

**Addendum
to
Administrative Plan**

19th West Judicial Circuit

**Benton County Mental Health Court
Judge Thomas Smith, Presiding**

A. Type of Program Description of Operations:

Benton County Mental Health Court is a voluntary, pre- and post-adjudication, highly intensive supervision program designed to address the needs of criminal defendants with mental illness or co-occurring disorders. Mental Health Court is available to defendants meeting program eligibility requirements. The defendant must be an adult resident of Benton or Washington counties and must qualify for the program pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §5-4-501(c)(2) and §§16-100-201 through 209. Eligible defendants must be identified as high risk and high need as determined by a validated risk assessment, must be determined by a licensed clinician to have a mental illness as defined by Ark. Code Ann. §16-100-101 and must be identified as clinically appropriate for the program as determined by a licensed therapist. Mental Health Court is a minimum of (15) months. It is held twice a month in Phase I, once a month every other phase, and sessions are held weekly at the Division III Courthouse located at 1301 Melissa Drive in Bentonville Arkansas.

B. Statutory Authority:

Benton County Mental Health Court is established pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§16-100-201 through 209.

C. Certification of Compliance:

Benton County Mental Health Court operates in compliance with all applicable sentencing laws, including fines, fees, court costs, and probation assessments.

Team members have attended training programs offered by the Administrative Office of the Courts and national trainings. Benton County Mental Health Court has implemented best-practice standards and operates accordingly.

D. Use of Court Resources:

The Benton County Mental Health team includes (1) Circuit Judge, (1) Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, (1) Deputy Public Defender, (1) Court Coordinator (1) Probation Officer, (1) Treatment Provider, and (1) Case Manager.

E. Sources of Funding:

Benton County Mental Health Court receives funding and support from Benton County, Public Defender Commission, Benton County Prosecutor's Office, Department of Corrections, Administrative Office of the Courts, and federal providers.

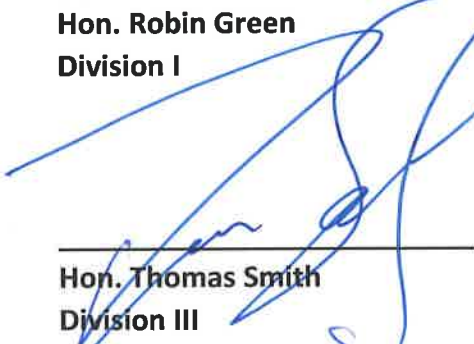
Signed this 22 day of July, 2024.



Hon. Robin Green
Division I



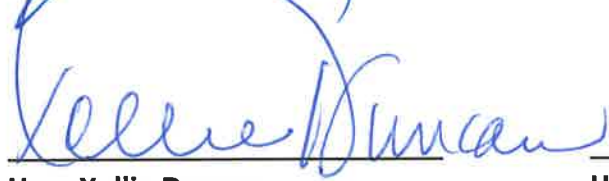
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