

# 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

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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 Diagnosed

Date Diagnosed

**\*\* Note:** Proof of diagnosis must be attached to this application in writing via 16.22 or a note from a mental health provider. Contact our office if you need help scheduling an evaluation.

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?

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

120 days      180 days      240 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 PROVIDE either a written 16.22 mental health report OR provide a written note from a mental health provider which describes a diagnosis, and if, possible, a brief summary of treatment history. A written diagnosis or 16.22 must be attached to the application. Applicants must be willing to work with Bluebonnet Trails.** If the applicant does not have a diagnosis, but one is suspected, contact either the County Attorney's Office or Bluebonnet Trails for assistance in having an evaluation scheduled.

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 routinely be required to attend these meetings, but may be required to attend in special circumstances and with advance notice). 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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