

## SEVIER COUNTY DRUG COURT TREATMENT PROGRAM HANDBOOK

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**The Mission of the Sevier County Drug Court Program is:** *To promote a safe, stable, and healthy community by helping people overcome substance abuse.*

**The Vision is:** *To provide a structured program to break the cycle of substance abuse and crime and to instill hope for a bright future.*

**The Goals for participants are:** *To achieve long term sobriety, to develop and maintain healthy relationships, to become productive citizens, to lead crime-free lives, to maintain stable living conditions, to achieve improved emotional stability, and to develop healthy self-esteem.*

The Sevier County Drug Court treatment program is a 12-36 month (depending on personal progress) treatment program for male and female substance abusers who have been charged with a substance related felony. There is a 3-12 month aftercare program that will need to be completed. Court probation will continue for 36 months from the date of the plea agreement. Felonies will not be dismissed until the participant has successfully completed court probation.

While in the Drug Court program, the participant agrees to tell any law enforcement officer with whom the person has contact that he/she is in the Drug Court program. The participant agrees to call in daily, 7 days per week, to 896-4214, extension 194 to listen to the recording to see if he/she has to come in to do a urinalysis that day. The recording will give a list of colors representing clients who are to appear for testing at 255 South Main Street, Richfield. Each participant will be assigned a color that he/she needs to remember. He/she will keep that color for the duration of his/her time in the Drug Court program. Failure to appear during the specified timeframe will be considered a dirty UA and there will be a sanction. The participant agrees to submit to random searches of his/her person, vehicle and residence and random and regular testing urine, blood and breath at the discretion of the therapist, the case manager, the Department of Corrections, the County Attorney or the court.

Participants are assigned a therapist and a case manager. The participant is responsible for providing documentation that he/she has completed each requirement to his/her therapist or case manager. He/she is required to sign an agreement that outlines participation requirements, legal rights and consequences. The Court has discretion to modify the terms of the participant's plea agreement to restrict the participant's condition of employment and residence, including curfew and people with whom the participant associates with. The participant agrees to maintain a drug and alcohol free residence.

### **Drug Court Groups/Meeting Attendance Requirements**

Through the Recovery Planning process, the therapist and the participant determines the appropriate Level of treatment involvement. Each participant is asked to complete assignments as deemed appropriate. Each group member is required to complete a 12 week Family Support Group. As the participant makes progress, the Level of treatment participation will gradually decline.

**Meetings will be recorded during Behavior Management Appointments.**

**Meetings will include:**

- (1) Treatment will include substance abuse groups or other individual or group treatment through Central Utah Counseling Center (CUCC).
- (2) Clients are encouraged to attend community support groups. Community support groups include a variety of meetings.

Ask your therapist for a list of groups available through CUCC and lists of community meetings.

**The following list of substances ARE PROHIBITED in the drug court program:**

Illicit drugs	alcohol	inhalants	opiates
benzodiazepines	barbiturates	ketamine	ultram (tramadol)
spice or salvia	soma	restoril	coricidin
Sudafed	Robitussin	codeine	NyQuil Liquid
Poppy Seeds of any sort	Suboxone	bath salts	Lyrica

**ANY PRESCRIPTIONS** and/or over-the-counter medications need to be approved, **prior to use**, by Brandon or Cindy.

**DRUG COURT DRESS CODE**

Appearance, in part, reflects personal values. Our choice of dress and attire may communicate any variety of messages, can influence how we are perceived by others, and can pose either barriers or possibilities in human interaction. All Drug Court participants should strictly adhere to the following basic dress code at all court appearances, treatment sessions, probation meetings, groups and any community activities associated with the program.

- No clothing is allowed bearing any alcohol/drug advertisement or message
- No offensive or suggestive material on shirts
- No sexually explicit clothing
- No sleeveless shirts, tank tops, see-through or plunging neckline shirts
- Shorts and skirts must be the length where the tips of your fingers touch when your hands are held straight down at your side
- Pants must fit properly
- Tops of pants must meet the bottom of shirts with no bare skin, g-string underwear or boxers showing
- Flip Flops will not be worn to court

**ASSESSMENT/ORIENTATION**  
**BEGINNING TREATMENT**  
**Minimum of 14 weeks**

1. Complete a RANT and a clinical assessment at Central Utah Counseling Center by calling 896-8236 and asking for a Drug Court Evaluation. This evaluation will assess for substance abuse problems, co-existing mental health needs, need for a psychiatric evaluation and psychoactive medications, educational needs and job related needs. This may take one or two weeks to get in so call as soon as you have been asked to get a referral for the program. You will not be charged for this assessment.
2. Participate in drug/alcohol screen urinalysis which is done randomly by color call in process. All positive tests are automatically sent to the lab for confirmation when in dispute. Test results are **final**. Tests which indicate that the participant has used drugs or alcohol will result in a sanction determined at court. **If the UA is positive, the participant will charged \$25.00 for this test.** If a participant doesn't come in to take the test, is unable or refuses to take the test, it will be considered as if the test is positive. Dilute (any test coming back with a creatine level below 20) tests are considered positive.
3. Obtain stable housing with a drug/alcohol free environment.
4. As part of the Recovery Planning process, develop a productivity plan which includes at least 20 hours per week of designated treatment, employment, education, or attending a helping organization (such as a 12 step program, others support group, etc).
5. Begin in substance abuse and mental health treatment (where appropriate) which may consist of individual, group therapy, group behavior management, individual behavior management, couples, group skills, vocational or family treatment. A minimum of 3 groups per week will need to be at the counseling center. You will be given a sheet outlining the groups, times, locations, and leaders' names. You may also need to participate in Vocational Rehabilitation Services, New Horizon's programs, and Department of WorkForce services as recommended in the clinical assessment or by your therapist and/or case manager.
6. Pay weekly fees to the secretary at CUCC.
7. Attend District Court every other week at the assigned times.
8. 11:00 p.m. curfew all of Level I, which can be adjusted to earlier times as needed.

**Clients will not be advanced to the next phase of the Drug Court Program until the entire fees for the past Level are paid and their four workbooks are completed thoroughly.**

**LEVEL 2**  
**STABILIZATION**  
**Minimum 14 weeks**

Graduation to Level 2 occurs when UA's have been negative for 14 weeks and all tasks for Level I have been completed successfully.

1. Fees during Level 2 will be weekly according to the sliding scale fee schedule.
2. UA frequency during Level 2 is random according to the color call in schedule.
3. Productivity plan must now be at least 30 hours per week and be determined by the therapist and the participant.
4. The three workbooks will be completed in a timely and thorough manner.
5. Maintain stable housing in a drug free environment is required.
6. Attend District Drug Court every other week.
7. Will be required to have a minimum of 2 meetings at CUCC.

**Must still be in all treatment that was recommended on the Recovery Plan as determined by the therapist and the participant. Recovery plans may vary from case to case depending on individual circumstances.**

The focus for levels 1 and 2 is honesty and compliance. Sanctions, including jail, will be imposed for using drugs/alcohol on all levels. If participants self report, sanctions other than jail will be considered. For individuals in levels 1 and 2 jail time will be more seriously considered for dishonesty and non-compliance issues.

**LEVEL III**  
**POSITIVE PROGRESS**  
**Minimum 12 weeks**

Graduation to Level 3 occurs when UA's have been negative for 14 weeks and all tasks for Level 2 are completed successfully.

1. Fees during level 3 are per the sliding scale fee schedule for Drug Court.
2. Urinalysis frequency during Level 3 is random as per the color system.
3. Productivity plan must now be at least 40 hours per week and be determined by the recovery plan.

4. Participant still must attend group substance abuse treatment and other programs as outlined in the recovery plan.
5. Must maintain stable housing in drug/alcohol free environment.
6. Must completed three workbooks in a timely and thorough manner.
7. Attend District Drug Court once every 2 weeks at assigned times.

**Must still be in all treatment that was recommended on your Recovery Plan and as outlined by your therapist. Recovery plans may vary from case to case depending on individual circumstances.**

**LEVEL IV**  
**MASTERY PHASE**  
**Minimum 12 weeks**

Graduation to Level 4 occurs when UA's have been negative for 12 weeks and all others tasks for Level 1, 2, and 3 are completed successfully.

1. Fees during level 4 are per the sliding scale fee schedule for Drug Court.
2. UA frequency during Level 4 is random as per the color coding system.
3. Productivity plan of 40 hours per week must be continued and still be approved by your therapist/case manager.
4. Must completed the final three workbooks in a timely and thorough manner.
5. Must attend group substance abuse treatment and all other programs as directed.
6. Must maintain stable housing in drug/alcohol free environment.
7. Attend District Drug Court once every 4 weeks at assigned times.

**Must still be in all treatment recommended on your Recovery Plan as determined by the therapist and the participant. Recovery plans may vary from case to case depending on individual circumstances.**

The focus for levels 3 and 4 will be productivity and compliance. Sanctions, including jail, can be imposed for using drugs/alcohol on all levels. Individuals in levels 3 and 4, the possibility of jail time may considered for non-compliance issues.

## INCENTIVES

Various incentives are included in the program. The most important benefit of the program is that successful graduates achieve long term sobriety, learn to develop and maintain healthy relationships, become productive citizens, lead crime-free lives, maintain stable living conditions, achieve improved emotional stability, and develop healthy self-esteem. Participants can request to have felony charges dismissed from court records upon successful completion of the program and upon complying with the plea and abeyance agreement for the full 36 months of court probation.

Whenever a participant reports in court that he/she has been successful since the last court appearance, others in court will often clap. The treatment team will provide incentives generously provided by community sponsors. Upon successful completion of each Level, a participant is given a certificate and applause. Upon completion of the program, each successful participant is given an engraved clock for their first time in drug court. There are several gatherings of Drug Court clients and their family members throughout the year to encourage and support the participants. Also, at least twice a year, the Drug Court members will do a service project in the community.

## DIRTY URINE SCREEN: (RELAPSE)

The Judge, on notification of a dirty urine test or a positive alcohol test, may issue a bench warrant, or participant could be placed in jail for a seventy two hour probation hold. **Independent testing will not be accepted. (Refer back to plea agreement-letter O). No hair tests will be accepted as evidence.**

## SELF REPORTED RELAPSE:

Self reported relapse is defined as: When a person reports to his/her caseworker that he/she has used a prohibited substance and it was unlikely he/she would have been detected otherwise. This doesn't mean that you can wait until you are questioned about a dirty UA and then report. It is not considered a self-report if the person acknowledges use after their color has been called on the daily UA call in schedule. **Reporting after having a dirty UA will not be considered "self-reporting." Sanctions will be given on a case to case basis as outlined on the sanction schedule.**

## SANCTIONS FOR NONCOMPLIANCE OR RELAPSE

All sanctions would include an appearance before the court unless otherwise indicated. **The sanctions listed on the next page are guidelines and will be used in most cases.** The treatment team can recommend sanctions based on individual circumstances but the Judge is not limited to the sanctions recommended. The Judge will make a determination on a case by case basis.

**Sanctions are given on a graduated basis. The sanctions will become more severe depending on the nature of the offense and the number of previous offenses. Sanctions may include a combination of the following:**

- **Jail sentencing** to be determined on a case by case basis
- Additional groups or meetings (6 or 7 meetings a week for a specified number of weeks)
- Relapse Prevention workbooks
- Facilitating relapse prevention group
- 12 to 14 weeks of recovery time
- Community Service Hours
- 500, 750, 1000 or 1500 word essays
- House Arrest
- Curfew (in any level)
- **30 days in a residential treatment program or more** to be determined on case by case basis
- Possible termination from the Drug Court Program

## **OTHER SANCTIONABLE BEHAVIORS**

### **Forged Drug Court documents:**

An example: the group/treatment attendance cards

### **Tampering with evidence/obstruction of justice**

In regards to urinalysis, this is considered a second or third degree felony depending on the circumstances of the incident. Sanctions can be imposed according to legal statutes

### **Lying:**

In regards to: Performance issues, participation issues and substance use.

### **Failure to pay fines or fees:**

Fees are to be paid to Central Utah Counseling Center and those fees associated with AP&P supervision.

### **Failure to meet productivity standards:**

Productivity is defined as work or other activities as agreed upon on Recovery Plan.

### **Missed court Appearances:**

A bench warrant will be issued and the client located and arrested. The court may hold the execution of the warrant to allow inquiry.

**Other missed Appointments:**

Other missed appointments are defined as: When a drug court participant had no acceptable excuse (as determined by his/her therapist/behavioral manager) for not attending counseling sessions, a scheduled class, Community Support Meetings, job interview, etc. All appointments, scheduled classes, community support meetings missed needs to be reported to your therapist/behavioral manager.

**Association with felons outside a drug court group or activity:**

This will not be allowed. If a drug court participant gets married to avoid this there will be a sanction.

**Termination:**

You may be terminated from Drug Court for reasons including (but not limited to)

1. Sexual/physical harassment/assault of another drug court participant or drug court staff.
2. Inappropriate relationships (treatment interfering behavior) that may place one in jeopardy of being dismissed from drug court.
3. Distribution
4. Child Abuse
5. Chronic non-compliance (case by case basis)
6. Weapons violation (case by case basis)
7. Violation of confidentiality
8. Chronic dishonesty

**DRUG COURT FEES**

Initial fees will be assessed on a drug court sliding scale. When moving up to the next level of treatment, each participant must submit their pay stubs from the previous month. These fees need to be paid every week and participants will not move to the next level until the fees are paid in full for that level.



## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

### **NAME**

### **NUMBER**

AP&P	435-896-2770
Brandon Christensen - CUCC	435-896-8236 ext. 129
Cindy Ritchie - CUCC	435-896-8236 ext. 136
Sheriff's Department	435-896-2600
Sixth District Court	435-896-2700
Department of WorkForce Services	435-893-0000
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	435-896-1470
UA Call in Number	435-896-4214 ext. 194
CUCC emergency number	1-877-469-2822
End Meth Now	211