noncompliance with random alcohol and drug screens, testing positive for alcohol and or drugs, or adulterating or attempting to adulterate urine screens;
- Noncompliance with any of the requirements of the Mental Health Court Program Phases; and
- Failure to improve troublesome behaviors.

Graduated sanctions are used to address noncompliant behaviors. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Warnings and admonishment from the Judge;
- Community service work;
- Individualized sanctions such as writing essays or reading books;
- Electronically Monitored House Arrest (EMHA) or Secured Controlled Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) bracelets;
- Increasing frequency of court appearances;
- Increasing supervision contacts;
- Refusing specific requests, such as permission to travel;
- Denying additional or expanded privileges, or rescinding privileges previously granted;
- Increasing frequency of alcohol and drug testing;
- Imposition of jail days;
- Filing of community control violation; and
- Termination from the Mental Health Court Program.

Sanctions are not only used as a form of consequences for inappropriate choices, but also a way to re-evaluate a participant's commitment to recovery and to complete the Mental Health Court Program.

Participant agrees to maintain confidentiality regarding information shared during status review hearings and/or treatment sessions regarding other participants.

16. The participant understands that if he/she is terminated from the Mental Health Court Program, for Diversion cases the legal finding of guilty will be entered by the Court and the participant will be sentenced to the usual sanctions allowable under the law for the offense(s); for Post Conviction cases, the participant will be subject to a Probation Violation Hearing.

17. The participant agrees and understands that if he/she is arrested in any other state or territory of the United States or in any foreign county, his/her signature as witnessed at the end of this page will be deemed to be a waiver of extradition, and that no other formalities will be required for an authorized agent of the Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court to bring about their return to this state.

THE PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THIS AGREEMENT, AND FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISHES THE RIGHTS DISCUSSED HEREIN AND AGREES TO ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES AND CONDITIONS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM.

Signature of Participant

Date

Attorney for Participant

Date