



## FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

### Veterans' Court Evaluation Plan

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## **Fourth Judicial District Veterans' Court Evaluation Plan**

### **Background**

As part of a national movement emphasizing the special needs of returning veterans facing criminal charges in the court system, the Fourth Judicial District developed Minnesota's first Veterans' Court. Veterans' Court is a specialty court that will operate on a separate calendar within the existing Criminal Mental Health Court. The first calendar session for Veterans' Court is slated to begin on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Eligibility criteria for Veterans' Court are as follows: 1) defendants have served in the United States Armed Forces and are experiencing treatable behavioral and/or chemical health issues, i.e. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), anger management issues, domestic violence, substance abuse, or chemical dependency; 2) eligible offenses include misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor and felony offenses, excluding mandatory and presumptive prison commitments; 3) the treatable behavioral and/or chemical health issue is diagnosed by an assessment completed by qualified personnel associated with Veterans' Court; and 4) defendant participates voluntarily.

### **Veterans' Court Screening**

A case is referred to Veterans' Court upon the agreement of the prosecutor, defense attorney, and the referring judge. Once a case is referred to Veterans' Court, the defendant is screened by court staff from the Fourth Judicial District or by staff from the VA Medical Center (if the defendant is eligible for VA benefits). The screening is intended to determine what impact the behavioral and chemical health issues are having on the defendant's criminal behavior. If screening staff find the defendant suitable for Veterans' Court, the defendant can volunteer to participate and a plan is proposed that becomes the basis of the sentence imposed. The defendant's participation in treatment is then monitored by a Hennepin County Community Corrections probation officer.

### **Veterans' Court Phases**

Defendants who volunteer for Veterans' Court will complete an orientation followed by four additional phases, totaling an average program length of 18 months. The following is a brief summary of the phases:

#### *Orientation (minimum 30 days)*

The purpose of the orientation phase is to establish a relationship with the assigned probation officer, attend appointments with service providers, attend court appearances, and develop an initial treatment plan. Upon successful completion of the above criteria, the defendant will graduate to Phase One.

#### *Phase One: Treatment Development (minimum 90 days)*

Phase One continues the requirements of orientation, creates an individualized plan for treatment, and also introduces community service and mentor components to the individual's plan. The defendant must maintain weekly contact with the assigned probation officer and attend bi-weekly reviews.

#### *Phase Two: Ongoing Treatment Plan (minimum 120 days)*

In Phase Two, the defendant will reduce contact with the probation officer to every other week, continue to attend all service provider appointments, attend court reviews every three weeks, and complete 10 hours of community service-while maintaining sobriety or necessary mental health service goals.

#### *Phase Three: Stabilization (minimum 120 days)*

A defendant enters Phase Three after at least 90 days with no positive drug or alcohol tests and at least 60 days of no missed mental health/and or chemical health appoints. At this point, the court recognizes that the individual is working towards a stable non-criminal lifestyle in the community. During this phase, the defendant

begins to actively seek employment or educational services, begins constructing a continuing care plan, and stable housing is a primary goal. The defendant's stabilization and transition plan must be approved by the courtroom work group before the individual can advance to Phase Four.

*Phase Four: Transition (1-6 months depending on resolution of the case)*

The transitional phase is the final phase of Veterans' Court. At this point, a defendant has maintained stability for at least 120 days in Phase Three, shown active progress in all individualized plan areas, and has maintained sobriety or medication/therapeutic compliance (if applicable). Criteria for graduation from Veterans' Court includes no positive drug/alcohol tests for the previous 6 months, compliance with individualized service providers for the past 60 days, regular and consistent involvement with a court-appointment mentor, being employed or pursuing educational goals, and completion of 30 hours of community service.

**Veterans' Court Mission and Goals**

The mission of Hennepin County Veterans' Court is to promote public safety and assist and support veterans and their families by creating a coordinated response through collaboration with the veterans' service delivery system, community-based services, and the criminal justice system.

The goals for Veterans' Court are as follows:

- Goal I.            Reduce criminal recidivism
- Goal II.           Facilitate participant sobriety
- Goal III.           Increase compliance with treatment and other court-ordered conditions
- Goal IV.           Improve access to VA benefits and services
- Goal V.            Improve Family Relationships and Social Support Connections

Goal VI. Improve Life Stability

**Veterans' Court Evaluation Design: Methods and Analyses**

The best way to determine the effectiveness of any new program is to conduct a thorough evaluation. To achieve this goal, the Fourth Judicial District Court research team will employ a multi-method design. A multi-method design includes both qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis.

*Sample (Participants)*

Veterans' Court graduates and terminations with at least twelve months of "street time" will be included in the evaluation. To reach a sufficient number for analysis, the quantitative evaluation will be conducted once there is a minimum of one hundred graduates/terminations that have twelve months of "street time" post-Veterans' Court.

*Matched Sample*

Creating a matched sample for the quantitative analysis poses difficulty for this evaluation. One of the key matching variables, "veteran status", is not information that is routinely collected in MNCIS, Minnesota's court information system. Therefore, we are not able to create a matched sample of veterans who were not screened for Veterans' Court. However, we are able to create a closely matched sample by current offense, prior criminal history, age, race, and gender. Arguably, using a matched sample of similarly-situated individuals that are not known veterans may be the preferred method to assess how outcomes differ for veterans than for the general offending population.

For the qualitative analysis, participants that are eligible, screened and volunteer for Veterans' Court will be complete a survey with research staff at the point of enrollment and upon completion or termination from the court.

### Quantitative Methods:

A key outcome measurement for Veterans' Court participants is a reduction in criminal behavior and increases in pro-social activities and life stability. There are three ways to assess criminal recidivism: at the arrest level, charge level, and new convictions.

#### *Arrest*

To collect information regarding subsequent arrests for Veterans' Court participants, the research team will collect arrest information from the supervising probation officer caseloads every ninety days as part of their quarterly reports. Any reported arrest information by defendant will be included in the recidivism analysis.

#### *Charges*

A second means of assessing criminal recidivism is to examine defendants with new charges during their participation during and after Veterans' Court. The research team will search by defendant's personal party identification number, name, and birth date using MNCIS data to create a variable to assess any new charges, excluding non-alcohol related traffic offenses, during the time period of the study.

#### *Convictions*

A third means of assessing criminal recidivism are new convictions during and after Veterans' Court participation. Once again, the research team will use MNCIS data to search by defendants' personal party identification number, name, and birth date to account for charges that resulted in a sentencing decision, deemed a conviction, during the period of the study.

### Criminal Recidivism Analysis

For the criminal recidivism analysis, we will present univariate descriptive statistics on Veterans' Court participants and the matched sample. We will then present bivariate information that examines the simple correlation between Veterans' Court

participation and criminal recidivism. In addition, we will also examine the time (in days) to failure (in this case a new arrest, charge, or conviction) comparing Veterans' Court participants to the matched sample to analyze recidivism outcomes. Finally, we will conduct a multivariate event history analysis predicting the time to recidivism, controlling for Veterans' Court participation. Further, we will add Veterans' Court participation to a basic recidivism model to determine whether it has an independent effect that is distinct from offense type, prior offenses, age, gender, race and other known predictors of recidivism and desistance. In other words, we will test for common predictors of recidivism and will determine if participation in Veterans' Court helps individuals desist from criminal behavior, increases criminal behavior, or has no effect.

### ***Additional Outcomes: Pro-social Activities and Life Stability***

In addition to a reduction in criminal behavior, Veterans' Court outcome goals include increasing pro-social life activities and life stability for its participants. Because this data is not routinely collected in MNCIS, the Fourth Judicial District research team, in conjunction with the Hennepin County Community Corrections Probation Office, created an intake assessment and 90-day review reports to collect data related to participant's sobriety, mental health issues, housing, employment, family relationships, medical insurance, income, and additional social and financial supports.

#### ***Veterans Court Probation Intake Assessment***

Once a defendant is screened, approved, and volunteers to participate in Veterans' Court, the defendant will meet with a social worker from Hennepin County Community Corrections Probation department to complete an intake assessment screening. The intake assessment (see appendix C) is a comprehensive assessment that collects information relevant for probation and treatment staff to identify the defendant's needs and also establish appropriate referrals the individual needs to successfully complete Veterans' Court. In addition, the intake assessment creates a baseline for research staff and probation officers to monitor individual changes as they progress through Veterans' Court treatment phases.

The information collected on the intake assessment will be uploaded to a database managed by the Hennepin County Adult Probation Veterans' Court team. By request, the research team will be able to extract assessment information related to outcomes for the Veterans' Court evaluation plan. Because the probation team collects information by individual name and birth date, the information will be linked to the recidivism and 90-day follow-up reports to provide a comprehensive evaluation of pro-social and life stability outcomes for Veterans' Court participants.

#### *90-Day Probation Follow-Up Reports*

Using the Probation Intake/Screening as a baseline for defendants enrolled in Veterans' Court, the Fourth Judicial District research division created a 90-day follow-up questionnaire, based on the questions asked during the intake screening, to track compliance with court-mandated programs (mental and chemical health), subsequent arrest and warrant information, and also changes related to employment, housing, education and social supports. In order to collect follow-up information, the research team will send a quarterly report to the supervising probation officers to be completed for all defendants on their Veterans' Court caseload. The report will be in a spreadsheet format with drop down boxes, and probation officers can choose the answer that correlates with their client's current status.<sup>1</sup> The completed reports will be returned to the research team and the information will be matched to the intake screening and recidivism data to be used for the full evaluation.

#### *Pro-Social Activities and Life Stability Analysis*

Information collected at the intake screening and 90-day reports will be matched to the recidivism data set by the individual's person party identification number, name, and birth date. By linking this information to the criminal data set, the research team will be able to report descriptive sample characteristics related to the Veterans' Court population. In addition, the information collected on the intake assessment and 90-day

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<sup>1</sup> Due to the size of the 90-day spreadsheet, it is not attached to this evaluation design.



follow-up questionnaires create elements of interest for our recidivism study. For example, a possible key predictor of recidivism may be sobriety or medication compliance, and because we are tracking changes at an individual level over time, we will be able to assess the impact of all pro-social and life stability factors related to criminal recidivism outcomes.

### **Qualitative Methods**

The qualitative methodological design includes a survey of Veterans' Court clients at two points: enrollment in Veterans' Court (prospective) and upon either completion of or termination from Veterans' Court (retrospective). Even though a random sample is preferable, the research team will need to rely on the Veterans' Court work group to refer newly accepted individuals. We recognize that selection bias for Veteran's Court participants will occur. First, there is an assumed bias that defendants who volunteer for Veterans' Court are more motivated to change than those who do not volunteer, and second, participants that consent to a survey with research staff are "different" than individuals who refuse to participate in a survey. Because we cannot eliminate the selection-bias for this evaluation, the research team will pay close attention to the demographic characteristics of survey participants to ensure a representative sample is achieved.

#### *Prospective Surveys*

Prospective surveys will be conducted at the point of the defendant's enrollment into Veterans' Court. Probation officers and Veterans' Court staff will refer all enrolling participants to the assigned research staff to schedule a time and date for the initial survey. The survey will take place as close to the point of enrollment as possible, thus the possibility that a participant completes a survey while in custody is likely. Prior to conducting the in-person interview, a member of the research team will briefly describe the rationale for the questions and the participant will need to sign a consent form

stating they understand the purpose of the survey and that any information that is stated in the survey will not affect their current case.<sup>2</sup>

The prospective surveys include both closed-ended and open-ended questions. The main goal of the survey is to obtain the individual's anticipated outcomes and his or her current barriers and struggles to lead a law-abiding life.<sup>3</sup>

#### *Retrospective (Post) Survey*

The second survey (post-completion/termination) will re-visit the client's *anticipated* outcomes and explore successes and barriers to both the client's and the court's goals. Probation officers and Veterans' Court staff will notify the research team when a participant graduates or is terminated from the program. The post-surveys will also include closed-ended and open-ended questions. The individual's responses at the post-survey will be matched to their responses at the pre-survey to assess changes over time and individual-level feedback on the successes and challenges during their participation in Veterans' Court.

#### **Evaluation Model**

The research team created a table to summarize the goals, data to be collected, and outcome measures for Veterans' Court.<sup>4</sup> The table, outlined in Appendix D, consists of seven columns titled: Goals, Indicator, Sample, Time to Measure, Data Source, Obtained by, and Performance Goals.

*Goals:* the goals summarized in the evaluation model are the same six goals outlined on page 3 of this document.

*Indicator:* the indicator refers to what information we will collect to measure the six goals established for Veterans' Court.

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<sup>2</sup> See Appendix A for Veterans' Court Survey Consent Form.

<sup>3</sup> See Appendix B for Prospective Survey.

<sup>4</sup> See Appendix D for Evaluation Model Table.

*Sample:* the sample refers to what individuals will be included in the data collection.

*Time to Measure:* the time to measure refers to how often data will be collected on the sample and indicator listed within each goal.

*Data Source:* the data source indicates where the data is located and how we will collect the necessary information for the indicators for each goal.

*Obtained by:* this refers to the individual or party responsible for collecting and storing the data.

*Performance Goal:* the performance goal summarizes the anticipated outcome for each of the six goals for Veterans' Court.

### **Reports**

The research division will complete quarterly, 6-month, annual, and 18-month reports to be distributed to Veterans' Court committee members and the Fourth Judicial District.

## Appendix A: Enrollment Survey Consent Form

### What It Means To Participate in This Survey

**You are being invited to take part in a survey about Veterans' Court. Please read this document carefully. Feel free to ask as many questions as you like before deciding whether to participate.**

#### **Purpose of the Study**

The purpose of this survey is to help us understand your experience with both the military service and the criminal justice system. The interview questions we will ask you will help us to assist other veterans who come into contact with the criminal justice system. We are interested in talking to you about any challenges you may have faced obtaining work, housing, and/or re-establishing ties to your family and community, in light of your military and criminal justice experience.

#### **Procedures**

If you agree to take part in this survey we would like to talk with you briefly about your military experience and what life circumstances led you to the court. In addition, we're interested in what types of services you think veterans need and what the court could do to assist veterans like yourself to obtain these services? In particular, we want to find out about both your successes and some of the challenges you are facing as a veteran. We are also interested in learning about what things could help you the most to be successful and what things might have hindered your progress in achieving your life goals. In addition, we would like to conduct a follow-up survey when you complete Veterans' Court to discuss the goals you achieved and how your life has changed due to participation in Veterans' Court.

#### **Explanation of Risks & Protecting Your Privacy**

Although we do not believe the questions we are asking will be painful, we realize that reflecting on what we hoped would happen with our lives and what actually happens can often be difficult to talk about. Asking people to discuss their problems and what may be difficult prospects for the future can be emotionally painful. A comprehensive list of community resources is available upon request.

## Privacy

The consent form that you sign will **not** be attached to your survey answers; therefore, we will not be able to link your name to your specific responses. The information we collect today is confidential. It is being collected solely for the purpose of learning more about veterans' experiences with the criminal justice system and to assist us to develop surveys and questions to ask veterans like you in the future.

Your name and other identifying information will **not** be part any written material and will remain private. We will not share private information about you with anyone but members of the research team unless required by law.

## Voluntary Participation & Disclosure of Private Information

You do not have to take part in this survey. Your decision to participate in the survey is completely voluntary. Your decision **not** to participate, or to stop the survey at any time, will **not** affect your court case in any way. In addition, even if you agree to complete the survey today, you can choose **not** to participate in additional surveys in the future.

By agreeing to participate and by signing this form, you are not giving up or waiving any of your legal rights. You are simply agreeing to participate in a survey, with the knowledge that you can stop the survey at any time.

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Participant Signature	Date	Research Staff	Date

*****Research Staff*****
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format (survey initials-survey number-year: example, ss-012010)	
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Assigned Unique Identifier	(be sure to write the unique identifier at the top of the survey!)

## **List of Community Resources**

### **Greater Twin Cities United Way**

First Call for Help is a 24 hour, comprehensive Information & Referral service providing assistance to callers in the metro area for health and human services. FCFH provides a link to over 3,000 agencies and over 25,000 programs. All calls are free and confidential.

Dial 211 or 612-335-5000

### **Hennepin County Veterans Services**

Government Center (Minneapolis)

612-348-3300

### **Minnesota Crisis Hotlines**

Crisis Line & Referral Service  
1-800462-5525

Listening Ear Crisis Center  
1-800854-9001

### **Mental Health**

#### **National Alliance on Mental Illness-Minnesota (NAMI)**

##### ***Family & Individual Support Groups***

NAMI-MN offers a number of support groups for family members and for people with mental illnesses throughout the state. NAMI also offers free education classes for family members. The Family-to-Family class is a twelve-week class taught by trained family members. This course teaches families the skills needed to help their loved one. Hope for Recovery is a one-day workshop that teaches families about brain biology, treatments and recovery.

Call for times and locations at 651-645-2948 or 1-888-473-0237.

##### ***Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of MN (CSN/MN)***

The Consumer Survivor Network offers support and WRAP programs for individuals with mental illness throughout the state. WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action

Plan) helps people monitor, reduce, modify, change or eliminate distressing symptoms through planned responses. WRAP enables people with psychiatric illness to understand what it is like when they are functioning at their best and most stable quality of life and to formulate a wellness plan from that perspective.

Metro East 651-637-2800

Metro West 612-789-9598

Toll-free 1-800-483-2007

***CSN also offers a consumer-operated phone support network called Warm Lines.***

The Warm Lines support, listen, chat, empower, inform and refer.

Twin Cities Area 651-637-2800

Outside the Metro Area 1-800-484-2007

### ***Emotions Anonymous International***

12-step program for people suffering from emotional or mental illness.

St. Paul, MN

651-647-9712

### **Chemical Health**

#### ***Alcoholics Anonymous***

Minneapolis & Suburban Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous

7204 West 27th Street Suite 113 St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Phone: (952) 922-0880 Fax: (952) 922-1061

Website: <http://www.aaminneapolis.org>

E-mail: [info@aaminneapolis.org](mailto:info@aaminneapolis.org)

St. Paul Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous

Spruce Tree Center 1600 W. University Suite 407 St. Paul, MN 55104

Phone: (651) 227-5502 Fax: (651) 290-0209

Website: <http://www.aastpaul.org>

E-mail: [postmaster@aastpaul.org](mailto:postmaster@aastpaul.org)

### ***Narcotics Anonymous***

Minnesota Statewide Information Hotline for Narcotics Anonymous  
*Toll free for 218, 507, 320 and 715 area codes*  
1877-767-7676

Minneapolis and St. Paul Area  
*Twin Cities Metro Area*  
952-939-3939

### **Housing**

#### ***Catholic Charities of St. Paul & Minneapolis***

Catholic Charities provides a variety of housing options for low-income individuals and homeless in the Minneapolis and St. Paul Area.

1200 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55403

612-664-8500

#### ***Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans***

Ph. 612-726-9375

To provide/coordinate preventive, transitional & permanent housing & supportive services for veterans who are experiencing homelessness or who are in danger of becoming homeless & who are motivated toward positive change.

#### ***People Serving People***

614 South Third Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415. Ph. 612-332-4500

People Serving People is a temporary homeless shelter that serves men and woman, and unaccompanied youth. They have supportive housing programs and case managers to assist with housing needs.

### **Social Services**

#### ***Front Door Access Ph. 612-348-4111***

Any questions about *Social Services*

- Information and Referral
- Developmental Disability Services



- Children's Mental Health
- Adult Behavioral Health (Mental and Chemical Health)
- And more!

***Front Door Access for Support Services Ph. 612-596-1300 (Century Plaza)***

- Cash / Food / Financial Assistance
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Diversionary Work Program (DWP)
- Minnesota Supplemental Assistance (MSA)
- General Assistance (GA)
- Emergency Assistance (EA)
- Food Support (Food Stamps)
- Health Care Assistance
- Medicaid (Medical Assistance)
- General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC)

## Appendix B: Prospective Survey

### Veterans' Court Enrollment Survey Description

The purpose of this interview is to help us understand your experience with both the military service and the criminal justice system. The interview questions we will ask you will help us to assist other Veterans who come in contact with the criminal justice system. We are interested in talking to you about the challenge of obtaining work, housing and establishing ties to your family and community, in light of your military and criminal justice experience.

#### Living Situation:

- 1) Where are you currently living? (probe for who they live with, permanent, temporary, how long, etc.)

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- 2) Based on where you currently live, is this a positive environment for you?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 2a. If no, what would you like to change about your current living situation ?

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- 3) Do you have plans to move in the next few months?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

- 3a. If you are thinking of moving, what are some of the things that are making it difficult for you to find suitable housing?

☐ Money ☐ Lack of Available Housing ☐ Criminal Record ☐ Neighborhood

☐ Transportation to current housing ☐ Other

- 3b. If other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Criminal Justice Involvement

4) Prior to your military service, were you ever involved in the criminal justice system?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4a. If yes, when and what for? (provide dates and description): \_\_\_\_\_

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5) (if answer NO to question above) You stated that you did not have any involvement with the criminal justice system prior to your military experience, did your involvement with the criminal justice system start after your military experience?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes (or unsure), please explain:

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6) Why did you choose to volunteer for Veterans' Court? (explore for reasons such as desire to change, better sentencing option, family, employment, housing, support, etc.)

- ☐ My PO said I should do it ☐ A judge recommended it ☐ My lawyer said I should do it  
☐ To avoid jail/prison ☐ To get into a treatment program ☐ My family encouraged me  
☐ To renew broken relationships ☐ To get sober ☐ To seek help for my mental health issues  
☐ Other (if other checked please write in why below)

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### Current Life Struggles

- 7) Are you currently struggling with any of the following issues? ☐ mental health ☐  
chemical health ☐ medical ☐ family ☐ employment ☐ life circumstances  
(housing, finances, medical) ☐ Other

\*\*\*\*\*For each area they indicate that they are experiencing issues-ask the following questions\*\*\*\*\*

- 8) You stated that answer from question (write in issue) is a current struggle you are experiencing; did this play a role in your current court case?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

8a. If yes, can you briefly describe what you mean?

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- 9) **Prior** to your military service, did you experience state issue indicated above?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

- 10) Can you tell me a little bit more about the onset of these issues?

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\*\*\*\*\*REPEAT QUESTIONS FOR EACH CHECKED LIFE ISSUE\*\*\*\*\*

11) You stated that answer from question (write in issue) is a current struggle you are experiencing; did this play a role in your current court case?

☐ Yes ☐ No

11a. If yes, can you briefly describe what you mean?

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12) **Prior** to your military service, did you experience state issue indicated above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13) Can you tell me a little bit more about the onset of these issues?

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\*\*\*\*\*REPEAT QUESTIONS FOR EACH CHECKED LIFE ISSUE\*\*\*\*\*

14) You stated that answer from question (write in issue) is a current struggle you are experiencing; did this play a role in your current court case?

☐ Yes ☐ No

14a. If yes, can you briefly describe what you mean?

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15) **Prior** to your military service, did you experience state issue indicated above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

16) Can you tell me a little bit more about the onset of these issues?

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\*\*\*\*\*REPEAT QUESTIONS FOR EACH CHECKED LIFE ISSUE\*\*\*\*\*

17) You stated that answer from question (write in issue) is a current struggle you are experiencing; did this play a role in your current court case?

☐ Yes ☐ No

17a. If yes, can you briefly describe what you mean?

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18) **Prior** to your military service, did you experience state issue indicated above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

19) Can you tell me a little bit more about the onset of these issues?

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\*\*\*\*\*REPEAT QUESTIONS FOR EACH CHECKED LIFE ISSUE\*\*\*\*\*

20) You stated that answer from question (write in issue) is a current struggle you are experiencing; did this play a role in your current court case?

☐ Yes ☐ No

20a. If yes, can you briefly describe what you mean?

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21) **Prior** to your military service, did you experience state issue indicated above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

22) Can you tell me a little bit more about the onset of these issues?

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\*\*\*\*\*REPEAT QUESTIONS FOR EACH CHECKED LIFE ISSUE\*\*\*\*\*

23) You stated that answer from question (write in issue) is a current struggle you are experiencing; did this play a role in your current court case?

☐ Yes ☐ No

23a. If yes, can you briefly describe what you mean?

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24) **Prior** to your military service, did you experience state issue indicated above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

25) Can you tell me a little bit more about the onset of these issues?

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**Treatment-If person identifies they have a CD issue**

**Community CD Programs**

- 26) An important component of Veterans' Court would be to remain sober, and Veterans' court will require random urinary analysis tests and possibly chemical health treatment. Do you feel it will be helpful to you to become involved in treatment groups as part of a court order?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 27) Are you currently attending any type of community programs, such as 12-step (AA, NA) or for your chemical dependency issues?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 28) If yes, what is the particular program?

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- 29) How long have you been involved with this program?

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29a. Is this a program that you would like to continue while you participate in Veterans' Court?

☐ Yes ☐ No



29b. Why is this particular program helpful to you?

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30) Do you have a 12-step sponsor and/or mentor?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Chemical Dependency Treatment (not AA/NA, etc.-clinical outpatient/inpatient)**

31) Are you currently attending any type of chemical dependency treatment-either outpatient or inpatient in a clinical setting?

☐ Yes ☐ No

32) If yes, what is the particular program?

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33) How long have you been involved with this program?

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33a. Is this a program that you would like to continue while you participate in Veterans' Court?

☐ Yes ☐ No

33b. Why is this particular program helpful to you?

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**Support Systems**

34) Do you feel you have people in your life that you can count on to support you?

☐ Yes ☐ No

34a. Can you briefly describe to me these people and how they support you?

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35) As part of Veterans' Court, they will match you with a mentor. Do you feel it would be helpful to have a mentor in your life?

☐ Yes, definitely   ☐ Maybe, not sure   ☐ Only because it is court appointed   ☐ No

36) Describe what a "good" mentor would be like for you.

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37) How do you think this mentor will help you throughout your time in Veterans' Court?

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### Employment

38) Are you currently employed?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

38a. If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

38b. How long have you worked at your current position? \_\_\_\_\_

39) Do you have other employment goals during your time in Veterans' Court. Please explain?

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40) (If not working) Where was the last place you worked?

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41) How long did you work there?

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42) Why did you leave?

- ☐ Fired/Terminated   ☐ Lay off   ☐ Found New Job   ☐ Not enough hours   ☐ Quit  
☐ Job was not available upon return from service   ☐ Loss job due to court involvement

### Education

43) Are you currently in school or a job training program?

- ☐ Yes, school   ☐ Yes, job training program   ☐ Yes, both   ☐ No

44) What is the name of the school/program you are attending?

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45) How long have you been attending school/program?

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46) When do you expect to graduate or finish your job training program?

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47) What type of job will you be applying for? \_\_\_\_\_

### Family/Friends/Relationships:

48) Do you believe your family and friends will be supportive of your participation in Veterans Court? If so, why? If not, why?

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49) How often do you see your family members and relatives?

- ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Couple times a month ☐ monthly ☐ every few months  
☐ few times a year ☐ not often

50) Describe how your **military experience** affected your relationships with family, friends, and significant others.

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51) Describe how your **chemical and/or mental health** issues have affected your current relationships with family, friends and significant others.

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52) How did your **current criminal justice** involvement affect your relationships with family, friends, and significant others.

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53) Would you say that a major concern you have is about rebuilding relationships with your family, friends and significant others?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

43b. If yes, what are some of your concerns?

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**MENTAL HEALTH SECTION (only if they mentioned prior mental health issues in 4d)**

54) Are you currently in any type of treatment for your MH issues?

☐ Yes ☐ No

55) If yes, where and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

56) Are you currently taking any medications? ☐ Yes ☐ No

57) Did you experience these problems prior to your experience in the military?

☐ Yes ☐ No

58) Can you explain a little more about the onset? \_\_\_\_\_

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59) Another key component of Veterans' Court is to receive services for any mental health problems you may be experiencing? Do you feel this would be helpful to you?

☐ Yes, definitely ☐ Maybe, not sure ☐ Only because it is court appointed ☐ No

60) Are you currently receiving any benefits from the VA?

☐ (If yes) Specifically what VA benefits?(housing, medical, case management, etc)?

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☐ (If no) Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Future Goals:**

61) What do you think Veteran's Court will most likely help you with?

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62) What are some of the struggles that Veterans face that court personnel and other people working with Veterans should be aware of?

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**63)** What are some of the positives things that Veterans' court could do to assist you?

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**64)** Describe two goals that you have for yourself in the next 30 days.

- a. 

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- b. 

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**65)** What steps do you need to reach these goals?

- a. 

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- b. 

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**66)** Are there any issues you believe will make it hard to achieve these goals?

- a. 

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- b. 

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- c. 

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**67)** Thinking about when you complete Veterans' Court, what three things do you think will be better in your life?

- a. 

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- b. 

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- c. 

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**68)** How will Veteran's court help you achieve these goals?

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Thank you for your time and willingness to answer these questions. Upon completing Veterans Court, I will be asking if you wish to participate in another voluntary survey.

## Appendix C: Veterans' Court Probation Intake/Screening

### VETERANS' COURT PROBATION INTAKE / SCREENING

Date of Referral: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_(mm/dd/yy) Intake Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SILS Person Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Demographic Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Homeless: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Hennepin County Resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Housing Status: ☐ Independent ☐ Adult Child w/ Parents ☐ W/ Friends ☐ Adult Foster Care  
☐ Corporate Adult Foster Care ☐ Homeless - Transient ☐ Homeless - Shelter ☐ Homeless - Hospital  
☐ State Hospital ☐ Jail/Workhouse ☐ Nursing Home ☐ Board & Lodge ☐ IRTS ☐ Other

Client Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: ☐ Married/Living with Spouse ☐ Married/Separated w/o legal action ☐ Legally separated  
☐ Divorced ☐ Single/Never Married ☐ Widow ☐ Not Married/Living with significant other  
☐ Other ☐ Unknown

Race: ☐ Black or African American ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Caucasian  
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ Asian ☐ Other ☐ Multi-Racial ☐ Unknown

Origin of Birth: ☐ In MN ☐ Outside MN ☐ Outside Continental US ☐ Unknown

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic ☐ Not Hispanic ☐ Transgender Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐

Referring Agent (Agency) if more than one referent, check the primary one

<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Court Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Judge/Magistrate/Specialty Court Judge
<input type="checkbox"/> Police/Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> District Attorney's Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Jail Mental Health Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Probation
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Defender's Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Court Officials
<input type="checkbox"/> Defense Attorney (Private)	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Citizen/Family Member(s)

☐ Community Mental Health  
☐ Competency Examination Order

☐ Self-Referral  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Most Serious Current Criminal Charge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MINCIS: 27 – CR –** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Current Criminal Charges:** \_\_\_\_\_ Misd \_\_\_\_\_ GM \_\_\_\_\_ F

**Major Mental Disorder:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**Chemical Dependency Issues:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**Primary Axis I Diagnosis (If known):**

*Please circle actual code if known*

☐ Schizophrenia:  
295.20 Catatonic Type  
295.10 Disorganized Type  
295.30 Paranoid Type  
295.60 Residual Type  
295.90 Undifferentiated Type  
295.40 Schizophreniform Disorder  
301.22 Schizotypal Personality Disorder

☐ Schizoaffective Disorder: 295.70

☐ Psychotic Disorder NOS: 298.9

☐ Major Depression:  
296.2X Single Episode  
296.3X Recurrent

☐ Bipolar Disorder  
296.5X Bipolar I Disorder, Most Recent Episode Depressed  
296.4X Bipolar I Disorder, Most Recent Episode Manic  
296.6X Bipolar I Disorder, Most Recent Episode Mixed  
296.0X Bipolar I Disorder, Single Manic Episode  
296.89 Bipolar II Disorder

☐ Mood Disorder NOS: 296.90

☐ Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: 309.81

☐ Cognitive Disorder NOS: 294.9

☐ Pervasive Developmental Disorder NOS: 299.80  
(i.e. Developmental Disability)

☐ Traumatic Brain Injury: V80.01

☐ Other

**\*\*\*Screener\*\*\***

Has this been verified:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, by whom

**Does the client have a known GAF:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Substance Abuse Problems:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

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Corris: OPEN \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CLOSED



**Veterans' Court**  
**Date of Referral Disposition: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)**

- ☐ **Accepted for Veterans' Court**
- ☐ Defendant enrolled in Veterans' Court
  - ☐ Defendant DID NOT ENROLL in Veterans' Court  
(check only one)
    - ☐ Defendant declined to enroll
    - ☐ Defendant could not be found
    - ☐ Defendant was not stable
    - ☐ Defendant homeless
    - ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ **Defendant Opted out of Consideration**

- ☐ **Rejected for Veterans' Court**
- ☐ Ineligible because of current criminal charges or past criminal history
  - ☐ District Attorney's office declined
  - ☐ Public Defender's office or private defense declined
  - ☐ Judge declined
  - ☐ Probation declined
  - ☐ Mental health providers declined
  - ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Unknown

- ☐ **Acceptance Deferred (unable to participate in court process)**
- ☐ Defendant hospitalized for mental health issues
  - ☐ Defendant currently in inpatient chemical dependency treatment/ Hospital Detox
  - ☐ Defendant not competent
  - ☐ Rule 20.01 or 20.02 (please circle) ordered: ☐ Competent ☐ Not Competent
  - ☐ Rule 25 ordered/Chemical Health Assessment

- ☐ **N/A: the referral was neither accepted nor rejected form Veterans' Court (i.e. Case Dismissed).**

**If accepted, assigned supervision to:**

☐ G, Webster

☐ C. Decker

☐ Other

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## Client Profile

### Veterans Status

**Ever Served in the Armed Services:** ☐ Yes - Current ☐ Yes - Past ☐ No

If yes, what Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served overseas: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what conflict: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you serve during wartime or combat?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Briefly described your position/station: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a DD214:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ Can't Find

**Do you Have VA medical Benefits:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, what benefits do you receive? ☐ (benefit type) ☐ (benefit type) ☐ benefit type)

**Would you like to know more about your benefits:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Source of Income:

☐ **Employment:** ☐ Full Time: benefit earning ☐ Full Time: non-benefit earning ☐ Part Time: benefit earning  
☐ Part Time: non-benefit earning ☐ Temp ☐ Cash ☐ N/A

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ For How Long: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SSI ☐ SSDI ☐ Unemployment Benefits ☐ GA ☐ VA Benefits ☐ MFIP ☐ None

Monthly Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever applied for SSI/SSDI:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**On SSI/SSDI 30 days prior to MHC entry:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undetermined Status ☐ N/A

### **Reason for receiving SSI/SSDI:**

☐ Physical  
☐ Mental ( Due to:  
☐ MI

- ☐ Cognitive
- ☐ Developmental
- ☐ TBI/Physical disability)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you receive food stamps:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Do you have child support payments:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

**Medical Insurance:**

**Do you have medical insurance:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, what type: ☐ MN Care ☐ Private HMO ☐ GMAC ☐ MA ☐ VA ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Did you have medical insurance 30 days prior to Veterans' Court:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Have you applied for medical assistance or MN Care:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education (highest grade completed):**

- ☐ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade or Less
- ☐ 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ☐ 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ☐ 11<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ☐ High School Graduate/GED

- ☐ Some Post High School Education
- ☐ Technical/2 Year Degree
- ☐ 4 Year Degree
- ☐ Post Graduate Degree
- ☐ Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

## Current Case Information/Criminal History

### Current Offense (most serious) Court Case Point of Entry Veterans' Court:

☐

Felony

☐

Gross Misdemeanor

☐

Misdemeanor

Case Number: 27-CR-\_\_\_\_\_

### Offense Category:

☐

Theft

☐

Burglary

☐

Fraud

☐

Property Damage

☐

Receiving Stolen Property

☐

Assault

☐

Domestic Assault

☐

Violate OFP

☐

Terroristic Threats

☐

Drugs

☐

DWI

☐

DL non DWI

☐

Community Violation

☐

Prostitution

☐

Fleeing

☐

Interference with 911

☐

Disorderly Conduct

☐

Obstruction

☐

Weapons

☐

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Prior Convictions: \_\_\_\_\_ Felony \_\_\_\_\_ GM \_\_\_\_\_ Misdemeanor

### Are you currently on probation/parole with Hennepin County:

☐

Yes

☐

No

PO: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Have you been on probation/parole with Hennepin County in the past:

☐

Yes

☐

No

PO: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense(s): \_\_\_\_\_

PO: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Are you currently on probation/parole with another county:

☐

Yes

☐

No

PO: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Have you ever spent time in jail or prison?:

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, when and why: \_\_\_\_\_

### What have your past experience on probation been like for you:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you even been convicted of the following:**

Sex Crime: ☐ Yes ☐ No Offense: \_\_\_\_\_

Assault: ☐ Yes ☐ No Offense: \_\_\_\_\_

Loss of life: ☐ Yes ☐ No Offense: \_\_\_\_\_

**Social/Family History:**

Significant other: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

**Under Guardianship:** ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, who: \_\_\_\_\_

**Adoption History:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**Social Services History in Childhood:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown  
(Foster Care, Child Protection, etc)

**History of Early Childhood Trauma:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown  
(Abuse: Physical/Sexual/Neglect)

**Mental Health History**

**Have you ever been diagnosed with or received help for a mental health or emotional problem:**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, what is your primary diagnosis:**

- ☐ Schizophrenia
- ☐ Bipolar Disorder
- ☐ Schizoaffective Disorder
- ☐ Depression
- ☐ PTSD
- ☐ Chemical Health
- ☐ Other(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**History of Anxiety Disorder:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown  
(Panic Dx, OCD, PTSD, General Anxiety)

**\*\*\*Screeener Only\*\*\* Observed Features of Personality Disorder?:**

☐ Not Observed ☐ Observed Diagnosis ☐ Documented: Antisocial ☐ Documented: Borderline Personality Disorder  
☐ Documented: Narcissistic ☐ Documented: Other \_\_\_\_\_

**When did you received the diagnosis:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently receiving mental health treatment in the community:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, where:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Outpatient psychiatrist at Veterans' Court entry:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**When is your next scheduled appointment with your psychiatrist:** \_\_\_\_\_

**When was the last time you saw your psychiatrist:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Outpatient therapist at Veterans' Court entry:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**When is your next scheduled appointment with your therapist:** \_\_\_\_\_

**When was the last time you saw your therapist:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Screeener Only\*\*\***

Is the client currently in custody: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you receiving mental health treatment (including medication) in the jail?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

**Are you currently taking any medications:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If no, how long have you been off your medications:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, what are you taking:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any medication at home:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes, how much: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you need help finding a psychiatrist :** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Do you current receive case management services for mental health, developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Case manager name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever received case management services:** ☐ Never ☐ Prior History ☐ Current

If case management has been received please indicate the type:

☐ Front Door Service Planner ☐ Behavioral Health ☐ Dev Disabilities  
☐ Community Case Management ☐ ACT ☐ Info not Available

**Do you currently or have you ever received community support (ARMHS, SILS, PCA):**

☐ Never ☐ Prior History ☐ Current

**Do you currently or have you ever received ACT services:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Number of pre-petition screenings in MN (include current):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Known number of pre-petition screenings outside MN:** \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of prior competency evaluations in MN (include current):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Known umber of prior competency evaluations outside MN:** \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of prior civil commitments (at Veterans' Court entry) in MN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Known number of prior civil commitments ever:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been hospitalized for mental health or emotional problems:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date	Facility	Reason for Hospitalization

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Number of verified prior mental health hospitalizations?: \_\_\_\_\_

### Substance / Chemical Use

Are you currently using any substances/alcohol: ☐ Yes ☐ No

What are you using: \_\_\_\_\_

How often: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a history of substance/alcohol use: ☐ Yes ☐ No

What were you using: \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have a history of substance/alcohol use prior to your service in the Armed Forces?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

\*\*\*Screener Only \*\*\*Substance Abuse (30 Days Prior):

☐ Abusing ☐ Dependent ☐ At Risk ☐ In Remission ☐ No Identifiable Problem

Within the Past 12 Months:

Substance of Use - Alcohol:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Substance of Use - Cocaine/Crack:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown



**Substance of Use - Marijuana:**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**Substance of Use - Methamphetamines:**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**Substance of Use - Heroin:**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**Substance of Use - Prescription Medications:**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**Substance of Use - Inhalants:**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**Chemical Health Diagnosis at MHC Entry:**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**Do you feel that your substance or alcohol use is a problem:**

☐ Yes ☐ No

\*\*\*Screener Only\*\*\*

Substance Use Problem:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**Have you**

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_

**ever had a Rule 25:**

**Have you ever received alcohol or other drug treatment:**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Number of Prior CD Treatments:**

Inpatient: \_\_\_\_\_

Outpatient: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Provider	Type	Completed?
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## Physical Health

**Do you have any known physical health issues:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, what are the issues: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been hospitalized for a physical/medical problem (exclude psychiatric):**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, for what: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this physical issue a result of your service in the Armed Forces?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

**History of Major/Medical Illness:**

*(Excludes psychiatric illness. Includes history of Cancer, Liver/Kidney Disease, Auto-Immune Disorder, Multiple Sclerosis, Brain Tumor, Stroke, HIV/AIDS)*

☐ Yes ☐ No /Not Observed

**Ambulatory Issues:**

☐ Yes ☐ No /Not Observed

**Hearing Impairment/Deafness:**

☐ Yes ☐ No /Not Observed

**Significant Visual Impairment/Blind:**

☐ Yes ☐ No /Not Observed

**History of Substance Induced Psychiatric Symptom:**

*(anxious, psychotic, manic, depressed)*

☐ Yes ☐ No /Not Observed

**History of Organic Brain Syndrome (Occ. of Medical Event Impacting the Brain):**

☐ No/Undocumented

☐ TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury)

☐ Dementia

☐ Alzheimer's

☐ Other Medical Condition

☐ Unknown

**Screeners: Has this been verified?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**History of Seizure Disorder:**

☐ Yes, HX of Seizure/s ☐ Yes, Documented Seizure Disorder ☐ No/Undocumented

**History of Developmental Disorder (include R/O Diagnosis):**

☐ Mental Retardation, Mild ☐ Mental Retardation, Severe

☐ Aspergers/Autism/PDD ☐ Congenital Abnormality causing cognitive problems

**History of Pre-Natal Exposure to Alcohol/Drugs (include R/O Diagnosis):**

☐ Yes, Hx of FAE/FAS ☐ Yes, known exp to Alcohol/drugs ☐ No/Undocumented

## Screeners Observations / Impressions

**What is your perception of client's disability (physical/MI/CD):**

- ☐ Not Observed
- ☐ Minimal
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Chronic

**Perception of pro-social attitudes such as positive social support and management of mental health:**

- ☐ Not Observed
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Good

**Perception of pro-social attitudes such as positive social support and management of chemical health issues:**

- ☐ Not Observed
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Good

**Perception of barriers to probation adjustment (lack of motivation, affiliation w/ negative peer group, few supports such as daily activities/work, etc)::**

- ☐ Not Observed
- ☐ Mild
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Severe

**Perception of anti-social cognitive pattern (antagonism, blaming, privileged self regard, power orientation, egocentrism):**

- ☐ Not Observed
- ☐ Mild
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Severe

**Perception of irrational thinking style (subjective, disorganized, reinforce immediate gratification):**

- ☐ Not Observed
- ☐ Mild
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Severe

**Observation of vulnerability:**

- ☐ Not Observed
- ☐ Mild
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Severe

**Positive pro-social attachments (supportive connections with family, friends, nurse, social worker, etc):** ☐ Yes ☐ No \_\_\_\_\_ (est. number)

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### Needs/ Referrals

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Insurance    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSI                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment           | <input type="checkbox"/> Case management    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic assistance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 25 assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VA Benefit Screening | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____       |

### Verification / Release Plan Consent

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize Hennepin County Veterans Court Probation and Social Workers to contact any of the providers listed in the document in order to verify my residency, income, mental health and substance abuse history, Further, I understand that Hennepin County Veterans' Court staff may release the information from this interview, in addition to any information collected from the providers, to the Hennepin County Veterans' Court, all departments of Hennepin County and Hennepin County providers for the purposes of making decision regarding my custody status and eligibility for court and social services. Lastly, I acknowledge that Hennepin County Veterans' Court services have been explained to me and that I agree to participate in such services if/when order by the Court and released from custody.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Appendix D: Evaluation Model

Goals	Indicator (measurement)	Sample	Time to Measure (how often, etc)	Data Source	Obtained by	Performance Goal (What is the anticipated outcome?)
Reduce criminal recidivism	Subsequent charges and convictions	All Veterans' Court participants.	6 months, 1 year, 18 months, then annually.	MNCIS (charge and conviction data), CORRIS-arrest data.	Shelly Schaefer, District Court Research Staff (DCRS).	___% reduction compared to national and state averages. Comparison groups: recidivism rates of drug, DWI, and mental health court participants, and a matched sample.
Facilitate participant sobriety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCRAM</li> <li>• Ignition Interlock,</li> <li>• Drug Alcohol testing (including ETG, urinary analysis),</li> <li>• Medication Compliance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SCRAM data:</b> all screened and diagnosed w/CD issue.</li> <li>• <b>Ignition Interlock:</b> All screened and diagnosed with a CD issue</li> <li>• <b>Drug Alcohol:</b> All Veterans Court participants</li> <li>• <b>Medication compliance:</b> All participants taking psychiatric/drug withdrawal medication.</li> </ul>	Quarterly	POs will access data using CORRIS and probation records to report data quarterly using a spreadsheet designed by the research staff to track sobriety/medication results.	Probation (results) and Shelly Schaefer, DCRS.	___% reduction in positive drug/alcohol tests compared to national averages and state averages.
Increase compliance with treatment and other court ordered conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retention Rates</li> <li>• Treatment and Aftercare Attendance</li> <li>• Appearances at Judicial Reviews</li> <li>• Probation Attendance</li> <li>• Attendance at self-help, community, or other court ordered treatment (if applicable)</li> </ul>	All Veterans' Court Participants	Quarterly	POs will access data using CORRIS and probation records to report data quarterly using a spreadsheet designed by the research staff to track indicator results.	Probation (results) and Shelly Schaefer, DCRS.	Percents and frequencies for each indicator will be reported for the entire sample. Percents and Frequencies can be compared to other specialty courts in the Fourth Judicial District.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychiatric Services (if applicable)</li> <li>• Medication Compliance (if applicable)</li> </ul>					
<b>Improve access to VA benefits and services</b>	<p>Number of participants with VA benefits prior and after enrollment in Veterans Court (participant self-reported).</p> <p>Ease of Access to Veterans' benefits (if applicable-self reported).</p>	All Veterans' Court participants.	Quarterly	Self-reported on Enrollment and Post-Completion/Termination Surveys	DCRS	<p>Increase in VA enrollments for eligible clients.</p> <p>Increase in client reports regarding ease of access and understanding of VA benefits.</p>
<b>Improve Family Relationships and Social Support Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentor program</li> <li>• Completion of Individual need-based parenting, family, and/or relationship treatment/program s.</li> </ul>	All Veterans' Court participants.	<p>Upon voluntary acceptance to Veterans court (prospective outcomes)</p> <p>Completion/Termination of Veterans' Court (retrospective outcomes).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mentor Program:</b> both quantitative and qualitative data will be collected to evaluate the mentor program. Quantitative results include number of Veterans Court participants assigned and matched to a mentor. Qualitative results (prospective and retrospective surveys) collected by DCRS evaluating satisfaction, and individual impact of mentor relationship.</li> <li>• <b>Completion of treatment/community programs:</b> both quantitative and qualitative data will be collected to evaluate</li> </ul>	Lori Swenson (intake assessment survey), and District Court Research Staff.	<p><b>Mentor Program:</b> 100% match of mentors to all Veterans' Court participants. Clients report that mentor relationship met their needs and supported their community reintegration.</p> <p>Completion rates of treatment/community programs.</p>



				<p>court-ordered treatment (internal and external) programs. Quantitative results will include completion/rates for individual treatment programs. Qualitative results (prospective and retrospective surveys) collected by DCRS to evaluate anticipated and actual outcomes and impact of treatment on community reintegration.</p>		
<p><b>Improve Life Stability</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clients living in or obtained stable housing.</li> <li>• Enrollment and/or completion of supportive employment programs.</li> <li>• Educational Training.</li> <li>• Social Services</li> <li>• Family Relationships</li> </ul>	<p>All Veterans' Court participants.</p>	<p>Upon voluntary acceptance to Veterans court (prospective outcomes)</p> <p>Completion/Termination of Veterans' Court (retrospective outcomes).</p>	<p>POs will access data using CORRIS and probation records to report data quarterly using a spreadsheet designed by the research staff to track indicator results.</p> <p>Qualitative surveys pre/post will evaluate the impact of programming on the individual's community reintegration and subsequent court or non-court involvement.</p>	<p>Probation Officers, Lori Swenson, and District Court Research Staff.</p>	<p>Increase in the number of clients with stable housing, employment, education, and social services prior to their Veterans' Court involvement. Reports of programs that are most frequently recognized as having a positive impact on their life.</p>

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