

Application for Mental Health Judicial Diversion Program

Today's Date

Defendant's Name

Gender

Male

Female

Date of
Birth

Ethnicity

Address

City, State, Zip

Contact #

Cell #

Marital
Status

Single

Married

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

Living Arrangement

Emergency Contact

Emergency Contact Tel #

Emergency Contact Address

City, State, Zip

Relationship

Parent

Spouse

Common Law

Guardian

Child

Sibling

Friend

Other

Military

VA Services

Yes

Yes

No

No

If yes, branch:

If applicable, discharge date

Mental Illness Suspected/Diagnosed

Date Diagnosed

- Bipolar D/O
- Schizophrenia
- MDD
- PTSD
- Unknown
- Other

Prior Hospitalization/Treatment: (List most current first)

Defendant currently in treatment If yes, who is provider?

- Yes
- No

History of substance abuse

- | | | | |
|---------------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| Marijuana | Cocaine | Alcohol | Meth |
| Amphetamines | Crack | Inhalants | Heroin |
| Hallucinogens | PCP | Ecstasy | Prescription |
| Other | | | |

Arrest Date Alleged Offense

Was there a victim? If yes, was victim associated with defendant prior to offense?

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| Yes | Yes |
| No | No |

Other pending charges? If yes, name offense & when/where offense was committed:

- Yes
- No

If applicable, describe **ALL** prior criminal history:

Past/present substance abuse treatment

If yes, when/where:

Yes

No

Pending criminal charges

Cause number

Misdemeanor

Felony

Defense attorney's name/contact information

Recommended for MH Diversion Program by:

Bluebonnet Trail Staff Name _____

Prosecutor _____

Requested by defense attorney

Other information regarding this request to be considered:

APPROVED

DENIED

By:

If approved, time to monitor

90 days

120 days

180 days

Conditions

WILLIAMSON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH JUDICIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Williamson County Attorney's Office Mental Health Judicial Diversion Program (MHJDP) is designed to provide adult misdemeanants whose ongoing mental health concerns necessitate oversight beyond that which is provided for the general population of defendants. While sometimes appropriate, this program is not designed as a pathway to dismissal. The primary goal of the program is to address the mental illness of qualifying defendants in an effort to divert them from future contact with the criminal justice system.

Attorneys who are interested in this program must apply on behalf of their client. Applications will be reviewed by members of our local MHMR provider (Bluebonnet Trails), as well as representatives of both the County Attorney's Office and our local defense bar. Determinations made by the intake team are final and not subject to review. **ALL applicants MUST have completed an evaluation as prescribed by Article 16.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and be willing to work with Bluebonnet Trails.** There must be a causal link between the presenting mental health issue and the pending charge. The space at the bottom of the application should be utilized to provide additional necessary information that would assist the intake team in reaching a final decision. Additional documentation may also be attached as needed.

The defendant's attorney MUST be willing to attend monthly meetings in order to track the progress of their client. At these meetings, all program defendants will be discussed in a group setting (defendants will not attend these meetings). In the event that the defendant's attorney is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, a representative with knowledge of the defendant's current treatment status MUST be in attendance. Failure to attend two meetings WILL result in the removal of the defendant from the program. Meetings are generally held from 12:00 – 1:00 on the third Wednesday of every month. A reminder email will be sent prior to the scheduled meeting.

The MHJDP is a voluntary informal program that does not replace regular court docketing. Ultimately, case settings are at the discretion of the assigned County Court.

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