

Minnehaha County Veterans Treatment Court Participant Handbook



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Minnehaha County Veterans Treatment Court is to enhance public safety and help veterans in the criminal justice system become law abiding, productive citizens through rigorous supervised probation that includes mental health and substance abuse treatment, while holding the participants accountable for criminal behavior.

Program Goals

- ✓ Reduce recidivism
- ✓ Facilitate participant sobriety
- ✓ Increase compliance with treatment and other court ordered conditions
- ✓ Improve access to Veterans Administration benefits and services
- ✓ Improve family relationships and social support connections
- ✓ Improve life stability

Introduction

What is Veterans Court?

The Minnehaha County Veterans Treatment Court program is only for Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States as defined by Federal Law. The Veterans Treatment Court is a court-supervised program coupled with intensive treatment.

The Veterans Treatment Court model requires regular court appearances as well as mandatory attendance at treatment sessions and frequent and random testing for substance use (drug and/or alcohol). The Veterans Treatment Court is able to ensure they meet their obligations to themselves, the court, and their community.

Program Outline

Veterans Court is a voluntary program, which includes regular appearances before the Veterans Court judge, frequent and random drug testing, substance abuse counseling in individual and group settings, mental health counseling, educational classes, a system of behavior modification based on incentives and sanctions, and community supervision by a Veterans Court Team. Veterans Court requires participants to participate in community support groups. The Program length is determined by each participant but is no less than twenty months. The Veterans Treatment Court program is broken into five phases. You must complete all five phases successfully to graduate.

Eligibility Standards

- ✓ The veteran must serve or have served in the armed forces of the United States. If the veteran is no longer serving, the veteran must have received either an honorable or a general under honorable conditions discharge.

- ✓ There must be a nexus or connection between the veteran's service and the circumstances that bring the veteran before the court. The nexus will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Veterans Treatment Court team.
- ✓ The veteran must reside within Minnehaha or Lincoln County, South Dakota at all times while participating in Veteran's Treatment Court.
- ✓ The veteran must be charged with or have been convicted of a criminal offense in Minnehaha County, South Dakota, and that case must form the basis of the veteran's participation in Veteran's Treatment Court.
- ✓ The veteran cannot have been charged with or convicted of any of the following: murder, rape, felony sexual contact or manslaughter, as defined by South Dakota State Law.
- ✓ The Veteran must have a treatable mental health or behavioral disorder, such as (but not limited to) post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and/or substance abuse or dependency.
- ✓ The States Attorney must consent to the veteran entering the Veterans Treatment Court.
- ✓ After a screening process, the Veterans Treatment Court Team must approve the admission of the veteran to Veterans Treatment Court.
- ✓ The veteran must pose no risk or danger due to uncontrollable behavioral problems.
- ✓ Eligibility for Veteran's Administration benefits is not a prerequisite for an individual to be admitted to Veterans Treatment Court.

Referral Process

1. Defense counsel, the prosecuting attorney, court services officers, law enforcement and jail personnel, family members, the sentencing judge, and other interested parties may refer eligible individuals to the Minnehaha County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) by providing the veteran's name and other information to the VTC Coordinator and defense counsel. Ideally, such referral will occur promptly after the individual's arrest or filing of charges.
2. Upon referral, the defense attorney will interview the individual and, if necessary, with the assistance of the Veteran's Justice Outreach Coordinator (VJO), establish whether the individual is a veteran and, if veteran status is established, the discharge status. At this stage, the defense attorney will provide the veteran with a VTC application and handbook. At all times, defense counsel will keep the VTC Coordinator apprised of the veteran's progress through the referral, application, and screening process.
3. If the veteran consents to participation and completes the application and necessary releases of information, the application will be forwarded to the State's Attorney for review. If the State's Attorney approves the application, the application will be the VTC Coordinator, along with the veteran's arrest date, referral date, dates of interview by defense counsel and VJO, and if applicable, sentencing date.
4. Upon receipt of the referral by Court Services, the veteran will be screened by the VTC Coordinator for participation, and by the VJO for availability of veteran's benefits. The veteran will be classified by risk and need.

5. The Coordinator and VJO will present the referral to the VTC team, who will deliberate on acceptance, applying the eligibility criteria. If the veteran is classified as high risk and high need, or low risk and high need, and a presumption of acceptance will be applied if the veteran is otherwise eligible. The presiding judge will make the final decision regarding whether the veteran will be accepted, after giving due consideration to the input of the other team members.
6. Upon admission to the VTC, the judge, with the assistance of the VTC team, will establish the ultimate goal of disposition for the veteran's case. Such dispositions may include:
 - a. Diversion and ultimate dismissal of the defendant's charges upon successful completion of the program.
 - b. Successful discharge from probation upon successful completion of the program.
 - c. Discharge to unsupervised or traditional supervised probation upon successful completion of the program.

The ultimate disposition may depend upon a plea agreement between the veteran and the State's attorney.

*Every reasonable effort will be made by the Veterans Treatment Court Team to ensure that the time between arrest and entry into the Veterans Treatment Court Program is less than 30 days.

Veterans Court Proceedings

The Veterans Court is a specialized court operating on a bi-weekly basis dedicated to the assessment and supervision of participants. The Veterans Court Team will meet prior to court. Veterans Court is open for your family members or other members of your support network to attend. Children may attend court when appropriate.

You are expected to maintain appropriate behavior at all times during court sessions and while in the courthouse. The Judge and Team members shall be addressed with respect. Unless prior approval is given, you will remain for the entire Veterans Court proceedings. We do encourage you to show your support and encouragement to fellow participants by applause. Your behavior and demeanor while in the courthouse is a reflection on the entire Program.

Confidentiality

Veterans Court is open to the public, but Veteran Courts Team meetings are **not**. Special permission to attend Team meetings must have prior approval. It is important to protect the privacy interest of everyone involved in Veterans Court. You are required to sign releases from the Veterans Court Team and service providers for health, medical, mental health, criminal, employment and educational records. Since this is confidential information, it cannot and will not be shared with anyone outside of the Veterans Court team. There is one exception to this rule pertaining to SDCL 26-8A-3 and 4, which requires reporting of any prior or current child neglect/ abuse.

Participant's Rights

All participants have the right to a dignified and reliable delivery of service. Participation in the Veterans Treatment Court program is voluntary. Participants will be informed of any changes in the program, rules or policies. You also understand that admission, participation, and possible termination from the Veterans Treatment Court Program are entirely within the discretion of the Veterans Treatment Court Team.

Equal Treatment and services will be delivered without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, ancestry or physical disability.

Drug Testing

A critical component of successful Veterans Court participation involves supervision and random drug testing to determine compliance with the rules of the Veterans Court Program. The frequency of the tests will be determined by the phase you are in and is subject to change based on violations and the recommendation of the Veterans Court Team. Testing is conducted at treatment sessions and at Veterans Court sessions by the Court Service Officer. All tests are observed, and any detectable level of alcohol or controlled substance will be considered as a positive test. This is done to protect public safety. On occasion, treatment providers may conduct tests for the purpose of therapeutic adjustments; results will be shared with the Team. Drug testing includes frequent contact with the South Dakota Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to ensure you are not abusing prescriptions not approved without the Team's knowledge.

Phases of Veterans Court

The Second Circuit Veterans Court consists of five (5) phases. Each phase is explained in detail below. You are required to submit a written request to the Drug Court Team in order to advance to the next phase or graduate. Program length may vary. Before graduating from the Program, you must complete a **Program Exit Survey**.

Phase 1

- ✓ Minimum of 8 weeks (60 days)
- ✓ Show up to court and be honest
- ✓ Bi-weekly Court Appearances
- ✓ At minimum weekly contact with probation
- ✓ At minimum monthly home visit
- ✓ Comply with TestNotice (UAs)– 28% chance daily including weekends and holidays
- ✓ Connect with Mentor
- ✓ Connect with Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator (VJO) as ordered
- ✓ 24/7 as ordered
- ✓ Connect and participate in at least 2 community support groups weekly
- ✓ Comply with treatment
- ✓ Comply with supervision
- ✓ Change people, places and things
- ✓ Address housing
- ✓ 14 consecutive days clean at end of phase 1

Phase 2

- ✓ Minimum of 12 weeks (90 days)
- ✓ Show up to court and be honest
- ✓ Bi-weekly Court Appearances
- ✓ At minimum weekly contact with probation
- ✓ At minimum monthly home visit
- ✓ Comply with TestNotice (UAs)– 28% chance daily including weekends and holidays
- ✓ Continue to connect with Mentor and VJO as ordered
- ✓ Review case plan with treatment provider
- ✓ 24/7 as ordered

- ✓ Participate in at least two community support groups weekly
- ✓ Implement a plan for stable housing
- ✓ Seek employment or other approved plan (educational)
- ✓ Address financial budget plan
- ✓ 30 consecutive days clean at end of phase 2

Phase 3

- ✓ Minimum of 16 weeks (120 days)
- ✓ Bi-weekly Court Appearances
- ✓ At minimum weekly contact with probation
- ✓ At minimum monthly home visit
- ✓ Comply with TestNotice (UAs)– 28% chance daily including weekends and holidays
- ✓ Continue contact with Mentor and VJO as ordered
- ✓ Review case plan with treatment provider
- ✓ 24/7 as ordered
- ✓ Participate in at least two community support groups weekly
- ✓ Establish a pro-social activity
- ✓ Establish stable employment or other approved plan
- ✓ Establish stable housing
- ✓ Develop a relapse prevention plan
- ✓ 45 consecutive days clean at end of phase 3

Phase 4

- ✓ Minimum of 12 weeks (90 days)
- ✓ Monthly Court Appearances
- ✓ At minimum weekly contact with probation
- ✓ At minimum monthly home visit
- ✓ Comply with TestNotice (UAs)– 28% chance daily including weekends and holidays
- ✓ Continued contact with Mentor and VJO as ordered
- ✓ Review case plan with treatment provider
- ✓ 24/7 as ordered
- ✓ Participate in at least two community support groups weekly
- ✓ Maintain pro-social activity
- ✓ Maintain employment or other approved plan
- ✓ Maintain housing
- ✓ Verification of payments of household bills (past six months)
- ✓ 60 consecutive days clean at end of phase 4

Phase 5

- ✓ Minimum of 12 weeks (90 days)
- ✓ Monthly Court Appearances
- ✓ At minimum weekly contact with probation
- ✓ At minimum monthly home visit
- ✓ Comply with TestNotice (UAs)– 28% chance daily including weekends and holidays
- ✓ Continued contact with Mentor and VJO as ordered
- ✓ Successful completion of treatment or in maintenance stage
- ✓ Maintain community support groups
- ✓ Maintain pro-social activity
- ✓ Demonstrate financial stability
- ✓ Maintain employment or other approved plan
- ✓ Maintain housing
- ✓ Review case plan

- ✓ Develop continuing care plan
- ✓ 90 consecutive days clean at end of phase 5

Graduation

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ Complete Phase 5
- ✓ Pay all fees on current file
- ✓ 90 days continuous sobriety
- ✓ Maintain acceptable housing
- ✓ Maintain employment or other approved plan
- ✓ Have been in program for at least one year
- ✓ Complete program Exit Survey

Upon successfully completion of all five (5) phases, upon meeting graduations requirements and upon recommendation of the Veterans Court Team, you will graduate from Veterans Court.

Graduation from Veterans Court is recognized as a very important event. Your loved ones and friends will be invited to join you at a special ceremony as the Veterans Court Team congratulates you for successfully completing all phases of the Program and achieving all the goals to establish a chemical-free life.

Incentives

While participating in the Veterans Court Program, you may be given incentives to reinforce positive behaviors. An incentive, or reward, is an acknowledgement by the Veterans Court Team that you have reached a milestone, accomplished a specific goal, or otherwise exhibited positive behavior or change.

Expected behaviors and incentives can include but are not limited to the following:

Expected behavior	Incentive
Honesty	Applause
Accomplishing goal	Acknowledgement from the court
Positive attitude	Gift card to local restaurant
Adjusting well to Program	Gas card
Securing a sponsor	Movie pass
Avoiding temptation to relapse	Progression in the Program/medal

Violations and Sanctions

While participating in the Veterans Court Program, you will be given sanctions for any violations. A violation is a behavior or action that conflicts with the Program rules, policies or recommendations. A sanction is a response to a violation. The seriousness of the violation determines the severity of the sanction imposed. The objective of sanctions is to encourage you to continue to work towards recovery and treatment goals.

Any violations of the Veterans Court Program rules, policies, or recommendations will result in the **immediate** imposition of sanctions, as determined by the Judge or Veterans Court Team. The Team will individualize sanctions as deemed appropriate.

Inappropriate behaviors and sanctions can include but are not limited to the following:

Inappropriate Behavior	Possible Sanction
✓ Dishonesty	✓ Verbal reprimand
✓ Failure to maintain journal	✓ Written letter
✓ Failure to attend AA meetings	✓ Incarceration
✓ Breaking curfew requirements	✓ Loss of sober days
✓ Reporting late to PBT or UA	✓ House arrest
✓ Testing positive on PBT or UA	✓ No phase progression

Termination

The following events will trigger a discussion by the VTC team to consider termination of the veteran from VTC without a successful disposition, and referral of the case back to the court to which the veteran’s case was assigned for further proceedings:

1. The arrest of the veteran in any jurisdiction on a new criminal charge that is a class one misdemeanor or more serious while the veteran participates in VTC.
2. Ongoing failure to comply with treatment or counseling recommendations.
3. Any attempt, whether or not successful, to tamper with a drug or alcohol test.
4. Any unexcused failure to appear in court.
5. Noncompliance with any court-ordered conditions intended to ensure public safety with which the veteran has been ordered to comply.
6. Any serious behavior detrimental to progress in VTC that cannot be corrected by counseling, treatment, or less serious sanctions.

The presiding judge will make the final decision regarding whether the veteran will be terminated from the VTC, after giving due consideration to the input of the other team members.

Process for Termination

1. Any member of the Veterans Court Team makes a motion for termination
2. Court Services Officer will provide you with a written notification of the motion
3. You will be given the opportunity to choose whether or not you would like to have a lawyer represent you at the termination hearing.
4. You will address the Veterans Court Team concerning the possibility of termination at the next regularly scheduled Court session.
5. After the Court session, the Veterans Court Team will vote on termination.
6. In you are terminated, the Court shall advise you of your rights concerning potential probation revocation and appoint you an attorney.
7. You are required to participate in a termination interview and may be subject to a probation revocation proceeding.

Voluntary Removal

You may request removal from the Veterans Court Program; however, you are advised to meet with your defense attorney before making this request. If you have been deemed an absconder from court services supervision while in the Veterans Court Program, you will be considered to have voluntarily removed yourself.

Fees

Court Related Fees

You are required to keep up with your payments for court related fees. Court related fees can include but are not limited to the following:

- ✓ Child support
- ✓ Restitution
- ✓ Public Defender fees

You will be responsible to set up a payment plan with the Court Service Officer to present to the Team for approval.

Program Related Fees

You may be required to pay for testing, monitoring, and treatment while in the Program. Failure to make timely payments could result in delayed completion of the Program. The fees can include but are not limited to the following:

- ✓ UA's
- ✓ 24/7 Program
- ✓ SCRAM
- ✓ Interlock
- ✓ Treatment
- ✓ Court fines

Conclusion

We hope this handbook has been helpful to you and answered most of your questions. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your Veterans Treatment Court CSO or any member of the Veterans Treatment Court Team Members.

Good luck to you, and thank you for your service to our country!

Appendix of Definitions

- ✓ **Show up to court and be honest:** the veteran will be required to attend court appearances and be truthful with court services and other Veterans Treatment Court personnel about his or her case, treatment, compliance, and conduct.
- ✓ **Bi-weekly Court Appearances:** The veteran will be required to attend court as required by the VTC judge, but at a minimum, on a bi-weekly basis.
- ✓ **Weekly contact with probation:** The veteran's court services officer will dictate the type and frequency of contact, but a minimum of weekly contact will be required.
- ✓ **Urinalysis drug tests (UAs) at least twice per week:** The UA's will be administered by an agency designated by the VTC.
- ✓ **Connect with Mentor:** At the first available opportunity, the veteran will be assigned a mentor by the Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Coordinator, and the veteran will be responsible for contacting and meeting with the mentor. The veterans contact with the mentor, and the mentor's services, will be governed by the Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Handbook.
- ✓ **Connect with Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator (VJO) as ordered:** The veteran will be responsible for contacting and meeting with the VJO as directed by the Veterans Treatment Court, and cooperating with the VJO in determining eligibility for benefits and assistance from the Veterans Administration.
- ✓ **Field Visits:** The veteran will comply with announced and unannounced visits from the court services officer and any other persons assisting the court services officer, or any other party authorized by the VTC to conduct field visits. The field visits may be at the veteran's home, place of employment, or any other place where the veteran may be found. The party conducting the visit will exercise reasonable discretion when conducting the visit so as to not be unduly disruptive to the veteran's situation.
- ✓ **Connect and participate in at least 2 community support groups:** The veteran will attend and participate in at least two meetings of a community support group appropriate to the veteran's needs, and provide documentation of attendance to the VTC upon demand.

- ✓ **14 consecutive days clean at end of phase 1:** The defendant will be required to test cleanly in both the 24/7 program and in all UA's for at least fourteen consecutive days before completing phase 1. The veteran cannot complete phase 1 unless the veteran is currently clean and has been for fourteen consecutive days at the time of completion.
- ✓ **Comply with Treatment orders:** The veteran will comply with alcohol, drug, and/or mental health treatment and counseling as recommended by the veteran's mental health and substance abuse professionals, and as directed by the VTC.
- ✓ **Continued Community Support Groups:** The veteran will continue to regularly attend and participate in community support group meetings appropriate to the veteran's needs, and provide documentation of attendance to the VTC upon demand.
- ✓ **Implement a plan for stable housing:** The veteran will present the court with information documenting that the veteran is in the process of obtaining stable housing, and that residence in a homeless shelter, halfway house, or other temporary housing will not continue.
- ✓ **Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT):** The veteran will enroll and participate in MRT classes upon referral by the VTC.
- ✓ **Stable employment and housing:** The veteran will be regularly and gainfully employed consistent with the veteran's abilities and medical condition, and the veteran will have stable, permanent housing.
- ✓ **Participation in pro-social activity:** The veteran will regularly participate in a drug and alcohol-free pro-social activity such as regular volunteer work, participation in an organized sports league, church or worship activities, etc., as approved by the VTC.
- ✓ **Verified payments of household bills/child support every 6 months:** Upon demand, but at least every six months, the veteran will provide documentation to the VTC of financial responsibility, including regular payment of bills and (if applicable) child support.

Community Resources

Transportation

Project Car
327 S Dakota Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 332-2777

DAV - Disabled American Veterans
1519 W 51st St
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 332-6866

Pass It Along – Falls Community Health

Sioux Empire Wheels to Work Program
605-941-4318

Mental Health

Southeastern Behavioral Healthcare
100 W 5th Street
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 336-0503

Sioux Falls Psychological Services
2109 S Norton Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 334-2696

Lutheran Social Services
705 E 41st St #200
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 444-7500

The Compass Center
1800 W 12th St #100
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 339-0116

VA Medical Center
2501 W 22nd St
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 336-3230

Great Plains Psychological Services
4105 S Carnegie Cir
Sioux Falls SD 57106
(605) 323-2345

Treatment

VA Medical Center
2501 W 22nd St
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 336-3230

Glory House
4000 S West Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 332-3273

Carroll Institute
310 S 1st Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 336-2556

Sioux Falls VA Addiction Service
2501 W 22nd St
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 336-3230

Keystone Treatment Center
7511 S Louise Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57108
(605) 335-1820

Family Therapy

Vet Center Program Home
3200 W 49th St
Sioux Falls SD 57106
(605) 330-4552

Sioux Falls Psychological Services
2109 S Norton Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 334-2696

Southeastern Behavioral Healthcare
2000 S Summit Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 336-0510 or (866) 258-6954

Keystone Treatment Center
7511 S Louise Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57108
(605) 335-1820

Housing

St. Francis House
1301 E Austin St
Sioux Falls SD 57103
(605) 334-3879

Heartland House
505 N Western Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 334-2808

Union Gospel Mission
701 E 8th St
Sioux Falls SD 57103
(605) 334-6732

Safe Home
320 W 3rd St
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 367-7441

Sioux Falls Housing Corporation
630 S Minnesota Ave #200
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 332-0704

Bishop Dudley Hospitality House
101 N Indiana Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57103
(605) 809-8424

Berakhah House
400 N Western Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 332-4017

The Community Outreach
225 E 11th St #200
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 331-3935

Community Based Organizations

Veterans of Foreign War
3601 S Minnesota Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57105

1701 W Legion Dr
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 336-3470

Disabled American Veterans
1519 W 51st St
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 332-6866
American Legion Post #15

Vet Center Program Home
3200 W 49th St
Sioux Falls SD 57106
(605) 330-4552

Health

Avera McKennan Hospital
1325 S Cliff Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57117
(605) 322-8000

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System
2501 W 22nd St
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 336-3230

Sanford USD Medical Center
1305 W 18th St
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 333-1000

Falls Community Health
521 N Main Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 367-8793

Mentoring Programs

Fatherhood Program – LSS
705 East 41st Street Suite 200
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 444-7500 or (800) 568-2401

Face It Together
231 S Phillips Ave Suite 201
Sioux Falls SD 57101
(605) 271-9044

Social Services

VA Medical Center
2501 W 22nd St
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 336-3230

Lutheran Social Services
705 E 41st St #200
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 444-7500

Community

Parks and Rec
100 E 6th St
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 367-8222

Banquet
900 E 8th St
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 335-7066

Feeding South Dakota
3511 N 1st Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 335-0364

Minnehaha County Human Services
521 N Main Ave #201
Sioux Falls SD 57104
(605) 367-421

Faith Temple Food Giveaway
2121 W 33rd St
Sioux Falls SD 57105
(605) 332-2303



Minnehaha County Veterans Treatment Court Application

Second Judicial Circuit

Date of Application	Please submit completed application to the Minnehaha County Veteran's Treatment Court Coordinator, Kallie Steffens. Submit by E-mail: kallie.steffens@ujc.state.sd.us or by fax 605-367-4097.		
Name (Last, First, Middle)	Alias		
Race	Sex	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
Current Address (Street)		Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number
City	State	Zip	How Long at this Address?
County of Residence:	Reliable Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Valid Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do You Have Children? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Number of Dependents	
Emergency Contact		Relationship	Telephone Number
Current Employer		Monthly Income	Receiving Disability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
VA Assessment Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If so, where/when?	
Highest Grade Completed		GED <input type="checkbox"/>	
On Probation Currently <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Probation Officer	
Current Charges			Offense Date:
Do you have any matters pending in any other court? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name of court:		Charges:	
Armed Forces Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Branch	Dates of Service	Discharge Type/Date:
Were you deployed to a combat zone or hazardous duty? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, dates:	
Have you been treated for/diagnosed with PTSD, a service related mental disorder or a traumatic brain injury (TBI) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, explain:	
Defense Attorney Name		Telephone Number	
"The defendant consents to the disclosure of Veteran Court application information, including a Risk/Needs Assessment and a Treatment Needs Assessment, prior to entry of a plea, for purposes of obtaining information useful for acceptance into the Veteran Court Program."			
<hr style="width: 100%;"/> Defense Attorney Signature		<hr style="width: 100%;"/> Applicant Signature	
<hr style="width: 100%;"/> Date		<hr style="width: 100%;"/> Date	

SOUTH DAKOTA PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

The South Dakota Prescription Drug Monitoring Program gathers data from dispensers who serve South Dakota residents and makes it available to prescribers and pharmacists to enable them to make better decisions when providing controlled substances to their patients. In addition, law enforcement can access this tool to reduce doctor-shopping, prescription forgery, and the diversion of prescription medications into illegitimate channels. All controlled substances in Schedules II – IV are tracked by the SD PDMP.

I, _____, having agreed to enroll and participate in the Veterans Treatment Court Program, hereby acknowledge that treatment information normally is confidential under federal law. I understand that any disclosure made is bound by Part 2 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which governs the confidentiality of substance abuse patient (or client) records, and Part 164 of Title 45 of the CFR, which governs the confidentiality of mental and physical health records generally. I also understand that it is unlawful to violate these confidentiality requirements, but that both requirements permit me to voluntarily consent to permit disclosure of my health and substance abuse treatment information.

Therefore, I, _____ give consent to _____ (Court Services Officer and Team) to obtain my Prescription Drug Monitoring Program data from the South Dakota Pharmacy Board for the purpose of assisting the Drug Court with my case, specifically for supervision and treatment. All information obtained through the PDMP program will be kept confidential between the Veterans Treatment Court Team. I understand that this consent will remain in effect and cannot be revoked by me until there has been a formal and effective termination of my involvement with the Veterans Court for the case named above such as the discontinuation of all court-ordered supervision or probation upon my successful completion of the Veterans Treatment Court requirements, or upon sentencing for violating the terms of my Veterans Court involvement.

I understand that this consent will remain in effect and cannot be revoked by me until there has been a formal and effective termination of my involvement with the Veterans Court such as the discontinuation of all court-ordered supervision or probation upon my successful completion of the Veterans Court requirements, or upon sentencing for violating the terms of my Veterans Court involvement.

Signature _____

Date _____

Witness Signature _____

Date _____

Veterans Treatment Court Publicity Consent Form

I hereby consent to and authorize the use, publication and reproduction of all media by the Veterans Court or anyone it authorizes, for all photographs/video taken of me, with or without names as the case may be, for any editorial, promotional, advertising, educational or other purpose.

I understand that any photographs or videos may be used in any publication for promotion of Veterans Courts. I realize that this coverage may place my picture, with or without further explanation, alone or accompanied by other pictures, in a story, on a website, or on a cover of any or all publicity materials for Veterans Treatment Courts. I hereby release the Veterans Court, its staff, and employees, or anyone it authorizes, from all claims relating to or arising from the uses consented above.

I am over eighteen years of age, have read this consent and release, or have had it read and explained to me, fully understand its contents, and enter into it voluntarily and without coercion.

I understand that this consent will remain in effect and cannot be revoked by me until there has been a formal and effective termination of my involvement with the Veterans Court such as the discontinuation of all court-ordered supervision or probation upon my successful completion of the Veterans Court requirements, or upon sentencing for violating the terms of my Veterans Court involvement.

Print Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Veterans Treatment Court Participant Manual Receipt and Acknowledgement

I, _____, acknowledge receipt of the Veterans Treatment Court Participant Manual. I understand that it is my responsibility to read and comply with the policies contained in the handbook and any revisions made to it.

Participant's Printed Name: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Court Services Officer Signature: _____