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**SOBRIETY COURT
ADULT TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM**

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

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MISSION STATEMENT

To successfully habilitate substance-abusing individuals through intensive court supervised treatment, while maintaining public safety.

VISION STATEMENT

To enhance the quality of life in our community through dedicated leadership and teamwork by providing innovative alternative services that support a drug- free lifestyle; thereby, breaking the generational cycle of criminality, reducing recidivism and promoting healthy families.

COURSE OF ACTION

To divert individuals with substance abuse issues from the traditional criminal justice system and provide them with the tools needed through treatment, rehabilitative programming, reinforcement and monitoring, to obtain and maintain a healthy productive lifestyle.

GOALS STATEMENT

- Reduce alcohol and drug abuse dependency among criminal offenders.
- To promote public safety by reducing criminal activity.
- Assist participants in developing personal, familial, and societal assets and skills.

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INTRODUCTION FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS

Welcome to the 41-A District Court Sobriety Court Program. Who you are - and who you will become - are very important to us. We have looked at your past only to decide if you belong in this innovative, problem-solving court. You have been accepted into our program. Now, together, we will look to the future, to the positive changes you can make in your life as you successfully navigate our program.

This handbook is designed to answer questions, address concerns, and provide you with overall information about the program. In the following pages, we will review general program information and detail what is expected of you as a participant. Please keep in mind that this handbook represents general practices within the program. Some of the guidelines and practices may be different in your specific case. You should always remember that, while you are in the program, you will be expected to follow all instructions given to you by your case manager/probation officer and/or probation officer, and the Judge, whether or not those instructions are found in this handbook. You also will be expected to comply with the treatment plan developed for you by an approved treatment provider.

Finally, you should feel free to share this handbook with family and friends - and we encourage you to do so.

ABOUT SPECIALTY TREATMENT COURTS

Specialty treatment courts started in the late 1980's with drug courts, in response to a firmly held belief that the traditional criminal justice system was not successfully handling cases related to addiction and substance use. While these innovative courts vary widely in specific practices and procedures, all treatment courts share an underlying belief that addicted people can change if they are given the right tools, encouragement and supervision. They can beat their addiction.

Using court-supervised treatment, together with close supervision and frequent random alcohol and drug testing, the members of a drug treatment court work as a unified team to help individuals change into drug and alcohol free, law-abiding citizens.

The bottom line - treatment courts work and our Sobriety Court Program can work for you!

ABOUT OUR DRUG TREATMENT COURT

The 41-A District Court Sobriety Court Program is an adult misdemeanor court for individuals who have been charged with multiple OWI offenses, and are drug and/or alcohol dependent or addicted. We offer both a pre-plea and/or a post-plea track for entering the program. Many participants have not been successful in past recovery efforts - that is something we expect to help you change. Our five phase program will likely seem restrictive and overwhelming at first. Do not be discouraged, it will lessen as you gain skills and demonstrate responsibility and good decision making.

Our program uses the authority of the court to create the right conditions for you to make the often difficult changes that will be necessary as you strive to overcome your substance abuse dependence/addiction and face the issues which have contributed to drug and/or alcohol use and criminal behavior.

A Word about Case Review Sessions (aka Sobriety Court Sessions): Family and close friends are welcome at the case review sessions; encourage them to attend with you.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The average length of time for each of the five phases is **90 days [12 weeks]**, but because each participant is individually evaluated, the length of time you spend in any one phase may vary from that of other participants. All phase advancement recommendations are made by the Sobriety Court Team, with the final decision being made by the Sobriety Court Judge.

Prior to admission

A defendant referred to the program will be required to complete a substance abuse assessment and clinical evaluation to establish a treatment plan. Program staff will assist you in setting up the appointment.

Sobriety Court Phases & Components

PRE-ADMISSION PROBATIONARY PERIOD (30 – 45 DAYS)

Prior to your official admission to the program, you will participate in a thirty- to forty-five-day probationary period. Our program is intensive, and we want to make sure you are comfortable with its requirements. Once you are formally accepted into the program, your time spent in the probationary period counts towards your first phase.

During the pre-admission phase, you will be expected to participate in Case Review Sessions, submit to frequent alcohol and drug testing, and meet with a probation officer. You are also expected to locate your support group meetings, contact a Peer Recovery Specialist, and set up your intake appointment for counseling.

If you violate the program rules during your probationary term, the probation period may be extended after a team discussion.

If at any time during the probationary term you determine the program is not a good fit for you or you are unsuccessful with the conditions of the Sobriety Court program, you will be set for a hearing for alternative sentencing recommendations with your original judge of record.

PHASE 1

You will be enrolled in substance abuse treatment, typically provided by Class “A” Training. Treatment plans will vary by individual and may include short and long residential, intensive outpatient [IOP], or outpatient [OP], and Relapse Prevention. If mental health services are indicated, Macomb County Community Mental Health will provide services.

In addition to treatment, while in Phase 1 you will submit to random alcohol and drug urinalysis testing and random alcohol testing [PBT]. You must have 14 days of negative tests to transition to the next phase. Alcohol and drug testing is conducted through the TAP agency, with locations in Sterling Heights, Madison Heights, Romeo, or Clinton Township. Furthermore, contact officers may make random home visits to conduct breath tests. During curfew hours, you are required to answer the door and complete the breath test. A missed PBT will be considered a positive test. It

is your responsibility to have your phone, door bells, etc. in good working order so that the officer can contact you when he/she arrives.

You will go before the Sobriety Court Judge, called a case review and/or drug court session, on a bi-weekly basis while in Phase 1.

You are expected to meet weekly with your case manager/probation officer/probation officer on Phase I. This is an opportunity to express concerns and ask questions. Pay close attention to bulletin boards and announcements in the Probation Department. These postings are tools provided to you as re-enforcement and reminder of critical appointments and obligations.

You may be eligible for a restricted license through Secretary of State if you are enrolled in Sobriety Court and comply with installation of an ignition interlock device on each vehicle you own or operate. The law requires that you serve a minimum of 45 days without a license; however, this privilege will be only granted to you by the Sobriety Court. You must pay fines and costs **in full** prior to the Judge granting your restricted license.

You will be expected to attend support group meetings, such as Narcotics Anonymous (NA) or Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), three times per week as a minimum. At least three must be on different days of the week. You may attend virtual meetings while waiting for your restricted license, but it is expected you will attend live meetings once you have transportation.

During the first 60 days of participation you will need to obtain a Sponsor. A sponsor is someone of the same sex, who is active in the recovery community and who is living in sobriety. Details about the role of a sponsor can be obtained as you attend meetings.

You will be expected to meet with a Peer Recovery Coach for up to four hours per week in Phase 1. A Peer Recovery Coach brings valuable lived experience with addiction and recovery, has completed specialized training and receives supervision, to effectively provide non-clinical recovery support to individuals in or seeking recovery.

Full-time employment or a combination of employment, schooling and/or community service is a program requirement. During this phase you will develop a plan for meeting this obligation; individuals on disability or retired may request exemption. Obtaining employment at an establishment where alcohol is served on the premises is not permitted. Speak with your case manager/probation officer to discuss employment verification methods.

If needed, you will develop and implement a plan to obtain a GED or High School Diploma. As this can take time and is required to graduate, do not delay getting the process started.

The Sobriety Court program fee is **\$1,800.00**; you may pay it either at the start of your program, or in monthly installments over the course of participation. In addition, there may be attorney fees, restitution, probation supervision fees and other court costs, connected to your court case[s]. In phase one, you will develop and comply with a payment plan. Your Sobriety Court fee, restitution, and attorney fees must be paid to graduate. Fees related to a sentence to probation do not have to be paid in full to graduate however, compliance with your established payment plan, which will include all fees, is required to transition to the next phase.

During program participation, as other treatment needs, such as mental health services, life skills, anger management, co-dependency, prostitution, physical and/or emotional abuse, etc. are identified, you will be referred and expected to participate in the services to which you have been directed.

All participants will be expected to adhere to a daily curfew. The curfew hours will be established on a case-by-case basis. Speak with your case manager/probation officer to develop a plan of action in the event of emergencies and discuss curfew exceptions; i.e. employment, etc. Failure to establish contact with a field officer conducting home visits will be counted as a positive test.

PHASE 2

Substance abuse treatment is often continuing as you transition to this new phase of participation. As in phase one, you are expected to attend all scheduled treatment sessions.

Random alcohol and drug testing, which includes home visit PBT's will continue. You can expect the frequency of testing to decline as you move through the program. You must have 30 days of negative tests to transition to the next phase.

You will continue with ignition interlock on your vehicle if licensed.

You will continue to go before the Sobriety Court Judge on a bi-weekly basis.

As in phase one, you will be expected to meet with your case manager/probation officer on a weekly basis, but those sessions may take place either virtually or in person.

NA/AA/12-step meeting requirements continue; three times per week as a minimum and at least three must be on different days of the week.

You will continue to meet with your sponsor as directed by your case manager/probation officer.

You will continue to meet with a Peer Recovery Coach for up to four hours per week.

During phase one, you developed a plan for full-time employment or a combination of work, school, and/or community service. At this point, if you have not done so already, that plan needs to be implemented.

Preparation for obtaining a GED or H.S. Diploma should already be underway. If not, now is the time to get started. As stated earlier, this process can take a great deal of time and as such should not be delayed.

Payment plans are an important part of budgeting. Now is the time a review and update your established payment plan with your case manager/probation officer. Just as in phase one, compliance with your payment plan is required to move forward to the next phase.

Ancillary classes continue to be a program requirement.

Daily curfew obligations remain in place. Take time to review or revise your emergency plan of action with your case manager/probation officer. Remember that a failed contact during curfew hours will be treated the same a positive test.

PHASE 3

Continue with substance abuse treatment and any other related referrals, if applicable.

Random alcohol and drug testing, which includes home visit PBT's will continue. You must have 45 days of negative tests to transition to the next phase.

As in the prior phases, you will be expected to meet with your case manager/probation officer. These meetings will now take place on a bi-weekly basis, and may be held virtually or in person.

Your review session obligations will now be only once a month.

You will continue with ignition interlock on your vehicle if licensed.

NA/AA meeting requirements continue; three times per week as a minimum and at least three must be on different days of the week.

You will continue to meet with your sponsor as directed by your case manager/probation officer.

You will continue to meet with a Peer Recovery Coach on a weekly basis, for up to four hours.

Maintain your employment or your combination of work, school, and/or community service schedule. At this point, you need to be continuing to establishing yourself as a critical employee. Honesty, hard work, punctuality, and a positive attitude go a long way in enhancing employment longevity. Remember that employment is required to graduate.

Continue GED or H.S Diploma efforts, if applicable.

Continue to follow your payment plan.

Ancillary classes continue to be a program requirement.

Daily curfew obligations remain in place. Take time to review or revise your emergency plan of action with your case manager/probation officer. Remember that a failed contact during curfew hours will be treated the same a positive test.

PHASE 4

Continue with substance abuse treatment and any other related referrals, if applicable.

Random alcohol and drug testing, which includes home visit PBT's will continue. You must have 60 days of negative tests to transition to the next phase.

As in the prior phases, you will be expected to meet with your case manager/probation officer. These meetings will now take place on a monthly basis, and may be held virtually or in person.

Your review session obligations will now be only once a month.

You will continue with ignition interlock on your vehicle if licensed.

NA/AA meeting requirements continue; three times per week as a minimum and at least three must be on different days of the week.

You will continue to meet with your sponsor as directed by your case manager/probation officer.

You will continue to meet with a Peer Recovery Coach on a weekly basis.

Maintain your employment or your combination of work, school, and/or community service schedule.

Remember that the Sobriety Court fee, attorney fee, and restitution must be paid in full to graduate. Review your payment plan to prevent delays to your graduation. As before, compliance with your payment plan is required to move forward to the next phase.

Continue GED or H.S Diploma efforts, if applicable.

Ancillary classes continue to be a program requirement. Daily curfew obligations remain in place.

PHASE 5

Continue with substance abuse treatment, if applicable.

Random alcohol and drug testing, which includes home visit PBT's will continue. **YOU MUST HAVE SIX MONTHS OF SOBRIETY TO GRADUATE.**

You will be expected to meet with your case manager/probation officer on a monthly basis, and may be held virtually or in person.

Your Court review session obligations will now be only once a month and may take place in person or virtually.

You will continue with ignition interlock on your vehicle if licensed.

NA/AA meeting requirements continue; three times per week as a minimum and at least three must be on different days of the week.

You will continue to meet with your sponsor as directed by your case manager/probation officer.

You will continue to meet with a Peer Recovery Coach as directed by your case manager/probation officer.

Maintain your employment or your combination of work, school, and/or community service schedule. Remember that employment is required to graduate.

During this phase, if you have not done so already, you must obtain your GED or H.S. diploma to graduate.

Make final payment towards your payment plan. Remember that the Sobriety Court fee, attorney fee, and restitution must be paid in full to graduate.

Ancillary classes must be completed before graduation.

Daily curfew obligations remain in place.

Complete a Graduation Preparation Class.

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENT	Pre-Phase & Phase 1 (90 days)	Phase 2 (90 days)	Phase 3 (90 days)	Phase 4 (90 days)	Phase 5 (90 days)
Treatment	As directed	As directed	As directed	As directed	As directed
Drug/Alcohol Testing	Random; 14 days sobriety to transition to next phase	Random; 30 days sobriety to transition to next phase	Random; 45 days sobriety to transition to next phase	Random; 60 days sobriety to transition to next phase	6 months sobriety to graduate
Random Home Visits / PBT's	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random
Ignition Interlock	After 45 days	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Case Review Session	Bi-Weekly (in courtroom)	Bi-Weekly (in courtroom)	Monthly (in courtroom)	Monthly (virtual or in courtroom)	Monthly (virtual or in courtroom)
Meet with Case manager/probation officer	Weekly (in office)	Weekly (virtual or in office)	Bi Weekly (virtual or in office)	Monthly (virtual or in office)	Monthly (virtual or in office)
NA/AA Meetings	3x/week on different days	3x/week on different days	3x/week on different days	3x/week on different days	3x/week on different days
Sponsor Meetings	As directed	As directed	As directed	As directed	As directed
Recovery Coaches	Up to 4 hours per week	Up to 4 hours per week	Up to 4 hours per week	Up to 4 hours per week	Up to 4 hours per week
Employment, Education, and/or Community Service (20 hours weekly)	Develop A Plan	Full-Time (work or school) and/or community service	Full-Time (work or school) and/or community service	Full-Time (work or school) and/or community service	Full-Time (work or school) and/or community service; must be employed to graduate unless on disability or retired
Obtain GED/HS Diploma (*if applicable)	* Continue Classes	* Continue Classes	* Continue Classes	* Continue Classes	* Complete Classes; must have GED/HS Diploma to graduate
Payment of fees & restitution	Develop and comply with payment plan	Comply with payment plan	Comply with payment plan	Comply with payment plan	Complete payment plan
Ancillary Classes & Treatment	As referred	As referred	As referred	As referred	As referred
Curfew	Case-by-case determination	Case-by-case determination	Case-by-case determination	Case-by-case determination	Case-by-case determination
Grad Prep Class	-	-	-	-	Complete Class

PROGRAM RULES

While in the 41-A District Court Sobriety Court Program, you will need to follow the listed rules:

1. Attend all scheduled court review sessions [dress appropriately for a court appearance].
2. Attend all ordered treatment sessions, including AA/NA as directed.
3. Attend all probation meetings, if applicable.
4. Be on time for all court review sessions, treatment sessions and probation meetings.
5. Do not use or possess alcohol or illegal drugs. Also, you are not to be in the presence of those who use or possess illegal drugs.
6. Prescription drugs require the approval of your case manager/probation officer, as well as a valid and current prescription from a physician.
7. Keep the program informed of your address and telephone number at all times [this is usually done by giving this information to your case manager/probation officer].
8. Do not disclose to anyone information you have learned about other participants from treatment sessions, including support meetings. If in doubt, do not talk to anyone about your fellow Sobriety Court participants.
9. Be honest with the judge and program staff. Any sanction imposed for violating program rules will be significantly harsher if you lie about your behavior or your performance while in the program.
10. Abide by all courtroom rules when attending case review sessions:
 - Be on time to all case review sessions
 - Children are not permitted in the courtroom without prior authorization
 - Stay in the courtroom until you are excused
 - No food, beverages, candy or gum chewing in the courtroom
 - Do not speak when the judge is speaking
 - Each participant will stand when addressing the Judge
 - No participant will approach the bench unless invited by the Judge

- Clothes deemed risqué [excessively short pants, shorts, shirts and blouses] by the court are prohibited in the courtroom
 - Bare feet, men's hats, ball caps and sunglasses are prohibited in the courtroom
 - Clothes containing lewd/offensive language are prohibited in the courtroom
 - Cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices are NOT permitted in the courtroom.
11. Inform your case manager/probation officer and probation officer of all law violations or encounters with the police as soon as possible.
 12. Requests for travel must first be made to your case manager/probation officer. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, based on participant behavior, attitude, stability, and length of sobriety. Overnight travel outside of your county of residence will likely not be approved in the early phases of the program.
 13. Submit to drug/alcohol testing as requested. A failure to submit to a drug or alcohol test will be treated as a "positive" [dirty] test.

ALCOHOL & DRUG TESTING RULES

1. All testing will be unannounced, and at irregular intervals.
2. The 41-A District Court Sobriety Court Program uses a direct observation procedure for sample collection. Program staff must see the sample pass from your body to the specimen container. A specimen not witnessed by program staff will be discarded and the participant expected to provide a new sample.
3. You must provide a sufficient and acceptable sample the first time you report to the testing site for your scheduled test. If you choose to leave without providing a sufficient or viable sample, the 'Failure to Provide' result is the result sent to the court.
 - Make-Up Testing: Testing after your originally scheduled day and/or after you have left the testing facility on the day of your randomly scheduled test, is not acceptable. Participants choosing to do a test outside of their randomly called day or returning to the testing facility after leaving, need to be aware that this additional test **does not** make up for the earlier failure to provide or missed test. The testing sites **do not** recognize any test outside of the randomly scheduled test as a make-up, nor does the court.
4. Participants will not be permitted to have any involvement in the collection of samples from other participants.
5. A proper chain of evidence and documentation will be maintained.
6. The testing sites close at 7:00PM, or as posted. Failure to provide a sample for alcohol & drug testing by the close of the business day will be considered a positive test.
7. You may be required to pay a co-pay for all alcohol & drug testing. In some instances the court may require a participant to test daily. If this is ordered, the court may require you to pay for the testing fees that are above and beyond the normal testing frequency.
8. The Court will not pay for tests that return a positive result. Positive tests include: results that are positive for any substance other than approved prescriptions (with current prescriptions on file); diluted results; failure to appear for testing; failure to provide an adequate sample; refusal to test; or cancelled tests.
 - Any fees resulting from the above instances will be added to your file at the testing location **AFTER** the test date. An automated text or phone call will be sent to the phone number you have on file with their office. You are responsible for reading all texts and listening to voicemails to be sure you are aware of any balance due prior to your next test date. Your balance will be due at your next test date.

RANDOM TESTING

A call-in phone system, [aka drop line] was established in an effort to make drug testing random for all participants. Each participant is required to call 586-960-0006 every weekday morning, beginning at 5:30 am, to determine if they are required to report for testing. Participants may also utilize <https://www.mycallin.com/index.html> to check for their daily reporting requirement.

Each individual is assigned a Personal Identification Number (PIN) that will indicate whether or not testing is required that day. Lost PINs can be retrieved by calling (586) 281-0150 option #3 during normal business hours.

Testing hours vary by location:

Clinton Township

43550 Elizabeth Rd

MON-FRI: 6am - 9am & 4pm - 8pm

SAT & SUN: 7am - 10am & 4pm - 7pm

Holidays: 7am - 10am

Madison Heights

26747 John R Road

MON-FRI: 6am - 9am & 5pm - 8pm

SAT & SUN: 7am - 10am & 4pm - 7pm

Holidays: 7am - 10am

Romeo

105 Peyerk Ct.

MON-FRI: 6:30am - 9:30am & 4pm - 7pm

SAT, SUN & Holidays: 7am - 10am

Sterling Heights

34224 Van Dyke

MON-FRI: 6am - 9am & 5pm - 8pm

SAT, SUN & Holidays: 7am - 10am & 4pm - 7pm

DROP HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ANY CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE DROP LINE SO LISTEN TO THE FULL MESSAGE WHEN YOU CALL.

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE OF PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

At the time of screening, all potential Sobriety Court Program participants will be required to provide a complete medical history, including prescriptions, and if necessary for verification, must sign a release of information consent form.

Prior to any scheduled medical procedure, participants must make their case manager/probation officer aware of the type of procedure, anticipated post-operative requirements, and sign a release of information consent form for verification.

INCENTIVES

Upon the recommendation of the Sobriety Court Team, participants may be given rewards or incentives for positive behavior which include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal praise and/or applause
- Gift certificates and/or event tickets
- Decreased drug testing
- Faster progress through the program
- Graduation to the next phase
- Graduation from the program
- Extended curfew hours
- Small gifts
- Relaxed travel/special event restrictions

SANCTIONS

The Judge will impose all sanctions (penalties for Sobriety Court Program rule violations). Types of sanctions include, but are not limited to:

- Warning and admonishment from the bench in open court
- Demotion to earlier program phases
- Increased frequency of testing and court appearances
- Increased monitoring and/or treatment intensity
- Essays/ Writing assignments
- Fines
- Required community service or work programs
- Escalating periods of jail confinement
- Imposed curfew restrictions
- Zero Tolerance Contract
- Tether
- Program termination

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

The Participant Agreement [enclosed with this handbook] is a contract between the participant and the Sobriety Court Program upon acceptance into the program. This agreement outlines the expectations we have for you as a participant in our Sobriety Court Program.

TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAM

Normally, termination from the Sobriety Court Program results from a participant's continued pattern of non-compliance. There are some circumstances where by program termination would be recommended absent of the established pattern of non-compliance and include:

- Participants who are convicted of an offense that would have disqualified him/her from entry into the program shall be immediately terminated from the program.
- Absconding
- Assaultive or violent behaviors
- Falsifying documentation and/or offering as verification materials you have knowledge of being falsified.

ABSCONDING POLICY

Absconding from the Sobriety Court Program is defined as a failure to appear at case review sessions, failure to report to your case manager/probation officer/probation officer, failure to report for drug testing or other similar actions. If your whereabouts can not be determined or if located and you do not report as directed, a Bench Warrant will be order by the Judge. A participant will have 14 days from the first missed reporting obligation to present themselves to the court. Failure to turn yourself in within the 14 days will result in program termination.

ZERO TOLERANCE CONTRACT

A Zero Tolerance Contract is issued to a participant who has committed a serious infraction or has a pattern of non-compliance. The participant will be informed by the Judge and will be given the contract in writing. The contract will specify the length of time the contract is valid, the specific conditions of the contract and the consequences for any violation. The participant will read, initial each condition and sign the contract. The contract will be placed in the participant's drug court case file and a review of the Participant Agreement will be initiated as a part of the contract. Violation of this contract will lead to program termination and incarceration.

TAMPERING POLICY

Tampering is defined as any action on the part of a participant to alter the result of any drug testing sample. Tampering is a program violation and any specimen determined to have been tampered with will be considered a positive drug test.

GRADUATION

Upon your successful completion of all program requirements, you will be considered [on a case by case basis] for successful completion of the Sobriety Court Program. The minimum requirements for graduation include:

1. Six [6] months consecutive drug/alcohol free drug tests.
2. Completion of General Equivalency Degree [GED] or H.S. Diploma, if applicable.
3. Full-time employment or combination of work, school, and/or community service.
4. Has a sponsor and is meeting with him/her as directed.
5. Is attending self-help groups as directed.
6. Has successfully completed substance abuse treatment.
7. Has successfully fulfilled all the obligations or requirements of services to which a participant was referred to during program participation.
8. Has paid in full their drug court fees, attorney fees, and restitution, if applicable.

Graduation from the Sobriety Court Program is a significant achievement and recognized as a very important event. We encourage you to invite those who have shared the journey with you and those who have been critical to your success to your graduation day.

Successful completion of the Sobriety Court program is really a new beginning. You will have come to have had some measure to dependence on the program and the structure it provided. It is absolutely essential that you develop a network of support and accountability throughout program participation that will offer you the framework after graduation to face life's fears and struggles, while maintaining your sobriety.

It is our desire that you will keep the drug court program a part of your network of support. You are welcome to attend drug court sessions and other drug court functions or classes. It will always be our pleasure to have you visit and let us know how you are doing.

CONCLUSION

As you know, the outcome of your Sobriety Court Program experience is up to you. All of us on the Sobriety Court Team will do our utmost to help you succeed, but the final responsibility is yours. You must be motivated to take advantage of what the program offers and be open to changing your thinking and lifestyle. While these changes are not easy, they will allow you to live a life of peace, honesty and integrity.

We hope this handbook has been helpful and that most of your questions about the program have been answered. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact your case manager/probation officer or program coordinator.