

Mental Health Court Program Expectations

Mental Health Court is a three-phase program for adults who have been charged with one or more criminal offense(s) and who are having difficulty with mental health issues. It is a joint effort between the Court, Seminole County Probation, the State Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, and Aspire Health Partners. Our goal is to help you be successful in Mental Health Court. It is considered a voluntary diversion program that can help you avoid facing the charges in traditional court or going to jail. Mental Health Court is considered a "conditional release" from jail, meaning that the Judge is expecting you follow certain conditions after your release from jail. If you fail to follow these conditions, the Judge will deal with those issues.

There are six general expectations of you if you choose to participate in Mental Health Court. You may have additional expectations which will be developed for you in your individualized clinical treatment plan. Non-compliance with these expectations may result in sanctions, being discharged from MH Court, or opting out of the program. The six general expectations follow:

- 1. You will take all approved medications as directed. All medications must be disclosed to the mental health court team. You will not take medications prescribed by other doctors without informing the mental health team. Mental Health Court does NOT permit the use of the following prescribed medications: Benzodiazepines (Xanax, Ativan, Klonopin, etc.), Amphetamines (Adderall, Ritalin, Vyvanse, etc.), Opioids, Medical Marijuana and/or CBD products.**
- 2. You will keep all scheduled appointments with your probation officer and your Forensic Care Coordinator. You will contact your probation officer at (407) 665-4604 and attend designated appointments. You must maintain contact with your assigned Forensic Care Coordinator as directed.**
- 3. You will not consume alcohol, take illegal drugs, misuse prescription or OTC (over the counter) drugs or any other mood-altering substances. Should you be unable or unwilling to comply with this expectation, you will be referred to substance abuse treatment as recommended.**
- 4. You will submit to random and observed urinalysis. Refusal to submit to random urinalysis will result in a violation of Mental Health Court.**
- 5. You will participate in some type of productive activity at least five days per week (25 hours). Productive Activity is defined as employment, going to school, volunteering at a local agency or attending programming through Turning Point or Charlotte's Place. Your Forensic Care Coordinator can refer you to programming.**
- 6. You will appear in court as ordered by the Judge.**

I have read the above program expectations and had a chance to ask any questions. Should I choose to enter the MH Court program, I agree to abide by these expectations.

Client signature

Staff witness