

ADDENDUM TO THE 2020 PLAN OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 14

**Sebastian County Mental Health Court
Judge Annie Hendrix, Presiding**

- A. **Type of Program and Description of Operations:** Sebastian County Mental Health Court is a voluntary, pre-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 only to defendants meeting program eligibility requirements. The defendant must be an adult resident of Sebastian or Crawford County; must not have a previous conviction for a serious felony involving violence as defined in § 5-4-501(c)(2); must not have a previous conviction that would require registration as a sex offender; must be identified as high-risk/high-need, as determined by a validated risk-need assessment; must have a mental health disorder, and must be identified as clinically appropriate for the program, as determined by a licensed therapist. Mental Health Court is a minimum of fourteen (14) months. Mental Health Court is held every Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m., at the Sebastian County Justice Building, 901 South B. Street, Fort Smith, AR.

Please see the attached program policy and procedure manual.

- B. **Statutory Authority:** Sebastian County Mental Health Court was established pursuant to the Arkansas Code Annotated Sections § 16-100-201-209.
- C. **Certification of Compliance:** Sebastian 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. Sebastian County Mental Health Court was implemented and operates in accordance with best-practice standards.

- D. **Use of Court Resources:** The Sebastian County Mental Health Court team includes (1) full-time Circuit Court Judge, (1) back-up Circuit Court Judge, (1) full-time Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, (1) back-up Prosecuting Attorney, (1) full-time Deputy Public Defender, (1) Court Coordinator, (1) back-up Court Coordinator, (1) Probation Officer, (1) Law Enforcement Representative, and (3) Representatives from the community treatment provider, Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance.
- E. **Sources of Funding:** Sebastian County Mental Health Court receives support from Sebastian County, the Public Defender Commission, the Sebastian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Department of Corrections, and Federal Providers.

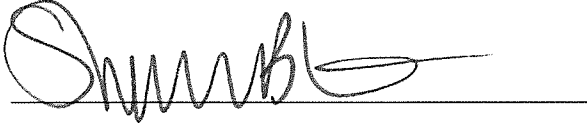
Dated this 14th day of October, 2020.



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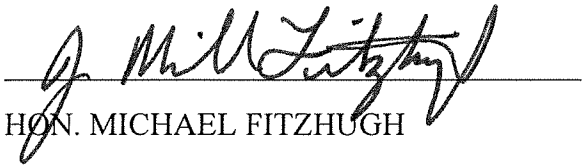
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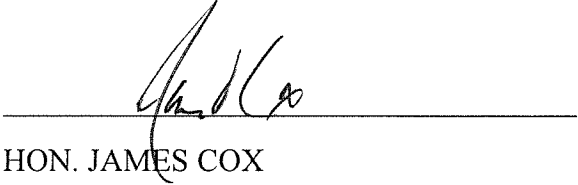
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