

Gambling Treatment Diversion Court (GTDC)

Participant Program Handbook



Eighth Judicial District Court
Regional Justice Court
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

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I. Mission Statement

Gambling Treatment Diversion Court is a court supervised comprehensive outpatient treatment program for defendants in the criminal justice system with gambling problems and other addictive behaviors. Participants are provided an opportunity to receive treatment and recovery services in order to live independent lives through financial freedom, avoiding gambling and other addictive behaviors, and becoming a responsible member of society.

Goals and Objectives

Clark County's Gambling Treatment Diversion Court (GTDC) goals are to ensure that:

- Participants learn effective tools and strategies to address their problem gambling issue while in the gambling court program and throughout life.
- 75% of GTDC participants reduce gambling behaviors and substance use while in gambling court program.
- 75% of GTDC participants do not re-offend in the justice system.
- 75% of GTDC participants increase positive interactions with the community through community service hours or the recovery community.
- 75% of participants improve independent living skills by:
 - Achieving financial freedom and independence;
 - Acquiring appropriate jobs or careers for sustainability;
 - Having the ability to live independently and responsibly.
- 75% of all GTDC participants will attain and maintain employment after the first three months in the program.
- 75% of GTDC participants report an overall improvement in family functioning.

II. Program Information

What is Gambling Treatment Diversion Court?

Gambling Treatment Diversion Court (GTDC) is a court supervised comprehensive outpatient treatment program for defendants in the criminal justice system with gambling problems and other addictive behaviors. Treatment includes individual and group counseling focused on problem gambling and peer support. Treatment may also include: substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, and wellness education. Additional services include residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, anger management and impulse control groups, gender specific and trauma treatment, grief & loss treatment, treatment targeting criminal behavior, and family therapy. The program is funded by administrative fees, Nevada's Administrative Office of the Courts and the Eighth Judicial District Court Specialty Court.

The GTDC Team consists of the presiding Judge, the court staff, the court coordinator, treatment providers specializing in problem gambling and addiction, community partners, a public defender, and a district attorney. The team oversees participant's compliance with their individualized treatment plan, including outpatient treatment services, problem gambling education, prosocial and proactive interventions, financial stability and transparency, employment, and ability to pay restitution, if applicable.

Court supervision is mandatory and requires that participants appear before the Judge on a regular basis, bi-weekly, monthly, or as directed by the Court, to report compliance with program requirements and stand accountable in the event of non-compliance. The Court may, at any time, require participants to submit financial documents, random drug and alcohol testing, employment updates, location monitoring reports, mental health counseling, community service and/or attendance at community 12-step or support groups.

Throughout the participant's time in the GTDC program, he/she is required to participate in treatment and ancillary services on an ongoing basis. The presiding Judge is an active role in both the plan of care for each participant and monitoring of program compliance. GTDC is a true diversion program, and judicial placement is in accordance with NRS 458a.

Highlights of Gambling Treatment Diversion Court

Voluntary program

Defendant's conviction/sentence is deferred while participating in GTDC

(Does not place defendant on probation)

Defendant will participate in problem gambling treatment

Defendant will agree to pay restitution

If Defendant successfully completes the program the conviction is dismissed

If Defendant does NOT complete the program, then defendant is returned to referring District Court Judge for sentencing

Judicial Placement: Per NRS 458A defendants are eligible if they have been convicted of a crime and committed that crime in furtherance or as a result of problem gambling. A qualified mental health professional (certified problem gambling counselor) must examine and determine the defendant is a problem gambler. An eligibility hearing must then take place within the criminal court and the criminal court judge will determine eligibility for referral into Gambling Treatment Diversion Court. Participants are evaluated by the GTDC Team and, if eligible, are then **assessed, accepted, and transferred** into GTDC.

Costs: An administrative fee of \$1,500.00 will be assessed for the program. Treatment costs are covered by insurance or state grant funds.

Program Duration: 16 to 36 months minimum (maximum of 36 months).

III. Eligibility/Target Population

The criteria for admission to GTDC include but are not limited to:

Instant Offense: Defendant must have committed the crime in furtherance or as a result of problem gambling. *See* NRS 458A.210

- Cannot be a crime against the person (Felony or GM) NRS 200
- Cannot be a crime against a child as defined in NRS 179D.0357
- Cannot be a sexual offense as defined in NRS 179D.097
- Cannot be domestic violence pursuant to NRS 33.018

Prior Offense(s):

- Cannot have 2 or more prior convictions of the above. *See* NRS 458A.210 (2).
- Cannot have 3 or more prior felony convictions

Pending Offenses: Cannot have any pending felony offenses. *See* NRS 458A.210 (3).

Probation or Parole: If defendant is currently on probation or parole for a separate offense, then the Defendant can request GTDC for new offense so long as P&P consents or Court may order after hearing P&P objections. *See* NRS 458A.210 (4).

Completion: Successful completion of program must result in dismissal of defendant's conviction. *See* NRS 458A.240 (1).

- Only exception to mandatory dismissal is if the defendant already has 2 or more prior felony convictions.

If defendant does not successfully complete the GTDC program in the 18-36 months, then the case will return to the District Court for sentencing or transfer to a more suitable program depending on treatment recommendation. *See* NRS 458A.240.

IV. GTDC Court Components And Requirements

Court Appearances

Court appearances are judicial hearings that are held in open court to monitor participant's progress in the GTDC program. These appearances are scheduled before Judge Maria Gall, Department 9, every other Mondays at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom or in person in courtroom 16A. The session will last approximately one hour, depending on how many participants are on calendar that week. A closed staffing usually occurs immediately prior to court. A participant will always have a Public Defender or other counsel as a representative in all GTDC sessions.

Participants will attend court sessions based on their level of compliance. Participants who are graduating from the program or who are in perfect compliance with the terms of the program, will be called into the courtroom first. Participants who are Fair Compliance or in Poor Compliance will be called after the initial cases are completed. Court appearances may also be modified with the approval of the GTDC team on a case-by-case basis.

Supervision

The GTDC participants will provide the team with individualized supervision by (1) participating in ongoing gambling disorder treatment throughout the program, (2) joining the Life360 App (3) submitting required urinalysis testing; (4) ensuring compliance with Court orders and GTDC components and (5) providing monthly financial information.

Program Fees

All GTDC participants are required to pay a court fee of \$1,500. The court subsidizes drug testing fees, and when necessary some treatment costs, **Additional Fees:** In addition to the above fees, participants may be required to pay additional costs associated with services that are depending on the services needed during their court program. For example, participants may be required to pay fees associated with house arrest, a sober living house, an alcohol monitoring device, etc.

- **All fees are to be paid at the Clerk's Office on the 3rd floor of the RJC, or over the phone at 702-671-0726. <https://payments.clarkcountycourts.us/>**

Restitution Payments/Financial Disclosure

GTDC participants will be required to submit a financial disclosure form and work with GTDC team to determine a restitution payment schedule. Once a participant has determined their restitution payment schedule, they must begin submitting regular payments and provide receipts to GTDC Coordinator. All participants are required to turn in monthly financial account statements, including but not limited to: paystubs, checking/savings account records and receipts.

Payments made in person:

Payments can be made in person with a cashier's check or money order only at:
Clark County District Attorney - Bad Check Unit
Regional Justice Center
Lower Level, Room # 246
200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89155

Payments by mail:

Payments can be made by mail with a cashier's check or money order only
Regional Justice Center
Attn: District Attorney Bad Check Unit, LL #246
200 Lewis Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Counseling and Support Groups

All participants in GTDC will be required to attend treatment. As participants progress through the program, their counseling requirements may change, increase and/or decrease, depending on their behavior, sobriety and treatment needs. All GTDC participants are required to attend 2 Gamblers Anonymous support group meetings a week. Only 1 meeting per day will be counted towards participant's program requirements. For a list of meetings, please see <http://www.gamblersanonymous.org/ga/locations>

Life 360 tracking system

All participants in GTDC will be required to download and connect their cell phones to the Life 360 tracking application. This program tracks the whereabouts of participants on a 24-hour basis. Each participant will be required to have their cell phone in their possession when/if leaving their residence.

Drug Testing

Drug testing is an integral part of the GTDC program. It can assist treatment providers with information on participant treatment needs. Since it is a critical part of the program, it is imperative participants understand the drug testing requirements and protocols. Failure to comply with court reports in this area may jeopardize participants' status in the program.

- ***Drug Test/Urine Sample Submissions:*** Participants will be required to submit random, observed urine samples (UA) following a specific submission protocol for the purpose of drug testing. Participants will be assigned a "color" and will be expected to call a drug testing phone line daily to see if your color has been called. When participant's color is called they are expected to submit a urine sample before the close of business that day. Positive drug test results will not result in new criminal charges, but there will be a court administered sanction designed to motivate and help participants stop using drugs and be successful with their treatment and program goals. ***Attempts to falsify urine samples will result in termination from the program.***

- ***Diluted Urine Samples:*** If a urine sample cannot be tested for any reason, *i.e.*, the urine quantity is not a sufficient amount to test, the cup is left empty, creatinine levels are too low, or correct drug testing protocol is not followed, the test will be considered positive for drugs. Participants should discuss low creatinine levels with their counselor, including how this may occur and how to avoid them in this program.
- ***Drug Testing Compliance: Refusal to comply with a drug test may result in termination from the program.*** Participants must always leave a requested urine sample and/or comply with a Breathalyzer test as directed. Drug testing may occur as a scheduled requirement or on a random basis with either the treatment providers or in Court.
- ***Alcohol:*** Participants in the GTDC Program are not allowed to use alcohol while they are in the program, even though alcohol is legal for those who are 21 or older. A positive urine sample for alcohol and/or its metabolite or a positive breathalyzer result is treated the same as a positive result for any other classification of drugs.
- ***Prescribed Medications:*** While in the program, except in emergency medical situations, participants must report to the GTDC any/all prescribed or over the counter medications **BEFORE** taking them. It is the participant's responsibility to be certain that the medicine they are taking is in accordance to the program rules and requirements.

Absconding/Bench Warrants

If a participant is absent from GTDC on an assigned date, without prior approval, the Court will issue a bench writ to have the participant taken into custody. After six consecutive absences, the GTDC Team will discharge the participant from the program

Revocation

If a participant refuses to comply with the GTDC components, or the GTDC Team determines that the participant is not progressing in the treatment program, the participant may be terminated unsuccessfully from the GTDC program.

Approved Community Service Projects

If the GTDC Team imposes community service hours, these can be completed by providing services free of charge to any non-profit agency. If a participant is paid directly, salaried, or tipped for the services provided, the service does not qualify for community service hours. All community service hours must be signed by an employee of the non-profit agency and must include a contact number for verification purpose.

Medically Assisted Treatment

The Eighth Judicial District GTDC has partnered with community agencies to address the on-going opiate epidemic Clark County faces. Through collaborative efforts between the Court and community providers the GTDC program is exploring the use of medically assisted treatment, including but not limited to Vivitrol and Suboxone, to help serve the needs of this growing

population.

Confidentiality

All client records are protected by federal and state laws regarding confidentiality. Specialty Courts cannot release written or verbal information without the participants written, signed consent. However, participants cannot participate in GTDC without a “Release of Information” which allows the GTDC Team to discuss their case and progress. Persons outside the GTDC Team will not be provided information about participants or their progress. There may be additional emergency or legal circumstances that may require release of information such as:

- The disclosure is allowed by a court order or for an audit.
- The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency.
- The client commits or threatens to commit a crime.
- The client is threatening suicide or homicide.

Program Requirements

	Orientation Phase 1 <i>(4-6 months)</i>	Engagement Phase 2 <i>(3-6 months)</i>	Stabilization Phase 3 <i>(3-6 months)</i>	Sustainability Phase 4 <i>(3-6 months)</i>	Future Planning Phase 5 <i>(3 months)</i>
Location Monitoring	X	X	X	X	X
IRS Disclosure	X	X	X	X	X
Financial Disclosure	Every 90 days, or when changes occur	Every 90 days, or when changes occur	Every 90 days, or when changes occur	Every 90 days, or when changes occur	Provided only if there is any changes
Bank statements	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
Credit Card statements	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
Paystubs	Pay period	Pay period	Pay period	Pay period	Pay period
Court Appearance	Every 2 weeks	Every 4 weeks	Every 4-6 weeks	Every 4-8 weeks	Every 4-8 weeks
Drug Testing	Random Drug Testing	Random Drug Testing	Random Drug Testing	Random Drug Testing	Random Drug Testing
Treatment	8 hours of group sessions per week	12 individual weekly sessions. 12-16 weeks of weekly MRT.	8 individual bi-weekly sessions	Weekly GA meetings	Weekly meetings GA
Recovery Support	1x week	2 x week	2 x week	1 x week	1 x week
Restitution	Monthly amount per budget	Monthly amount per budget	Monthly amount per budget	Monthly amount per budget	Monthly amount per budget

V. GTDC Team:

Judge: The Judge, Judge Maria Gall, presides over staffing and reviews hearings to monitor participants' progress. The Judge solicits recommendations from all members of the Team and renders all final decisions. The Judge reinforces, encourages, and celebrates participant and program success.

GTDC Coordinator: The GTDC Coordinator works directly with the Judge and the entire GTDC Team in coordinating the program requirements and compliance of the GTDC. Nicole Pisarczyk can be reached at 702-671-3270 or Pisarczykn@clarkcountycourts.us

Prosecuting Attorney: The GTDC prosecuting attorney represents the state's interest. The prosecuting attorney participates in Team staffings to reach consensus about how to respond to the needs and behaviors of the GTDC participants, while ensuring the protection and safety of the community.

Defense Attorney: The Clark County Public Defenders' Office is assigned to assist participants in GTDC. The office is available to provide legal counsel to participants regarding program participation and compliance. Defense counsel is available to answer participants' questions, represent their interests and/or provide legal advice during court proceeding.

Treatment: The goals of treatment include (1) helping the gambler to stop gambling and regain control of their finances, (2) identify and address underlying mental health issue contributing to the gambling problem, (3) teach the gambler coping skills to manage stress and negative emotions without gambling, and (4) help the gambler develop a strong support network.

Treatment Providers: Treatment providers offer individual, group, family, and/or substance use counseling with appropriately certified and licensed professional staff. In addition, providers will require scheduled or random urine drug testing for all GTDC participants. More than one Treatment Provider / Organization may also be used depending on the need of the participants, including insurance, services offered (i.e. transportation) and accessibility of care. The Treatment Provider will provide updates on each participant's progress and attend staffing and court sessions to provide written and verbal updates to Team members. Once accepted into GDTC, the participant will receive gambling treatment. The treatment provider will develop an individualized treatment plan for each participant.

Problem Gambling Center

*2965 S Jones Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89146
(702) 363-0290*

Mental Health Counseling and Consulting

*8565 S Eastern Ave., Suite 178, Las Vegas, NV 89123
1489 W. Warm Springs Road, Bldg 110, Henderson, NV 89014
(702) 400-6413*

VI. Phases of the GTDC Program

There are five phases in Gambling Treatment Diversion Court. Each phase is designed to provide the participant tools for recovery. While there is no set time period for each phase, Phase 1 (Orientation) generally lasts 4-6 months and phases thereafter generally last between 3-6 months. Phase 5 (Sustainability) prepares the participant for aftercare and being involved in their own recovery and treatment independently from the GTDC program. After a participant maintains perfect compliance with all program requirements and meets clinical necessity, the participant can “phase up” to the next phase. This is determined by the GTDC and treatment provider. Following Phase 1, each phase is designed for a 12-24 week period, but can last longer if a participant is not in compliance with GTDC program requirements. Noncompliance includes engaging in any type of activity or behavior that is considered “gambling,” submitting a positive drug or alcohol test, fails to submit a drug or alcohol test when directed to do so, fails to provide proper financial documents or other requested items, fails to attend individual or group counseling or exhibits clinical concerns; or otherwise violates the requirements of the program or terms of probation.

- (1) **“Phase Up”:** A participant can “phase up,” or graduate to the next phase after the requirements for each stage are met, including attending individual and group counseling, maintaining sobriety, and complying with the terms and conditions of the Court. Based on the participant’s compliance and recommendations made to the Court, the treatment provider will determine if the participant can clinically graduate to the next phase. Incentives are offered for compliance, attendance and participation in the program.
- (2) **“Relapse”:** If a participant relapses, the participant will be considered to be “in relapse” and each participant is addressed on an individual level with their treatment counselor.
- (3) **Recommendations:** If a participant fails to comply with any part of the treatment plan or Court Order, the Team will staff possible interventions and make a recommendation to the Judge. The Team considers options for treatment, relapse requirements, community service requirements, employment requirements, financial requirements, detention options for non-compliance and/or additional legal consequences, including termination from GTDC.
- (4) **Graduation:** After successful completion of Phase 5, the participant is eligible for graduation from the program.

Please Note: The length of a participant’s program may increase based upon the participant’s compliance, or non-compliance, with program requirements and the participant’s clinical necessity in treatment. Specifically, the program term may be extended if a participant submits a positive drug/alcohol test; fails to submit a drug/alcohol test when directed to do so; fails to attend individual or group counseling; or otherwise violates the requirements of the program.

VII. Treatment Milestones:

The length of treatment will vary depending on the individual's needs. However, upon acceptance into GTDC, participants are required to follow a five (5) phase treatment plan.

Phase One (Milestone 1): ORIENTATION: (4-6 months) During Phase One, we will focus on your Engagement. In order to advance to Phase 2, the following requirements must be met:

Group therapy with other problem gamblers using CBT in an intensive outpatient program (8 hours minimum per week).

Education about gambling addiction, including the causes and symptoms

Development of triggers for gambling and development of strategies to avoid them

The participant will be eligible to complete this milestone and step up to the next treatment phase after completing the CBT intensive outpatient program and qualifying to step up into the GTDC Phase 2.

Phase Two (Milestone 2): ENGAGEMENT: (3-6 months) During Phase Two, we will focus on your Treatment. In order to advance to Phase 3, the following requirements must be met:

Individual therapy once a week with a therapist specializing in gambling addictions (Minimum of 12 sessions)

Group therapy with other problem gamblers using CBT in an aftercare or continuing recovery setting (2 hours minimum per week).

Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) 12-16 week program through Crossroads.

Twice a week attendance of a community-based self-help group such as Gamblers Anonymous.

Creating a budget or financial plan with a counselor specializing in gambling addiction (CPGC, CPGC-I)

If applicable, family therapy to help the gambler's family members understand the addiction and how to support the gambler in recovery.

Continued development of coping skills and relapse prevention strategies.

The participant will be eligible to complete this milestone and step up to the next treatment phase after completing the above and qualifying to step up into the GTDC Phase 3.

Phase Three (Milestone 3): STABILIZATION: (3-6 months) During Phase Three, we will focus on your Stability. In order to advance to Phase 4, the following requirements must be met:

Individual therapy once every two weeks with a therapist specializing in gambling addiction (Minimum of 8 session).

Group therapy with other problem gamblers using CBT in an aftercare or continuing recovery setting (1-hour minimum per week).

Twice a week attendance of a community-based self-help group such as Gamblers Anonymous.

Relapse prevention planning with a counselor specializing in gambling addiction (CPGC,

CPGC-I)

Update a budget or financial plan with a counselor specializing in gambling addiction (CPGC, CPGC-I).

Increased involvement in community-based self-help groups, such as volunteer work or other activities to help the gambler stay connected to others and feel a sense of purpose.

The participant will be eligible to complete this milestone and step up to the next treatment phase after completing the above and qualifying to step up into the GTDC Phase 4.

Phase Four (Milestone 4): SUSTAINABILITY: (3-6 months) During Phase Four, we will focus on your Sustainability. In order to advance to Phase 5, the following requirements must be met:

Regular check-ins with the therapist or counselor to monitor progress and adjust the treatment plan as needed.

Once a week, attendance of a community-based self-help group such as Gamblers Anonymous.

Update a budget or financial plan with a counselor specializing in gambling addiction (CPGC, CPGC-I).

Celebration of milestones and successes.

The participant will be eligible to complete this milestone and step up to the next treatment phase after completing the above and qualifying to step up into the GTDC Phase 5.

Phase Five (Milestone 5): FUTURE PLANNING: (3-6 months) During Phase Five, we will focus on your Planning for the Future. To be eligible to graduate GTDC, the following requirements must be met:

Participant will work independently.

Continued weekly attendance of a community-based self-help group such as Gamblers Anonymous.

Final financial session to address an ongoing restitution payment plan and future financial plan.

Exit session at Problem Gambling Center for resource and final check in with counselor.

Regular Evaluation and Prognosis: The gambler's progress will be evaluated regularly throughout treatment. This will help the therapist ensure the treatment plan is effective and makes any necessary adjustments. The prognosis for problem gamblers is generally good with treatment. However, it is essential to remember that recovery is a process, and there may be setbacks. With continued support and effort, most problem gamblers can achieve long-term abstinence.

VIII. GTDC Track Program Design

Orientation and Assessment

- Submit all requested records for review.
- Attend scheduled court hearings.
- Complete an orientation with GTDC Coordinator.
- Complete assessment and intake with a designated treatment provider.
- Submit a urine sample(s) for drug testing.
- Sign and submit GTDC Contract.

Phase 1

- Attend scheduled court hearings, usually twice a month
- Maintain contact with GTDC coordinator.
- Attend a financial session with a coach to create a budget and restitution payment plan.
- Complete and submit to the court and GTDC team my abstinence plan, budget, restitution plan, and/or any other written assignments
- Attend an evaluation with a qualified mental health clinician to determine level of care regarding treatment.
- Attend and participate in recommended problem gambling, substance abuse and/or mental health treatment.
- Submit urine samples as required.
- Obtain legal, stable and safe housing, and a legal, stable source of income.
- Provide documentation of restitution payments and other financial documentation (bank statements, credit card statements, etc.)
- Demonstrate progress on individually defined Phase 1 behavioral goals
- Advancement to Phase 2 will occur upon successful completion of all Phase 1 tasks, individually defined behavioral goals, and/or written questions/assignments, and/or upon the recommendation of my counselor(s) and GTDC team.

Phase 2

- Attend scheduled court hearings
- Maintain contact with GTDC coordinator
- Attend and participate in problem gambling, substance abuse and/or mental health treatment as recommended.
- **Attend weekly MRT with Crossroads (complete 12 MRT steps).**
- Submit urine samples as required.
- Complete and submit to the court and GTDC team my recovery maintenance plan, and any other written assignments.
- Provide documentation of restitution payments and other financial documentation (bank statements, credit card statements, etc.)
- Demonstrate progress on individually defined Phase 2 behavioral goals
- Advancement to Phase 3 will occur upon successful completion of all Phase 2 tasks, individually defined behavioral goals, written questions/assignments, documentation of restitution payments, and/or upon the recommendation of my counselor(s) and GTDC team.

Phase 3

- Attend scheduled court hearings.
- Maintain contact with GTDC coordinator.
- Attend and participate in problem gambling, substance abuse and/or mental health treatment as

recommended.

- Submit urine samples as required.
- Provide documentation of restitution payments and other financial documentation (bank statements, credit card statements, etc.)
- Implement my recovery plan and activities
- Demonstrate progress on individually defined Phase 3 behavioral goals and restitution
- Advancement to Phase 4 will occur upon successful completion of all Phase 3 tasks and individually defined behavioral goals, regular/consistent restitution payments, and/or upon the recommendation of my counselor(s) and GTDC team.

Phase 4

- Attend scheduled court hearings.
- Maintain contact with GTDC coordinator.
- Submit urine samples as required.
- Provide documentation of restitution payments and other financial documentation (bank statements, credit card statements, etc.)
- Complete recommended problem gambling, substance abuse and mental health treatment (unless plan is to continue in treatment).
- Regularly participate in my recovery/support activities.
- Maintain safe, stable housing and a legal, stable and adequate source of income.
- Demonstrate attainment of individually defined behavioral goals.
- Advancement to Phase 5 will occur upon successful completion of all Phase 4 tasks and individually defined behavioral goals, regular/consistent restitution payments, and/or upon the recommendation of my counselor(s) and GTDC team.

Phase 5

- Attend scheduled court hearings.
- Maintain contact with GTDC coordinator.
- Submit urine samples as required.
- Continue recommended problem gambling, substance abuse and mental health treatment.
- Regularly participate in recovery/support activities
- Maintain safe, stable housing and a legal, stable and adequate source of income
- Demonstrate attainment of individually defined behavioral goals
- Complete a final financial session to complete an aftercare budget plan.
- Attend an exit session at Problem Gambling Center for ongoing resources and future aftercare plan.
- Provide ongoing plan for future restitution payments.
- Graduation will occur upon successful completion of all Phase 5 tasks, individually defined behavioral goals, written questions/assignments, and/or upon the recommendation of my counselor(s) and the GTDC team.

Criteria for Graduation from GTDC:

- Participation in the GTDC program for minimum of 13 months
- Meet all Phase V requirements
- Must create Completion Plan and Relapse Prevention Plan with Treatment
- Recommended and approved by the GTDC Team to graduate

IX. Incentive, Recognitions, and Sanctions

INCENTIVE: *“a thing that motivates or encourages one to do something.”*

- Primary incentive is timely completion of program and dismissal of felony conviction.
- Each phase provides incentives through reduced monitoring & reporting requirements.

RECOGNITION: *“appreciation or acclaim for an achievement, service, or ability.”*

- Provide Certificate of Achievement each time participant transitions to a new phase
- Provide Final Certificate of Completion and congratulatory letter signed by Court team upon graduation

SANCTION: *“a threatened penalty for disobeying a law or rule.”*

- Increase frequency of drug testing after first failed test
- Temporarily rescind privileges, such as video court appearances or require additional appearance
- Order brief community service activity or written homework assignment
- More frequent court status checks for general noncompliance
- Ultimate sanction would be failure to complete program, and referral back to criminal judge for sentencing.

GTDC

Consent for Disclosure of Information

I, _____, hereby consent to communication between the following parties regarding my case as it pertains to my participation in the Gambling Treatment Diversion Court Program.

- Presiding Judge and Court staff
- Deputy District Attorney
- Deputy Public Defender
- Other Treatment Providers as specified: _____
- Specialty Courts Coordinator

The purpose for this disclosure is to inform the court and the other Gambling Treatment Diversion Court team members listed above of my eligibility and/or acceptability for treatment services and my treatment attendance, prognosis, compliance, toxicology results, location monitoring and overall compliance with the Gambling Treatment Diversion Court monitoring criteria.

I understand that while I am in the program, I will hear confidential information about other program participants. I understand that I cannot re-disclose this information to anyone else.

I understand that court-approved visitors may be present during the court sessions.

I understand that this consent will remain in effect during my participation in the program. I may revoke my consent at any time; however, if I revoke my consent I will be terminated from my involvement in the Gambling Treatment Diversion Court. I understand that my revocation does not apply to any information that has been disclosed earlier to the program or a person after they already relied on my consent.

Signature of Gambling Treatment Diversion Court Participant

Date

Signature of Witness

Date

Program Handbook Receipt - Disclosure of Responsibility

I understand that I am responsible for knowing the rules and regulations to participate in the Eighth Judicial District Gambling Treatment Diversion Court. I certify that a participant hand book has been provided to me on my start date stating the policies and procedures that I must adhere to during my program. Failure to adhere to these rules and regulations may result in a sanction from the court.

I agree to comply with the policies and procedures of the Eighth Judicial District Gambling Treatment Diversion Court program and that I have read and understand my responsibilities detailed in this participant handbook.

Signature of Defendant Date

Signature of Coordinator Date

Print Name

Signature of Interpreter if present Date