

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court Adult Drug Court Memorandum of Understanding

The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court having united in purpose with The Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, The Boone County Public Defender's Office, The Boone County Sheriff's Office, The Columbia Police Department, Missouri State Probation and Parole office, and designated substance abuse treatment providers (McCambridge Center for Women and Reality House Programs Inc.) agree to collaborate in an effort to address substance abuse and drug related criminal activity in Boone County.

In an effort to support a comprehensive program of services to meet the needs of qualified participants we, the team members, commit to the following:

DRUG COURT JUDGE: The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court agrees to provide a Judge who will preside over the Drug Court. The Drug Court Judge is responsible for adhering to the Missouri Drug Court Rules and all revisions to the rules with special consideration being given to the promulgation of any community-based rules deemed necessary for the success of the Drug Court. As a member of the Boone County Drug Court Team the assigned judge will preside over the court proceedings and monitor appropriate application of disciplines, sanctions and incentives while maintaining the integrity of the court.

DRUG COURT ADMINISTRATOR: As a member of the Boone County Drug Court Team the assigned Administrator will be responsible for maintaining individual files on participants, compiling statistical data, preparation and management of Drug Court dockets, soliciting community support through education and linkages in an effort to enhance services available to the participant.

ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY: As a member of the Boone County Drug Court Team the assigned Assistant Prosecuting Attorney will review potential participants for eligibility, actively participate in staffing of cases, and interact in a non-adversarial manner to

address revocations, pleas and application of sanctions and incentives as they apply to the participant.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: As a member of the Boone County Drug Court Team the assigned Public Defender will represent the participant by actively participating in staffing of cases, and interact in a non-adversarial manner to address revocations, pleas and application of sanctions and incentives as they apply to the participant.

DESIGNATED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROVIDER: As a member of the Boone County Drug Court Team the designated Treatment Providers (McCambridge Center for Women and Reality House Programs Inc.) will conduct a screening assessment on each participant, participate in weekly staffing, attend court hearings, make treatment recommendations to the Court and provide drug test collection. In addition, the treatment provider will identify and provide a continuum of care for participants while advocating on behalf of the client and for the integrity of the Court. Treatment agencies will seek out and utilize all other funding sources prior to billing the court for services.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – OFFICE OF PROBATION AND PAROLE: As a member of the Boone County Drug Court Team the assigned Probation Officer will be responsible for implementing the appropriate supervision level based on established measures, provide case management role by providing community linkages and referrals to appropriate agencies, monitor accountability of social activities and home environment of the participant, as well as provide staffing reports and attend court hearings.

COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT: As a member of the Boone County Drug Court Team the assigned Columbia Police Officer will act as a liaison between the program and The Columbia Police Department. The police officer will be responsible for dissemination of information to officers who come in contact with or might come in contact with Drug Court participants to assure reasonable and appropriate measures are used when checking the participants for compliance. In addition, the police officer will be responsible for assisting with background investigations of potential participants, provide inter-city transports to treatment

facilities, follow-up on warrants issued through the Court, as well as monitor sanctions and compliance of participants.

NOTE: Each team member will be responsible for dissemination of information to their respective agency with regard to confidentiality laws that apply specifically to Drug Court participants. Likewise the sharing of information between team members is a vital part of working as a Team. Team members will also be charged with the education of peer professionals on the program and develop community linkages which enhance the effectiveness of the program. In creating this partnership and uniting in a single goal of addressing an underlying problem affecting our community, we are pledged to enhance communication between the courts, law enforcement and treatment programs. Through this linkage of services, we expect wider participation and greater effectiveness in addressing drug offenders involved in the criminal justice system.

Drug Court Judge

Prosecuting Attorney

Reality House Executive Director

Probation & Parole Drug Court Supervisor

Drug Court Administrator

Columbia Police Chief

McCambridge Center Director

Public Defender