

# PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK



## PENNINGTON COUNTY DRUG COURT

Judge Matt Brown  
**3PM–5PM on Wednesdays**  
Courtroom C3  
Pennington County Courthouse  
315 Saint Joseph Street  
Rapid City, SD  
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# WELCOME TO DRUG COURT!

Drug Court will give you tools to change your life and a chance to break the cycle of addiction and crime. The program uses intensive probation supervision, treatment, and drug testing to help you change. You will have regular contact with the Drug Court Judge, probation, and treatment. You will participate in addiction and mental health treatment, group and individual treatment sessions, regular Drug Court hearings, drug/alcohol testing, and recovery support group meetings (AA, NA, SMART Recovery, etc.). Other activities should be expected because each person's path to recovery is different. Drug Court takes more than one year to complete.

Drug Court's goal is **RECOVERY**, not just sobriety. "Recovery" is defined as a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential.

## DRUG COURT GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO IMPROVE YOUR:

### Health



- ◆ Achieve sobriety
- ◆ Address mental health problems
- ◆ Improve physical health

### Home



- ◆ Have a safe and stable place to live

### Purpose



- ◆ Have meaningful daily activities (job, school, volunteering, family caretaking, creative projects)
- ◆ Be a productive member of society

### Community



- ◆ Build relationships and social networks that provide support, friendship, love, and hope

You must follow the rules of Drug Court and the directions given by the Drug Court Judge and Drug Court Team. **Read this Handbook carefully.** It tells you what to expect in Drug Court. You can share this handbook with your family and friends.



The Judge and the Team are here to help you, but **the final responsibility is yours.** We know that **with hard work, honesty, and commitment to recovery you can be successful.**

# DRUG COURT TEAM

The Drug Court Judge makes all the final decisions about your Drug Court case, with help from the Drug Court Team. Team members are:



- ◆ Judge Matt Brown
- ◆ Coordinator Ashlee May
- ◆ Prosecutor Arman Zeljkovic
- ◆ Defense Attorney Randal Connelly
- ◆ Probation Officers Bridget Secret & Matt Paulsen
- ◆ Addiction Treatment Provider Barb Samson (ROADS)
- ◆ Mental Health Treatment Provider Jason Stamper (BMS)
- ◆ Lieutenant Cathy Bock

## **Probation Officers:** Bridget Secret & Matt Paulsen

315 Saint Joseph Street (Pennington County Courthouse) 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
(605) 381-2054

## **ROADS Outpatient Treatment:** Barb Samson

103 E Omaha Street  
(605) 348-8026

## **Behavior Management Systems:** Jason Stamper

111 North Street  
(605) 343-0650

# PARTICIPANT RIGHTS

By agreeing to be in Drug Court, you have given up some of your rights (disputing search/seizure/traffic stops, preliminary hearing, trial by jury or court, etc.).

**You have given permission for treatment to share information with the Drug Court Team.**

Drug Court is open to the public. The Team cannot tell how the news might use your identity. The Team cannot stop them from sharing information that is public record.



# DRUG COURT SCHEDULE

## TEAM STAFFING: 1:30PM–3PM ON WEDNESDAYS

The Team talks about participants before each Drug Court hearing. Drug testing, attendance, participation and cooperation, employment, and other topics are shared. The Team will talk about your progress and any problems you have. Staffings are closed to the public. You do not have a right to attend Staffing. You might be invited to Staffing by the Team to talk about private issues if needed.

## DRUG COURT: 3PM–5PM ON WEDNESDAYS

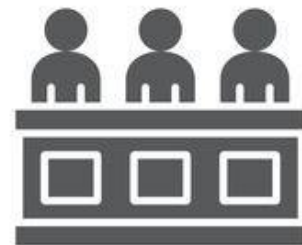
### Courtroom C3, Pennington County Courthouse

You will come to Drug Court weekly in Phase 1 and 2, every other week in Phase 3, and monthly in Phase 4 and Phase 5. You, the Judge, probation, attorneys, and treatment counselors will all be in Drug Court to talk about your progress and any problems you have. You will get to talk with the Judge. You might get incentives (rewards) if you are doing well, and sanctions (consequences) if you are not doing well. A warrant could be issued for your arrest if you do not show up to Drug Court when you are required to. **Ask if you have questions about when you are required to be in Drug Court.** If you miss Court for an emergency, contact probation right away.

Drug Court hearings are open to the public. You can invite your family members and supports to come and watch. You should expect other participants' family members and supports and other community members to be at Drug Court hearings.

## COURTROOM RULES:

- ★ **Be on time!** – If you are not in your seat before 3PM you are late and will get a sanction.
- ★ **Be respectful** to the Judge, the Team, and your fellow participants.
  - Turn off your phone before Drug Court
  - Be quiet and pay attention
  - No sleeping
  - Do not wear:
    - Hats, bandanas, or do-rags
    - Sunglasses
    - Clothes with drug/alcohol logos or gang symbols
    - Clothes that show your underwear
- ★ **Be supportive** of your fellow participants, and encourage them with applause.
- ★ **Stand** when the Judge is talking to you.
- ★ **Stay seated** in courtroom during the whole Drug Court hearing, unless the Judge excuses you.



# OTHER DRUG COURT RULES

## ★ Follow all directions of the Drug Court Team

## ★ Follow all laws

Do not commit any crimes. Do not threaten anyone or commit any violent acts. **Tell probation right away if you have contact with police** (even if it was not your fault).

## ★ Show up and be on time for ALL appointments

If you need to change any appointment (treatment, office visits, etc.), you must do it at least 24-hours before the appointment starts. If you are late or if you miss an appointment, you might get a sanction.



### SANCTIONS COULD INCLUDE:

- ✗ Daily planning assignment
- ✗ Increased probation supervision
- ✗ Community service
- ✗ Jail
- ✗ Payment for missed treatment appointments
- ✗ Other, as decided by the Judge with help from the Team

## ★ Be honest and try in treatment

Your treatment plan will be made by you and treatment. You will get both addiction and mental health treatment. You will be in both individual and group sessions. The Team will talk regularly about how you are doing in treatment. **You will be in treatment the whole time you are in Drug Court.** Treatment could include:

- ◆ MAA\*EZ (Making Alcoholics Anonymous Easier)
- ◆ Assessments
- ◆ IOP (Intensive Outpatient Treatment)
- ◆ CBISA (Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Substance Abuse)
- ◆ Recovery Planning
- ◆ Recovery Maintenance
- ◆ Aftercare
- ◆ MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy)
- ◆ DBT (Dialectical Behavioral Therapy)
- ◆ Individual Counseling
- ◆ Medication Assessment and Management
- ◆ MAT (Medication-Assisted Treatment)
- ◆ Low-Intensity Residential Treatment
- ◆ Intensive Inpatient Treatment
- ◆ Other, as decided by treatment

## ★ Do not have or use drugs or alcohol

Drugs, including marijuana, and alcohol are not allowed. Do not use or have any drugs or alcohol with you, in your home, or in your vehicle. Do not go to places where alcohol is the primary sale. Admitting you used drugs or alcohol before a test will almost always lessen the sanction you might get. **Honesty is always the best policy.**



## ★ Change people, places, and things

Probation and the Team will talk with everyone involved in your life. This includes significant others, friends, family, employers, doctors, counselors, etc.

### Do not hang out with people who:

- ✗ Are on felony probation
- ✗ Are on parole
- ✗ Have charges pending
- ✗ Are breaking the law
- ✗ Are violent
- ✗ Use drugs/alcohol

**The Team will restrict your contact with certain people if needed.**

## ★ Live in a safe and sober place that supports your recovery

**Tell probation where you are living and who you are living with.** Do not have guests or visitors and do not let someone move in without permission. **Do not move without permission.**

The Team might tell you to move if you are not living in a safe and sober place that supports your recovery.

Stay home during your curfew. **Ask if you have any questions about when you are supposed to be at home.** Contact probation right away if you have an emergency. Drug Court curfew is:

**Phase 1**  
9PM-5AM

**Phase 2**  
10PM-5AM

**Phase 3**  
11PM-5AM

**Phase 4**  
12AM-5AM

**Phase 5**  
As directed



## ★ Stay in contact with probation

Show up for all probation appointments. **Check in with probation by phone every morning and every evening.** You cannot leave the Rapid City area without permission. If you abscond, you have voluntarily removed yourself from the program and can be terminated from Drug Court. A warrant will be issued for your arrest.

Probation and/or police will visit you in the community during the day or night and with or without notice. You might be drug/alcohol tested. You, your vehicle, and your home can be searched. **Do not have any firearms, weapons, alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia, or other contraband.** Probation can also search your electronic devices.

### IMPORTANT THINGS YOU SHOULD TELL PROBATION:

- ◆ Any changes to your phone number
- ◆ Any changes to work or school schedules
- ◆ **ALL** medications, pills, and supplements you are taking
- ◆ If you relapsed
- ◆ If you had contact with the police or have been arrested

## ★ Do all drug/alcohol tests as directed

Drug/alcohol testing helps you with sobriety goals. You will be tested often. You will test on any day of the week, including weekends and holidays. You will be tested by probation, treatment, and police.

### TESTING LOCATIONS:

**Court Services** (605) 394-2595  
Penn Co Courthouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Days: Monday – Friday when the  
Courthouse is open  
UA Times: 8AM – 4PM

**24/7 Sobriety Program** (605) 716-7366  
111 New York Street  
Days: Daily  
UA Times: 5:30AM – 8AM and 5:30PM – 8PM  
PBT Times: 5:30AM – 8:30AM and 5:30PM – 8:30PM

You will do at least two UAs each week. The **TestNotice** system randomly schedules when you need to UA. Your testing color is assigned by probation. You will get a notification by phone when you need to UA, so you must always have access to a phone. You need to do a UA **within 4 hours of notification**. UAs at Court Services are free. UAs at the 24/7 Sobriety Program are \$5/test. You need to be ready to test when you come in. A missed or late UA will be considered as a positive test.

UAs test for many drugs. UAs also test creatinine levels and oxidants, which show if you are diluting or contaminating your urine. **Do not try to beat a UA by drinking too much water or by contaminating your urine.** A diluted or contaminated sample will be considered as a positive test.

If your UA is positive but you deny using any drugs or alcohol, the sample will be sent to a lab for testing. You pay for the test if lab results are positive. Drug Court pays for the test if lab results are negative.

You will do random alcohol testing. You might also be required to do PBTs, SCRAM, or Remote Breath through the 24/7 Sobriety Program. PBTs are \$1/test, SCRAM is \$6/day (plus \$80 install/removal fee), and Remote Breath is \$5/day (plus \$80 install/removal fee). A missed or late PBT will be considered as a positive test.

### YOU MIGHT GET A SANCTION IF:

- ✗ You are late for a drug/alcohol test
- ✗ You miss a drug/alcohol test
- ✗ You cannot produce enough of a sample to be tested
- ✗ Your urine is diluted or contaminated
- ✗ You interfere with a drug/alcohol test in any way
- ✗ Your test is positive for drugs/alcohol
- ✗ Your test is positive for unapproved medications (prescription or over-the-counter), pills, or supplements
- ✗ Your test is positive because of secondhand smoke
- ✗ Your test is positive because you ate poppy seeds

### SANCTIONS COULD INCLUDE:

- ✗ Lost Days of Sobriety
- ✗ Jail
- ✗ Shortened testing window
- ✗ Community service
- ✗ Other, as decided by the Judge with help from the Team



## ★ Tell treatment and probation about all prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, pills, and supplements you are taking

Using medication that has controlled substances or alcohol is not allowed without permission and monitoring by treatment and probation. You should work with your doctor to find non-addictive medications and treatment options. **Do not take more than the recommended dose of any medication**

**You are responsible for what is in your body.** You need to make sure the medication, pills, and supplements you are taking and what you are eating/drinking will not affect drug/alcohol testing.

- ✗ Do not take medicine or use products that contain alcohol
- ✗ Do not eat poppy seeds
- ✗ Do not use synthetic substance (K2, Spice, etc.)
- ✗ Do not take any cleansing/masking products
- ✗ Do not take diet pills without permission
- ✗ Do not take herbal supplements without permission
- ✗ Do not take cold or allergy medication without permission



### **SAFE MEDICATIONS (if used as directed):**

- ◆ **Pain:** Tylenol, Aleve, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Excedrin, Midol, Pamprin (not "PM" options)
- ◆ **Stomach:** Mylanta, Milk of Magnesia, Pepto-Bismol, Metamucil, Miralax, Colace, Dialose, Docusate
- ◆ **Antacid:** Zantac, Pepcid, Prilosec, Tums/Roloids
- ◆ **Flu:** Theraflu, Alka-Seltzer
- ◆ **Cough/Cold:** Mucinex, Delsym, Tessalon Perles (non-alcoholic, pediatric, not "D" or "DM")
- ◆ **Allergies:** Allegra, Claritin, Benadryl, Clarinex, Alavert, Zyrtec, Nasacort/Nasonex, Saline Sprays (not "D" or "DM" options)
- ◆ **Joint Pain:** Tylenol Arthritis, Bengay, Icy Hot
- ◆ **Vitamins:** Multivitamins, Prenatal Vitamins
- ◆ **Other Safe Categories:** Gas Relief; Antibiotics; Antifungals; Hemorrhoid Meds; Asthma Meds; Eye Meds; Ear Meds; Fever Blister Meds; Toothache Relief; Sunscreen; Topical Creams; Vaginal Products; Urinary Products;

### **DO NOT TAKE:**

- ✗ Sleep Aids
- ✗ Narcotic pain relievers
- ✗ Barbiturates
- ✗ Benzodiazepines
- ✗ Over-the-counter caffeine or diet pills
- ✗ Medications containing Codeine
- ✗ Medications, mouthwash, or topical products containing alcohol
- ✗ Tranquilizers

★ **Do not drive without a valid Driver's License and current vehicle insurance**

**It is against the law!!** If your Driver's License is suspended or revoked you may be able to request a Work Permit. Talk to the Team if you need help.



**OTHER TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:**

- ◆ Walk
- ◆ Ride a bike
- ◆ Get rides from family, friends, or other sober supports
- ◆ Ride the bus:  
**Rapid Ride @ (605) 394-6631**
- ◆ Call a Taxi:  
**Rapid Taxi @ (605) 348-8080**  
**City Cab @ (605) 863-1111**
- ◆ Use **Lyft** or **Uber**

★ **Use and update your daily planner**

Write all your appointments, treatment, meetings, office visits, Court, and daily activities in your Drug Court planner. **Always carry your planner with you and look in it often.** Probation will check your planner regularly.

★ **Attend and participate in recovery support group meetings**

Recovery support groups are AA, NA, SMART Recovery, etc. Attend and participate in at least two meetings each week after you have completed the MAA\*EZ program. Get proof of attendance to probation. You may be told to attend more meetings as needed.

★ **Find a recovery sponsor and work a recovery program**

The person you pick as your recovery sponsor will be responsible for encouraging, guiding, and supporting you on your path to recovery. Your recovery sponsor should be in recovery themselves, because they will be your role model for learning a new way of life and living sober. You should look for someone who will help you get to recovery support group meetings, help you develop new relationships with others in the recovery community, and help you build a strong sober social network. Your recovery sponsor should be willing to listen to your concerns and be able to make suggestions on how you can find help to solve your problems (housing, employment, transportation, relationships, etc.). **Your recovery sponsor must be willing to communicate with the Team** about your attendance at recovery support group meetings, your participation in the recovery community, and your progress toward reaching your recovery goals.



## ★ **Be involved in positive activities in the community**

Fill your free time with activities where people are not drinking, using drugs, or breaking the law. Do things that help others. Find activities you enjoy that will improve your health and wellbeing. Explore your spirituality. Find positive supports to help you. You will do a 40-hour volunteer project before Commencement.



## ★ **Work full time or go to school**

You need to work 32+ hours a week or go to school while in Drug Court. **Do not quit your job without permission from probation and the Team first.** The Team might give you a deadline to find a job if you are not working or in school. You might also be told to do daily job contacts, a job skills program, or Community Service until you find a job. Employment is an important part of the Drug Court program, but your treatment must come first. If your job starts to interfere with your treatment plan, some changes to your work schedule might be needed.

## ★ **Make and follow a budget**

Write down all your bills, including past-due bills and collections. Write down how much you are spending in a month. Write down how much money you make in a month. **Make sure all your bills are paid before you spend money on other things.** This includes paying your Child Support! **Do not spend more than \$300 on any item without permission.**

## ★ **Pay your Drug Court costs**

You do not have to pay a fee to be in Drug Court. You do have to pay your court costs, fines, attorney fees, and any other money ordered at Sentencing. **Make monthly payments to the Clerk of Courts until your Drug Court files are paid off.**

You will have to pay for some drug/alcohol testing while you are in Drug Court.

### **DRUG TESTING COSTS:**

- ◆ UAs are FREE at Court Services
- ◆ UAs are \$5 per test at the 24/7 Sobriety Program

### **ALCOHOL TESTING COSTS:**

- ◆ PBTs are \$1 per test at the 24/7 Sobriety Program
- ◆ SCRAM is \$6 per day (plus \$80 install/removal fee) at the 24/7 Sobriety Program
- ◆ Remote Breath is \$5 per day (plus \$80 install/removal fee) at the 24/7 Sobriety Program

You do not have to pay for your treatment while you are in Drug Court. You will have to pay for any treatment appointments you miss.

### **MISSED APPOINTMENT FEES:**

- ◆ \$20 for any missed individual counseling appointment at ROADS
- ◆ \$50 for any missed counseling appointment at BMS
- ◆ \$100 for any missed medication appointment at BMS



## ★ Do not gamble

Gambling is just as addictive as drugs and alcohol. **DO NOT go into casinos or gaming/gambling businesses.** Do not play games of chance, lottery, or any kind of betting for money, prize, or something of value.



## WRITTEN REQUESTS

All written requests must be turned in to Court Services on **MONDAY** so they can be shared with the Team and discussed on Wednesday. The Judge will make the final decision about your request.

### SPECIAL REQUESTS

Special Requests are used to ask permission for special situations. Your request must be as detailed as possible to include **times/dates, who, what, when, where, how, and how much**. Examples include:

- ◆ Work permit
- ◆ Moving or changing jobs
- ◆ Late curfew
- ◆ Financial help

### TRIP REQUESTS

Trip Requests are used to ask permission to go on overnight or out of the area trips. Your request must be detailed and filled out completely.

## HOLIDAY PLANS

Holiday Plans help you think about how to stay safe and sober during holiday times. Holiday Plans also help the Team know where to find you. **Holiday Plans are required even if you have no special plans during the holiday time.** Your Holiday Plan must be detailed and filled out completely. Holiday Plans can be turned in early, but they need to be turned in by the due-date. **If you do not turn in your Holiday Plan by the due-date, you will get a sanction.** Sanctions can include House Arrest during the entire holiday time and/or other sanctions which might be community service or jail. You are **not** allowed to work or attend meetings during House Arrest.

A list of "Holiday Dates" has been given to you. **Write all due-dates and holiday dates in your planner.** Ask if you have any questions.

### Holiday Plans are required for:

- ◆ Easter
- ◆ Labor Day
- ◆ Thanksgiving
- ◆ New Year
- ◆ Memorial Day
- ◆ Independence Day
- ◆ Christmas

# INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS

The Team uses incentives (rewards) for good behavior and sanctions (consequences) for bad behavior. Incentives and sanctions are used to reinforce program rules.

## INCENTIVES

You will earn incentives (rewards) for positive progress and good behavior. Examples include (but are not limited to):

- ★ Honesty
- ★ Attending appointments
- ★ Having a positive attitude
- ★ Reaching a milestone
- ★ Accomplishing a goal
- ★ Finding a recovery sponsor
- ★ Avoiding temptation to use drugs/alcohol

Incentives are given by the Team and depend on available resources. Possible incentives include (but are not limited to):

- ★ Applause
- ★ Verbal praise or recognition
- ★ Gold Star list
- ★ Awards or certificates
- ★ Phase advancement
- ★ Coins or medals
- ★ Decreased Court attendance
- ★ Decreased probation supervision
- ★ Extended curfew
- ★ Fishbowl drawing
- ★ Raffle drawing
- ★ Gift cards
- ★ Phone minutes
- ★ Commencement

## SANCTIONS

You will earn sanctions (consequences) for negative progress and bad behavior. Examples include (but are not limited to):

- ✗ Dishonesty
- ✗ Disrespectful behavior
- ✗ Not participating in treatment
- ✗ Not updating your daily planner
- ✗ Not attending recovery support group meetings
- ✗ Missing or being late for appointments
- ✗ Missing or being late for UAs/PBTs
- ✗ Interfering with UA or PBT testing
- ✗ Testing positive for drugs or alcohol

Sanctions are given by the Team and depend on the violation. Sanctions increase with multiple violations. Possible sanctions include (but are not limited to):

- ✗ Verbal warnings
- ✗ Judicial disapproval
- ✗ Writing assignments
- ✗ Increased Court appearances
- ✗ Increased probation supervision
- ✗ Delay in phase advancement
- ✗ Community service
- ✗ Restricted Monitoring
- ✗ Electronic Monitoring
- ✗ House Arrest
- ✗ Jail
- ✗ Termination

# THERAPEUTIC ADJUSTMENTS

Treatment and the Team use therapeutic adjustments to help you achieve sobriety and success. Therapeutic adjustments are changes in your treatment plan if you are struggling to stay sober but you are otherwise meeting program expectations. Possible therapeutic adjustments include (but are not limited to):

- ◆ Updated treatment assessments
- ◆ Increased treatment
- ◆ Increased recovery support group meetings
- ◆ Increased drug/alcohol testing
- ◆ Treatment workbook assignments
- ◆ Writing assignments
- ◆ Evaluation for medication
- ◆ Residential treatment

# PROGRAM PHASES

Drug Court has 5 phases and will take longer than one year to complete. Each phase helps you grow and heal. **Remember, everyone moves forward at a different pace.**

## APPLICATION FOR PHASE MOVEMENT

You must complete a written Application to move to the next phase. Get your application from probation. Your application is an important part of your program. Answer all the questions completely and as detailed as possible. The time and attention you give to your application will show your commitment to your sobriety and the program. Your application will help the Team decide on your readiness to move phases. You may be asked to update or redo your application if the Team feels it is not complete. Your application must be turned in to Court Services on **MONDAY** so it can be shared with the Team and discussed on Wednesday. The Judge will make the final decision about your phase advancement.

## In all Phases of Drug Court, you are expected to:

- Follow program rules and treatment recommendations
- Check in with probation by phone every morning and every evening
- Show up for all appointments
- Be honest and try in treatment
- Do random drug/alcohol tests as directed
- Live in a safe and sober place that supports your recovery
- Change people, places, and things
- Attend 2 recovery support group meetings (AA/NA/SMART Recovery, etc.) each week after finishing MAA\*EZ
- Find and use positive sober supports
- Work full-time (32+ hours each week) or go to school
- Use and update your daily planner
- Make and follow a budget

**See Page 13 for other requirements in each Phase of Drug Court.**

## Other requirements in each Phases of Drug Court:

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5
<p><b>REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Come to Drug Court weekly (Wednesday @3PM)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stay home during your 9PM to 5AM curfew</li> </ul> <p><b>TO ADVANCE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 60 days in Phase 1</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 14 days of continuous sobriety</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 10 days with no sanctions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participating in treatment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Good with probation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phase 2 Application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Judge approval</li> </ul>	<p><b>REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Come to Drug Court weekly (Wednesday @3PM)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stay home during your 10PM to 5AM curfew</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend 3 recovery support group meetings each week until you find a recovery sponsor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Start working a recovery program with your recovery sponsor</li> </ul> <p><b>TO ADVANCE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 90 days in Phase 2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 30 days of continuous sobriety</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 20 days with no sanctions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participating in treatment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Good with probation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phase 3 Application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Judge approval</li> </ul>	<p><b>REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Come to Drug Court every other week (Wednesday @3PM)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stay home during your 11PM to 5AM curfew</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep working a recovery program with your recovery sponsor</li> </ul> <p><b>TO ADVANCE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 90 days in Phase 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 45 days of continuous sobriety</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 30 days with no sanctions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participating in treatment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Good with probation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Involved in positive activities and the recovery community</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phase 4 Application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Judge approval</li> </ul>	<p><b>REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Come to Drug Court monthly (Wednesday @3PM)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stay home during your 11PM to 5AM curfew</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep working a recovery program with your recovery sponsor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend at least one Alumni Group meeting (held once a month)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Start a 40-hour volunteer project</li> </ul> <p><b>TO ADVANCE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 90 days in Phase 4</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 60 days of continuous sobriety</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 40 days with no sanctions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participating in treatment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Good with probation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Involved in positive activities and the recovery community</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phase 5 Application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Judge approval</li> </ul>	<p><b>REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Come to Drug Court monthly (Wednesday @3PM)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stay home during your 11PM to 5AM curfew</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep working a recovery program with your recovery sponsor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop a recovery maintenance plan</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend at least one Alumni Group meeting (held once a month)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete a 40-hour volunteer project</li> </ul>

# COMMENCEMENT

You will graduate from Drug Court when you have met all program requirements, you have completed treatment, and you have achieved continued sobriety. To graduate you must participate in a Commencement Ceremony. The Commencement Ceremony is a very important event. Your family members and supports will be invited. **Commencement Ceremonies are held when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month.** You must continue to follow all Drug Court rules and conditions until you have participated in the Commencement Ceremony and received your certificate. After graduation, you might still be on probation until you have completed your probation sentence.



## COMMENCEMENT PLAN

You must complete a Commencement Plan before commencement. Your plan is an important part of your program. Answer all the questions completely and as detailed as possible. The time and attention you give to your plan will show your commitment to your sobriety and your future. Your plan will help the Team decide on your readiness to move on. You might be asked to update or redo your plan if the Team feels it is not complete. You might also have to meet with the Team to answer questions about your plan. Your plan **and proof of completion of your 40-hour volunteer project must be turned in to Court Services at least two weeks before the Commencement Ceremony** so it can be shared with the Team and discussed. The Judge will make the final decision about your Commencement.

## EXIT INTERVIEW

You must also complete a written Exit Interview to graduate from Drug Court. Get your interview from probation. Your interview gives you a chance to tell the Team how you feel about your journey in Drug Court. Your interview also gives you a chance to give suggestions on how to improve the program. Your interview must be turned in to Court Services before the Commencement Ceremony. **The information in your interview has no effect on whether you graduate from Drug Court.**

## BEFORE APPLYING FOR GRADUATION:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> At least 90 days in Phase 5                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe and stable housing                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least 90 days of continuous sobriety                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Progress to pay Court fees on your Drug Court file(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least 50 days with no sanctions                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Current on 24/7 Sobriety Program payments             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Progress toward completing your treatment program          | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time employment or school attendance             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good with probation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Written <u>Commencement Plan</u>                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working a recovery program with your recovery sponsor      | <input type="checkbox"/> Written <u>Exit Interview</u>                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in positive activities and the recovery community | <input type="checkbox"/> Judge approval  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in the Commencement Ceremony            |



# ALUMNI

Graduation is not the end, but the start of a new chapter in your life. It is a great accomplishment and takes a lot of work to get to this point. You will have made major changes that have prepared you for the next chapter in your life --- **being sober and healthy**.

After graduation, you are invited to join the "**Champions of Change**" alumni group. The group is separate from the Drug Court program. Members of the group are graduates of the Pennington County Drug Court or the Pennington County DUI Court who volunteer their time. They support the Drug Court and DUI Court programs and participants. They attend Court when possible and help with Commencement Ceremonies. They educate the public on the Drug Court and DUI Court programs. They lead by example of sobriety, community service, and attendance at peer recovery support groups (AA/NA/SMART Recovery, etc.) and social events.



**You are required to attend at least one Alumni Group meeting in Phase 4 and at least Alumni Group one meeting in Phase 5.** You can attend more if you want to. **The group meets at 2PM on the third Sunday of each month at Black Hills Bagels (913 Mt Rushmore Road).** Contact DUI Court Team Members Nikki Rahman or Tori Kutz with questions.

# TERMINATION

If you are not following the rules of Drug Court you may be terminated from the program. Reasons for termination could include (but are not be limited to):

- × Not participating in treatment
- × Not participating in the Drug Court program
- × Breaking Drug Court rules
- × Absconding from the program
- × Concern for public safety
- × Threat to the integrity of the program
- × There are no more treatment options to help you
- × Committing a crime
- × Distributing drugs or driving under the influence
- × Threatening, abusive, or violent behavior
- × Tampering with drug/alcohol testing
- × Inability to pass drug/alcohol tests
- × Failure to make progress
- × Any other reasons the Team finds necessary for termination

If termination is started, you will get written notice of the allegations against you. You will meet with an attorney to talk about your options. If you deny the allegations you will have an Evidentiary Hearing, where you can call witnesses to testify on your behalf and you can cross-examine any witnesses that testify against you. A neutral Judge will decide whether you violated the rules of the Drug Court program. You will have a chance to talk directly to the Drug Court Judge and Team during a Termination Hearing. The Drug Court Judge will make the final decision about termination.

Drug Court is a voluntary program. **You can ask to remove yourself from the program at any time.** However, your probation will be revoked if you do not successfully complete the program. **If you abscond from probation while in Drug Court, you have voluntarily removed yourself from the program.**

If you are terminated from Drug Court, you will be returned to your original Sentencing Judge for Probation Violation. The Sentencing Judge will make the final decision about probation revocation and sentence, limited only by the maximum penalty allowed by law.