EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH COURT

*Presiding Judge***:** *Hearing Dates*: Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.

Honorable Judge Bita Yeager Courtroom 12C, Regional Justice Center

The Mental Health Court is intended for chronic thought and/or mood disordered individuals who struggle to stay out of the criminal justice system due to a lack of adequate supports in the community. To be eligible for the Mental Health Court, participants **must** have a documented history of a serious and persistent mental illness, most commonly **Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, or Bipolar Disorder.**

# Benefits to Participants:

* Mental health counseling • Medication stabilization;
* Substance abuse counseling • Incentives for goal accomplishment
* Residential placement (as appropriate); • Targeted case management

# For Treatment, Participants Must Participate In:

* Counseling sessions • Medication management
* Case management • Residential placement (as appropriate)
* Probation supervision (GM/Felony only) • Random drug testing (as appropriate)
* Regular court reviews

# Target Population:

* Individuals with clinical documentation of a SMI diagnosis, such as clinical assessments, psychiatric evaluations or psychosocial assessments
* Individuals with a history of hospitalizations related to auditory and/or visual hallucinations, psychosis, and/or mood instability
* Individuals with a history of treatment services related to mental health services, such as medication management, individual counseling, and outpatient treatment
* Individuals whose symptoms are primarily driven by mental illness, and not substance abuse
* Individuals who are determined to have high risk factors for recidivism as determined by a risk assessment

*Cost:* Clark County Specialty Courts pays for program requirements subject to insurance reimbursements.

Clients are expected to contribute to living expenses once they have obtained stable income.

*Length:* Average program length is anticipated to be 15-24 months, subject to participation and compliance.

*Providers:* SNAMHS, UNLV Medicine Mojave Counseling, Healthy Minds

*Referrals:* Complete Mental Health Court Application and submit to SpecialtyCourts@clarkcountycourts.us . Be sure to include medical records with documented evidence of a previously diagnosed serious mental illness.

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