

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
VETERANS TREATMENT COURT
PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK**



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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to offer treatment and services to veterans which address the issues of substance abuse, mental health, and other barriers that have led to their entrance in the criminal justice system. We hope that through treatment, veterans will live productive lives within our community, and we will reduce drug and alcohol abuse and lower recidivism rates.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Veterans Treatment Court Program! This handbook is designed to answer questions, address concerns, and provide overall information about the Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court Program. As a participant, you will be expected to follow the instructions given to you by the Veterans Treatment Court Judge, the Veterans Treatment Court Staff, and your Probation Officer, as well as comply with the treatment plan developed for you. This handbook will detail what is expected of you as a Veterans Treatment Court Program participant and will review general program information. You are encouraged to share this handbook with family and friends. We trust that this Handbook will help you understand the program!

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court Program is a court-supervised, comprehensive treatment program. All participants have been determined to have substance use issues and/or have a diagnosed mental health condition. The Veterans Treatment Court Program may be a voluntary program or ordered as a condition of probation. As a participant in this program, you will undergo “**supervision**” (i.e., regular court appearances before the Veterans Treatment Court Program Judge) and “**treatment**” (which includes drug testing, individual counseling and group counseling provided by the Central AL Veterans Affairs or Montgomery County facilities). As a participant, you are, also, expected to meet with a Veterans Mentor, obtain and maintain employment or

involvement in vocational or educational programs, and actively participate in self-help meetings (e.g., Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous) and/or counseling programs. The length of the Veterans Treatment Court Program is determined by each participant's progress and will generally be 18-24 months in length, and will typically consist of three phases (Orientation/ Stabilization, Ongoing Treatment, and Transition/Graduation).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

As a defendant, you must plead guilty to be considered for Veterans Treatment Court Services.

Eligibility guidelines include:

Legal Eligibility

- You must have been discharged other than dishonorably from any branch of the United States Military, the Reserves, or the National Guard.
- You will have a misdemeanor-or-felony-level offense with prosecutorial consent.
- You will have no history of serious or repetitive violence (reviewed by designated Prosecutor and Treatment Team).
- You may be excluded if any of the following is the case: incompetent to stand trial, history of sex offenses, offenses involving weapons in the commission of the crime, violent offense as defined in §19.2-297.1, or persistent offending unrelated to mental health or other behavioral health illnesses.

Treatment Eligibility

- You must be diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or other trauma, mental health, substance use and/or related co-occurring disorders.
- You must have identified treatment needs that can be met by the program, and be willing to engage in the services provided.

REFERRAL PROCESS

STEP 1-APPLICATION

- Defendant/Counsel obtain application package online or from Veterans Treatment Court's Office.
- Defense Counsel reviews with the defendant the Veterans Treatment Court process and requirements.
- The defendant completes the participant application and the Release of Information form, reviews the contracts (Probation and Performance Contracts) and discusses any concerns with the Veterans Treatment Court's Program Coordinator.
- Defense Counsel/Defendant forwards the application and the Release of Information form directly to the Veterans Treatment Court Program Coordinator.

STEP 2-COUNTY ELIGIBILITY

- Veterans Treatment Court Program Coordinator discusses case with the Attorney, and confirms that the County does not reject the application outright.
- If not rejected, the Coordinator contacts defense to ask that they initiate discussion on the Performance Contract with the Attorney.

STEP 3-VA ELIGIBILITY

- Veterans Treatment Court's Coordinator forwards relevant information to the Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Specialist, who reports back on the defendant's VA eligibility.

STEP 4- TREATMENT ELIGIBILITY

- The defendant is given an initial screening by Veterans Treatment Court Staff, for substance use issues, mental health issues, PTSD, and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

STEP 5-TREATMENT TEAM REVIEW

- Treatment Team meets to review the charges, previous record and history to determine eligibility into Veterans Treatment Court Program and makes recommendation for the defendant's treatment plan, based upon county, VA, and treatment eligibility recommendations.
- If the Treatment Team agrees with entry into the Veterans Treatment Court Program, the Coordinator confirms upcoming dates with the defendant/counsel, including a plea date that is no less than two weeks from the date of review, to permit negotiation of the Performance Contract.
- If the Treatment Team does not agree with entry into Veterans Treatment Court Program, the Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator will notify the Defense Attorney.

STEP 6-VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PLEA SESSION

- The Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator compiles a list of defendants ready for plea no less than two weeks following the Team's approval of the defendant, ensuring during the ensuing two weeks that the Performance Contract has been signed by all parties, except the Veterans Treatment Court Judge.
- The Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator notifies all parties, including the Veterans Mentor, of the scheduled plea date.
- The Defendant is introduced to the Veterans Mentor at the plea proceedings.
- The Defendant enters a plea before the Presiding Judge.
- The Performance Contract is presented to the Presiding Judge for signature.
- The Performance Contract now becomes a binding document for the defendant to follow.

STEP 7- FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS

- Reinforcement hearings are scheduled twice a month (on the second and fourth Thursdays) and all parties are notified of the date of the hearings by the Veterans Treatment Court Program Coordinator.
- The Veterans Treatment Court Program Team, also, meets twice a month to discuss upcoming review hearings, Service Plans for new referrals and address any problems/ issues.
- The Public Defender participates in all meetings and hearings, although other defense attorneys are welcome to attend the hearings.
- Review Hearings paperwork is sent to Presiding Judge, Attorney, Defense Counsel and Probation Office approximately two-three days prior to the hearing date by the Veterans Treatment Court Program Coordinator.

SUPERVISION PROCEDURES

As a Veterans Treatment Court Program participant, you are required to appear in court on a regular basis. At each court appearance the Veterans Treatment Court Judge will be given a progress report prepared by the Treatment Team regarding your drug test results, your attendance and participation in treatment, and compliance with the Probation Officer. The Veterans Treatment Court Judge may ask you questions about your progress, and discuss any specific problems you may have been experiencing. In the event of program violations (e.g., missed or positive urine screens, failure to attend counseling, failure to meet with mentor, failure to attend self-help meetings), sanctions may be imposed by the court. Repeated violation of the program expectations and failure to progress satisfactorily may result in termination from the program.

Failure to appear in court on the date and time scheduled may result in a warrant being issued for your arrest. If you cannot appear in court as scheduled, the Probation Officer and Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator must be notified well in advance.

You are expected to maintain appropriate behavior at all times in the courtroom and courthouse. Appropriate dress is necessary; shoes and shirts are required and no hats, shorts, sunglasses, or tank-tops should be worn. You are expected to maintain appropriate grooming.

TREATMENT PROCEDURES

Treatment Procedures

Your treatment will be provided by the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System. Those that do not qualify for VA services will

attend treatment at a community provider. The treatment team will assess what level and intensity of treatment will best meet your needs and recommend to the Veterans' Court Judge that you receive either detoxification and/or intensive outpatient or residential treatment. If you are admitted in a residential treatment program, your participation will be reported to the Veterans Court team. If you are not admitted into a residential treatment, an intensive outpatient program has been developed which includes:

Treatment Plans

An initial treatment plan will be developed by your treatment team following an overall assessment of your problems and needs. The plan will act as a guide for your treatment. The plan will be developed in conjunction with your treatment team and will be updated as you progress through the program. Your progress will be reviewed by the Judge and your treatment team.

Drug Testing

You will be screened for alcohol and other drug use throughout the entire treatment process through Avertest. During the program, you will be screened up to 7 times per week. As you progress through the phases of the program, testing may be adjusted and will be random. You will be required to submit to testing as requested by your Counselor or Probation Officer.

Any participant that tampers with or dilutes a urine sample will face strict sanctions from the Judge. (See Sanctions, pg. 14) Participants are responsible for what goes in their body that may affect drug results. (For example, foods containing poppy seeds cannot be used as an

excuse for a positive drug screen.) Before taking any over the counter medications, check with the pharmacist to ensure that it is not a narcotic, addictive, or alcohol-based that may show up on a drug screen. It is, also, a good idea to check with your primary counselor to see if the medication is known to create positive results.

All medications must be registered with the counselor and Probation officer when you begin the medication. Call your counselor immediately and leave a message. You must, also, notify your Probation Officer on your next appointment. Verification of medications is required. You must produce a copy of the prescription order or the prescription bottle to the Counselor/Probation Officer for verification. Unless medically necessary, please bring your prescription medication only once to the treatment facility, the time you report it. If your medication is within your possession, it is your responsibility while on-site at treatment.

Counseling

Substance abuse counseling comprises two separate formats: individual and group. As part of your treatment plan, you may participate in both types of counseling. Counseling sessions focus on interrupting the cycle of chemical dependency, on promoting abstinence, and developing long-term recovery. Your level of participation in individual and group counseling sessions will be reported to the Judge as part of your progress report.

Outside Self-Help Meetings

As part of your treatment plan, you will be required to attend self-help meetings, most commonly known as 12-step meetings such as AA, NA, CA, etc. The frequency of attendance requirements will be determined by your progress in the program and your phase level. Attendance at self-help meetings is very important part of your recovery process. Your treatment team will provide you with information regarding time and location of self-help meetings. You must provide verification to the treatment team prior to your Court appearance.

Sponsor

Community recovery groups are an important part of your recovery process. Participants are responsible for securing a sponsor from the self-help/ 12-step Community Network. A sponsor is a self-help/ 12-step member who assists you with sobriety and your work with the 12-steps of recovery. Each self-help/12-step group has a system which will assist you in locating an appropriate support person. Ask each group leader at meetings for help.

A sponsor must have a minimum of 5 years of sobriety, experience sponsoring members through the 12-step process, and be the same gender as the participant.

Participants should visit a variety of meetings before selecting a sponsor.

During the program, participants are encouraged to develop a list of phone numbers of those in the community who will support them in maintaining sobriety. Your counselor can provide more guidelines to help you find an appropriate sponsor.

Your sponsor maybe contacted by any member of the Veterans Court team, for verification.

For a list of community based meeting times and locations in your area, please feel free to ask your probation officer. You may, also, contact District 8, Area 1 Alcoholics Anonymous headquarters 24 hours a day/7days a week at 334-264-4122 or visit their website at www.centralalaa.org for more information on meetings near where you live. If you have any difficulty locating meetings in your area, you may, also, choose to attend various recovery meetings at the VA offered Monday-Thursday evenings at 6PM on the _____ floor.

Mentors

As a part of the Veterans Court, you will be assigned a mentor. The volunteer Veteran Mentor will act as a coach, guide, role model, advocate, and support you. The Mentors will, also, attend scheduled court sessions when they are able to. Mentors themselves are Veterans. Every effort is made to recruit a diverse group of Veteran Mentors from all branches of the military and from various periods of service. You are required to meet with your Mentor as specified in your treatment plan. The Judge will ask for the Mentor's opinion on our progress but will not discuss personal information.

It is strongly encouraged that you obtain a separate community sponsor to support you with your mental health and/or substance abuse recovery needs since your court Mentor is only temporary support.

Community Service

All participants will be required to complete 40 hours of community service restitution upon entering into the Veterans Court Program. The court may impose additional community service as a sanction.

Community service hours must be performed at a 501(3)(c) charitable organization.

Treatment Phases

Phase I-Assessment & Intensive Treatment (minimum 41 months)

- Intake Screening
- Full Assessment by VA
- Residential/Detoxification as necessary
- Individual/Family/Group therapy Individualized based on clinicians' recommendation
- Two family contacts, if possible, during the phase
- Self-Help Meetings (AA/NA/CA/etc..) 1 meeting per week
- Check in with Mentor weekly
- Begin planning for school or community service if not already in compliance
- Court appearance at all Veterans Court sessions, unless excused by the Judge
- One weekly meeting with the Probation Officer at the Probation Office

Phase I Advancement

During the first phase, participants are required to establish initial sobriety from alcohol and other drugs and have positive therapeutic gains as determined by the treatment team. Participants will attend all

group and individual sessions, comply with urinalysis testing, and attend Veterans Court as ordered by the Court. 12-Step sponsor may be required prior to advancement to Phase II.

Phase II-Primary Treatment

- Individual/Family/Group therapy individualized based on clinicians' recommendations
- One family contact, if possible, during the phase
- Call UA hotline daily
- Self-Help Meetings (AA/NA/CA/etc..) 2 meetings per week minimum
- Begin working with sponsor
- Check in with Mentor weekly
- Begin work on education
- Court appearance minimum 2 times per month (or as required)
- One weekly meeting with the Probation Officer at the Probation Office

Phase II Advancement

During the second phase, participants will become stable in the program, continue to maintain sobriety from alcohol and other drugs, attend all therapy/group sessions as scheduled, have positive therapeutic gains as determined by the treatment team, comply with urinalysis testing, and attend Veterans Court as ordered by the Court. Attendance at educational activities, employment, and/or community service is monitored in accordance with individual treatment goals.

Phase III-Primary Treatment

- Group 1 time per week
- Individual/Family and Group therapy individualized based on clinicians' recommendations
- Family contact as determined by counselor
- Call UA hotline daily
- Self-Help Meetings (AA/NA/CA/etc..) 4 meetings per week minimum
- Making progress with 12 step work with sponsor
- Obtain employment if able to do so/continue education
- Check in with Mentor weekly
- One meeting every 2 weeks with Probation Officer at Probation Office
- Court appearance once per month (or as required)

Phase III Advancement

- During the third phase, participants will continue to follow treatment requirements and will address ongoing recovery needs, including maintaining total abstinence from alcohol and other drugs, have positive therapeutic gains as determined by the Treatment Team, and attend Veterans Court as ordered by the Court. The focus is on relapse prevention and to provide support to return to the community as a productive and responsible citizen. The participant will begin to have fewer treatment sessions and participate more in self-help group meetings in the community.

Phase IV-Maintenance

- Family/Individual/Group Counseling determined by clinicians' recommendations
- Plan for possible participation in Alumni Association after Graduation
- Call UA hotline daily
- Self-Help Meetings (AA/NA/CA/etc..) 4 meetings per week
- Continue to progress with 12 step work with your sponsor
- Check in with Mentor weekly
- Maintain employment if able to do so/continue education
- One meeting monthly with Probation Officer at Probation Office
- One court appearance per month
- Complete Transition/AfterCare form in addition to other paperwork prior to Graduation

Phase IV Advancement

During the fourth phase, participants prepare for community transition, and plan for participation in Alumni Association after Graduation. Participants will continue to maintain sobriety from alcohol and other drugs and attend all classes and comply with urinalysis. Participants will focus on community based self-help groups by attending meetings 4 times per week and are encouraged to attend 12-step sponsored activities and/or lead meetings.

Phase V-Maintenance (individualized, until next graduation ceremony)

- Monthly participation in Alumni Association until Graduation
- One meeting monthly with Probation Officer at Probation Office
- Sign up for the Aftercare Program-attendance is a voluntary commitment as agreed upon between participant and counselor

- Call UA hotline daily
- Random UA testing with Probation Officer

Graduation Requirements

Requirements for completing each phase of the program are based on standardized criteria with flexibility for individualized treatment needs.

Graduation requirements include:

- Completion of all treatment and supervision phases of the program
- No positive drug tests for a minimum of 8 months
- Have been employed successfully for a minimum of 4 months or attending school full time
- Completion of 40 hours of community service
- Child support payments, if any, are current and all arrearages have been paid or an approved payment plan established
- Complete job skills training as applicable

Graduation is a time to celebrate your accomplishments. You are encouraged to invite your friends and family members to join in the Graduation Ceremony. Graduation Ceremonies are held quarterly approximately two times per year.

Aftercare

It will be a recommendation to the participant that all aftercare plans made between the participant and the clinician are agreed upon and followed through with following graduation.

Supervision Contact Requirements

You will be required to report to a Probation Officer during your participation in Veterans Court. The following are the minimum contacts you will be required to complete during the program. Contacts can be increased or decreased based on program compliance.

Phase I

- Face to face office visit 1 time per week
- Verification of employment 1 time per week
- Verification of residency through home visit 1 time per month
- UA Random

Phase I Advancement

To advance from Phase I, you will be expected to complete the Treatment Assessment and the assessment with your Probation Officer. You will be expected to make all appointments with your treatment provider and Probation Officer. You will be expected to have clean urines and participate in your treatment plan to advance.

Phase II

- Face to face office visit 1 time per week

- Verification of employment 1 time per week
- Verification of residency through home visit 1 time per month
- UA Random

Phase II Advancement

To advance from Phase II to Phase III, you will be expected to be fully involved in your recovery. You will be expected to attend all scheduled treatment and supervision activities as scheduled. You must maintain sobriety before being considered for phase advancement.

Phase III

- Face to face office visit 2 times per month
- Verification of employment 1 time per month
- Verification of residency through home visit 1 time per month
- UA Random

Phase III Advancement

To advance from Phase III to Phase IV, you will be expected to maintain sobriety. You will be expected to complete all required treatment and supervision activities as scheduled. You will be employed or engaged in an educational program.

Phase IV

- Face to face office visit time per month 1
- Verification of employment month 1 time per
- Verification of residency through home visit time per month 1
- UA Random

Phase V

- Face to face office visit time per month 1
- Verification of employment month 1 time per
- Verification of residency through home visit time per month 1
- UA Random

Our office will also contact family members on occasion to assess how you are doing relative to your sobriety and other areas of need.

Failure to comply with your Treatment Team may result in you being sent back a phase in your supervision plan.

Your Probation Officer will work in conjunction with other members of the Team to coordinate your treatment plan.

Incentives

- Greater time between court dates
- A less restrictive curfew
- Vouchers
- Praise and acknowledgement of doing well from the Judge
- Applause in court
- Name posted on All-Stars list and announced in court

Incentives will be determined by the Veterans Court team. The Judge will reward you in Court for making progress.

Sanctions

- Additional community service
- Warning from Judge
- Shock time in the Montgomery County Jail
- Letter of apology to the Court
- Stricter curfew
- Electronic monitoring
- Increased treatment level
- Increased Court attendance
- Increased time in program
- Referral to more restrictive environment, i.e., residential or social detox
- More frequent UA's and BA's
- Self Help meetings 7 meetings in 7 days or 90 in 90

- Sit in Court during Criminal Court sessions (if unemployed at the time)
- Termination from the Veterans Court program

Sanctions will be determined by the team and imposed by the Judge. A participant may be sanctioned for violations of their Veterans Court program or having violated a Veterans Court program rule as outlined in this manual.

PARTICIPANT'S BENEFITS

While the participant is in the Veterans Treatment Court Program, he or she will receive the following benefits and have the following rights.

- 1.)The defendant has the right to consult with an attorney at any time. If the defendant cannot afford an attorney, the court at any violation hearing will appoint an attorney to represent the defendant and to provide legal advice.
- 2.)The defendant has the right to voluntarily resign from Montgomery County 15th Judicial Veterans Treatment Program at any time. Termination from the Montgomery County 15th Judicial Veterans Treatment Program will be a direct violation of the terms and conditions of the defendant's probation and the sentencing court can impose a sentence to include imprisonment.
- 3.)The defendant may receive a lesser sentence for their successful participation in Veterans Court. However, this term must be set out in the plea agreement or in the Veterans Court contract.
- 4.)The defendant's charges may be dismissed upon completion of Veterans Court. This term must be set out in the plea agreement or in the Veterans Court contract. Diversion is only available for

first time offenders and is not available for violent offenses without the expressed consent of the alleged victim.

Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court

Participant Application Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Social Security No: _____ Race: _____

REFERRAL INFORMATION

Referral _____ Date: _____
Source _____

MILITARY HISTORY

Branch: _____ Length of Service: _____

Discharge: _____ Date of Discharge: _____

PENDING CHARGES

Case #: _____ Date: _____

Charges: _____

Confinement Location:

Date Admitted:

Defense Counsel: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY (if applicable) Diagnosis: _____

Date: _____

Treatment Provider:

Phone:

Treatment History:

SUBSTANCE ABUSE HISTORY (if applicable)

Substance of Choice:

First Use:

Treatment History:

CRIMINAL HISTORY

List any prior criminal involvement, beginning with the most recent.

Date: _____ Charge: _____

Description:

Result:

Date: _____ Charge: _____

Description:

Result:

IMPORTANT: Please attach your DD-214

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT
AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE OR REQUEST PROTECTED INFORMATION
FROM MULTIPLE AGENCIES**

I, _____
Individual's Name (Please Print) *Case Number* *Date of Birth*

Address

Authorize the Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court to

- Exchange with
- Release to
- Receive from

The following Providers/Organizations/Individuals:

- Montgomery County Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court
- Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Department
- Montgomery Police Department
- Montgomery County Public Defender's Office
- Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court

The following information: Assessment information, clinical summary, results of urine/breath tests, medical records, service records, treatment recommendations, treatment plans, progress in treatment, discharge plans, psychiatric/evaluation, criminal history, social history, jail and custody data, educational history and any claimant and/or benefit information.

This authorization is in effect for the time period from this date until 60 days after discharge.

This authorization allows the indicated providers to share information described above for ongoing use or disclosure during the time period specified above.

The purpose of this disclosure is: Monitoring compliance and coordination of services.

These records may be protected by the Federal Drug & Alcohol Confidentiality Regulations (42 CFR Part 2). If these records are protected by 42 CFR, Part 2, I understand a recipient is prohibited from making any further disclosure of this information unless expressly permitted by my written authorization, except as otherwise permitted by the Regulations. 42 CFR Part 2 also restricts any use of the information to criminally investigate or prosecute any alcohol or drug abuse patient.

If these records are not protected by 42 CFR Part 2, I understand that the HIPAA Privacy Regulations require I be advised that information used or disclosed based on this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure and no longer protected by federal HIPAA regulations.

I understand that:

Service providers using or disclosing information based on this authorization are to share the minimum necessary amount of the specified information to accomplish the purpose of the disclosure outlined above.

The provision of treatment, payment, enrollment, or eligibility for benefits does not depend on whether I sign this authorization.

I may revoke (or cancel) this authorization at any time by submitting a written statement of revocation to one of the staff contacts listed above, except to the extent that the identified service providers already have taken action based on this authorization, or if I am participating in treatment as a condition of my criminal justice status.

The information to be released has been fully explained to me and this authorization is given of my own free will.

I am entitled to a copy of this signed authorization.

Individual's Signature: _____

Other Signature: _____

Other Signee's Role: _____ *Guardian* _____ *Authorized Representative*

Record of Revocation of Authorization

Date authorization revoked/terminated: _____

Date parties to authorization advised of Revocation: _____

A copy of this document shall be as valid as the original. 10/2019

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT
PARTICIPANT PERFORMANCE CONTRACT**

PARTICIPANT: _____ **Case No.:** _____

DATE: _____ **Charge(s)** _____

I voluntarily agree to enter the Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court. I understand and agree that I have certain obligations and responsibilities and will have to follow orders from the Judge, Treatment Team and others involved in the Veterans Treatment Court Program. I acknowledge that I have consulted with my attorney regarding the legal ramifications of entering into the Veterans Treatment Court Program (the "Program") and that I have reviewed this document with my attorney.

I have carefully read this contract and agree to its terms.

I understand this contract has the following terms and conditions:

1. That the length of the contract is a minimum of twelve (12) months and I agree that I will remain in the program until I successfully complete the terms that are imposed by the Program or I am terminated from the Program;
2. That I will plead guilty to _____.
3. That if I successfully complete the Veterans Treatment Court my sentence will be: _____

4. That if I am unsuccessfully discharged from the Veterans Treatment Court Program my sentence will be:

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5. That I waive the right to a due process hearing, confrontation and cross-examination of witnesses, use of subpoenas, speedy trial and appeal with respect to this case and a determination by the docket of a program or contract violation;
 6. That any and all determinations of a Program or Contract violations will be made by the Veterans Treatment Court Judge, in conjunction with information and input from the Treatment Team and/or others with knowledge of the violation(s).
 7. That I will report as directed by the Judge. I will keep appointments for:
 - a. Court
 - b. Treatment
 - c. Case Management
 - d. Probation
 - e. Support Groups
 - f. All other appointments order by the Court
 8. That I understand that I will appear before Probation Staff and the Veterans Treatment Court Judge on a regular basis with counsel to report on progress in the program and that I am subject to sanctions for failure to comply with the rules of the program.
 9. I will take my medication as prescribed to me by my treatment providers. I will make the Treatment Team aware of all medications that I am prescribed or over-the-counter medications that I am taking.
 10. I will allow and cooperate with home visits from my probation officer, case manager and any other designated treatment team member or designated representative.

11. I will obey all city, state and federal laws. If I take part in any criminal act, I may be terminated from the Program. I will tell my Probation Officer immediately if I have contact with any law enforcement officer. I understand that I must follow all rules of Montgomery County Probation.
12. I will not use or possess any illegal drugs. I will submit to drug testing when instructed. I understand that I fail to submit to a drug screen, tamper with the urine specimen, if the urine is diluted, or if I fail to provide a sufficient quantity of urine, I will be sanctioned as if the test provided was positive for illegal substances.
13. I will talk to my Probation Officer and Case Manager before I make changes in address, phone number, or employment.
14. I will comply with all financial obligations, including restitution, fines, Court costs, probation service fees and child support as directed by my probation officer and/or the Veterans Treatment Court Judge.
15. I will follow any rehabilitation, educational, vocational, medical, psychiatric, or substance abuse treatment program assigned by the Veterans Treatment Court Judge.
16. I will sign all releases of information needed by the Program, treatment providers, VA, and/or other resource providers. I understand there is a purpose and need for the disclosure of information to inform the Program of any attendance and progress in treatment. The extent of information to be disclosed will include, but not be limited to, my diagnosis, information about my attendance or lack of attendance at treatment sessions, my cooperation with treatment programs, my prognosis, and results of my drug and alcohol screens.
17. I will cooperate and comply with my supervision plan and any subsequent or amended supervision plans. The Veterans Treatment Court Judge will impose requirements on me at the time of sentencing or as sanctions for program violations. I understand that by entering into the Program that I

am waiving certain constitutionally-guaranteed rights which I might otherwise be entitled. Those rights include, but are not limited to :

- a. Waiver of any objection to the Veterans Treatment Court Judge receiving communication regarding participant's treatment, progress, and rules violations.
- b. Waiver of the right to contest the results of drug and alcohol testing results at review hearings.
- c. Waiver of the right to remain silent and not to incriminate myself at the review hearing regarding violations of the rules of the Program; and
- d. Waiver of the right to freely associate with other persons who, in the sole discretion of the Program, interferes with or impede my recovery.

18. I understand that immediate action may be take if I;

- a. Don't keep an appointment ordered by the Veterans Treatment Court Judge (unexcused absences):
- b. Don't comply with instructions from treatment providers or Veterans Treatment Court Judge team members;
- c. Test positive for any non-prescribed drugs;
- d. Violate Court orders or break the law.

19. I shall be subject to sanctions which may be imposed by the Veterans Treatment Court Judge in furtherance of treatment. Sanctions shall be imposed by the Veterans Treatment Court Judge and the Treatment Team will be alerted to all such infractions. Sanctions may range in severity depending on the seriousness of the participant's non-compliance or rule violations. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- a. More frequent appearances before the Veterans Treatment Court Judge;

- b. More frequent appearances before the probation department;
- c. Increased testing of breath, blood, or urine for drugs or alcohol;
- d. Increased group and/or meeting attendance;
- e. Verbal admonishment from the Veterans Treatment Court Judge;
- f. Written reports;
- g. Community service work;
- h. One or multiple days seated in the Courtroom:
- i. Electronic Monitoring, (EMU);
- j. Jail time;
- k. Termination from the Program; and/or
- l. Formal probation violation.

20. I will cooperate with all treatment and services outlined in my Veterans Treatment Court treatment plan and any subsequent or amended treatment plans.

21. I understand that the length of the program is determined by my progress and compliance with program guidelines, rules, and conditions. I must successfully complete all phases of the program in order to complete and graduate from the program.

22. When I am in the Courtroom, I will dress and act appropriately. I will be on time for Court.

23. I will be supervised by the Program UNTIL FURTHER ORDERED BY THIS COURT.

24. I have received and read the Participant Handbook. I fully understand the requirements of participation in the Program and have had an opportunity to ask questions of my attorney.

25. I agree to the special conditions as follows:

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT, THAT I FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH THE RIGHTS DISCUSSED HEREIN, AND THAT I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES AND CONDITIONS OF THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM.

Veterans Treatment Court Judge

Participant

Prosecutor

Defense Attorney

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT
SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION**

A. I will comply with the following referrals/assessments and any recommended treatment:

Substance Abuse Education: _____

Substance Abuse Counseling: _____

Mental Health Evaluation/Treatment: _____

Anger Management/Domestic Violence Program: _____

Sex Offender Evaluation/Treatment: _____

B. I will comply with the Driving on Suspended Diversion Program:

Pay court costs and fines to: _____

Attend and complete Driver Improvement Clinic.

Provide proof of insurance to the DMV. ____ Pay reinstatement fee to the DMV.

Provide proof of compliance to my Probation Officer, no later than:

C. I will comply with the Alcohol Diversion Program:

Complete _____ hours of community service; no later than:

Attend and completed Alcohol Education Class on _____.

D. I will comply with the Veterans Treatment Court program condition.

E. I will pay restitution in the amount of \$ _____.

Due no later than: _____

F. I will perform _____ hours of community service work, to be completed by: _____

G. I will pay all court costs and fines as ordered by the Court. \$ _____

Due: _____

H. I will comply with any other special conditions.

You are being placed on probation subject to the conditions listed above. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in your case being returned to court at which time your probation may be revoked and jail time imposed.

I have read the above, and/or had the above read and explained to me, and by my signature or mark below acknowledge receipt of the Special Conditions of Probation and agree to the conditions above.

Probationer

Date

Probation Officer

Date