



## EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH COURT

*Presiding Judge:*  
Honorable Chief Judge Gonzalez  
Hearing Master Yeager

*Hearing Dates:* Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.  
Third Floor, Regional Justice Center

The Mental Health Court is intended for chronic thought disordered individuals who struggle to stay out of the criminal justice system due to a lack of adequate supports in the community. In order to be eligible for the Mental Health Court, participants **must** have a Serious Mental Illness (SMI), namely **Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, or Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.**

### *Benefits to Participants:*

- Targeted case management
- Medication stabilization
- Mental health counseling (individual and group)
- Incentives for goal accomplishment
- Residential placement (as needed)
- Substance abuse counseling (individual and group)

### *For Treatment, Participants Must Participate In:*

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

### *Target Population:*

- Individuals with clinical documentation of an 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

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

*Length:* Average program length is anticipated to be 1-3 years, subject to participation and compliance.

### *Providers:*

SNAMHS, UNLV Medicine Mojave Counseling, Choices Group Inc., Community Counseling Center

### *Referrals:*

Complete Mental Health Court Application and submit to [specialtycourts@clarkcountycourts.us](mailto:specialtycourts@clarkcountycourts.us)  
Follow transfer instructions for outside jurisdictions.

### *Coordinators:*

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