



EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH COURT

Presiding Judge:
Honorable Judge Bitá Yeager

Hearing Dates: Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.
Courtroom 5C, 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
- Substance abuse counseling
- Residential placement (as appropriate);
- Medication stabilization;
- Incentives for goal accomplishment
- Targeted case management

For Treatment, Participants Must Participate In:

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

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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