

REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)
Act 236 of 1961
Chapter 10B.
MENTAL HEALTH COURT

600.1090 Definitions.

Sec. 1090.

As used in this chapter:

(a) "Co-occurring disorder" means having 1 or more disorders relating to the use of alcohol or other controlled substances of abuse as well as any serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, or developmental disability. A diagnosis of co-occurring disorders occurs when at least 1 disorder of each type can be established independent of the other and is not simply a cluster of symptoms resulting from 1 disorder.

(b) "Court funding unit" means that term as defined in section 151e of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.151e.

(c) "Developmental disability" means that term as defined in section 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a.

(d) "Domestic violence offense" means any crime alleged to have been committed by an individual against his or her spouse or former spouse, an individual with whom he or she has a child in common, an individual with whom he or she has had a dating relationship, or an individual who resides or has resided in the same household.

(e) "Mental health court" means any of the following:

(i) A court-supervised treatment program for individuals who are diagnosed by a mental health professional with having a serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, co-occurring disorder, or developmental disability.

(ii) Programs designed to adhere to the 10 essential elements of a mental health court promulgated by the bureau of justice assistance that include all of the following characteristics:

(A) A broad-based group of stakeholders representing the criminal justice system, mental health system, substance abuse treatment system, any related systems, and the community guide the planning and administration of the court.

(B) Eligibility criteria that address public safety and a community's treatment capacity, in addition to the availability of alternatives to pretrial detention for defendants with mental illnesses, and that take into account the relationship between mental illness and a defendant's offenses, while allowing the individual circumstances of each case to be considered.

(C) Participants are identified, referred, and accepted into mental health courts, and then linked to community-based service providers as quickly as possible.

(D) Terms of participation are clear, promote public safety, facilitate the defendant's engagement in treatment, are individualized to correspond to the level of risk that each defendant presents to the community, and provide for positive legal outcomes for those individuals who successfully complete the program.

(E) In accordance with the Michigan indigent defense commission act, 2013 PA 93, MCL 780.981 to 780.1003, provide legal counsel to indigent defendants to explain program requirements, including voluntary participation, and guides defendants in decisions about program involvement. Procedures exist in the mental health court to address, in a timely fashion, concerns about a defendant's competency whenever they arise.

(F) Connect participants to comprehensive and individualized treatment supports and services in the community and strive to use, and increase the availability of, treatment and services that are evidence based.

(G) Health and legal information are shared in a manner that protects potential participants' confidentiality rights as mental health consumers and their constitutional rights as defendants. Information gathered as part of the participants' court-ordered treatment program or services are safeguarded from public disclosure in the event that participants are returned to traditional court processing.

(H) A team of criminal justice and mental health staff and treatment providers receives special, ongoing training and assists mental health court participants achieve treatment and criminal justice goals by regularly reviewing and revising the court process.

(I) Criminal justice and mental health staff collaboratively monitor participants' adherence to court conditions, offer individualized graduated incentives and sanctions, and modify treatment as necessary to promote public safety and participants' recovery.

(J) Data are collected and analyzed to demonstrate the impact of the mental health court, its performance is assessed periodically, and procedures are modified accordingly, court processes are institutionalized, and support for the court in the community is cultivated and expanded.

(f) "Participant" means an individual who is admitted into a mental health court.

(g) "Serious emotional disturbance" means that term as defined in section 100d of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100d.

(h) "Serious mental illness" means that term as defined in section 100d of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100d.

(i) "Violent offender" means an individual who is currently charged with, or has been convicted of, an offense involving the death of, or a serious bodily injury to, any individual, whether or not any of these circumstances are an element of the offense, or with criminal sexual conduct in any degree.

History: Add. 2013, Act 274, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2013

600.1091 Mental health court; participants from other jurisdictions; certification by state court administrative office required.

Sec. 1091.

(1) The circuit court or the district court in any judicial circuit or a district court in any judicial district may adopt or institute a mental health court pursuant to statute or court rules. However, if the mental health court will include in its program individuals who may be eligible for discharge and dismissal of an offense, delayed sentence, or deviation from the sentencing guidelines, the circuit or district court shall not adopt or institute the mental health court unless the circuit or district court enters into a memorandum of understanding with each participating prosecuting attorney in the circuit or district court district, a representative or representatives of the community mental health services programs, a representative of the criminal defense bar, and a representative or representatives of community treatment providers. The memorandum of understanding also may include other parties considered necessary, including, but not limited to, a representative or representatives of the local court funding unit or a domestic violence service provider program that receives funding from the Michigan domestic and sexual violence prevention and treatment board. The memorandum of understanding must describe the role of each party.

(2) A court that has adopted a mental health court under this section may accept participants from any other jurisdiction in this state based upon the residence of the participant in the receiving jurisdiction, the nonavailability of a mental health court in the jurisdiction where the participant is charged, and the availability of financial resources for both operations of the mental health court program and treatment services. A mental health court may refuse to accept participants from other jurisdictions.

(3) A mental health court operating in this state, or a circuit court in any judicial circuit or the district court in any judicial district seeking to adopt or institute a mental health court, must be certified by the state court administrative office. The state court administrative office shall establish the procedure for certification. Approval and certification under this subsection of a mental health court is required to begin or to continue the operation of a mental health court under this chapter. The state court administrative office shall not recognize and include a mental health court that is not certified under this subsection on the statewide official list of mental health courts. The state court administrative office shall include a mental health court certified under this subsection on the statewide official list of mental health courts. A mental health court that is not certified under this subsection shall not perform any of the functions of a mental health court, including, but not limited to, any of the following functions:

(a) Charging a fee under section 1095.

(b) Discharging and dismissing a case as provided in section 1098.

(c) Receiving funding under section 1099a.

(d) Certifying to the secretary of state that an individual is eligible to receive a restricted license under section 1084 of this act and section 304 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.304.

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600.1092 Hiring or contracting with treatment providers.

Sec. 1092.

A mental health court may hire or contract with licensed or accredited treatment providers, in consultation with the local community mental health service provider, and other such appropriate persons to assist the mental health court in fulfilling its requirements under this chapter.

History: Add. 2013, Act 274, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2013

600.1093 Admission to mental health court.

Sec. 1093.

(1) Each mental health court shall determine whether an individual may be admitted to the mental health court. An individual does not have a right to be admitted into a mental health court. Admission into a mental health court program is at the discretion of the court based on the individual's legal or clinical eligibility. An individual may be admitted to mental health court regardless of prior participation or prior completion status. Unless the mental health court judge and the prosecuting attorney, in consultation with any known victim in the instant case, consent, a violent offender must not be admitted into mental health court. An individual must not be admitted to a mental health court if either of the following applies:

(a) The individual is currently charged with first degree murder in violation of section 316 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.316, criminal sexual conduct in the first, second, or third degree in violation of section 520b, 520c, or 520d of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520b, 750.520c, and 750.520d, or child sexually abusive activity in violation of section 145c of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.145c.

(b) The individual has been convicted of first degree murder in violation of section 316 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.316, or criminal sexual conduct in the first degree in violation of section 520b of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520b.

(2) In addition to admission to a mental health court under this chapter, an individual who is eligible for admission under this chapter may also be admitted to a mental health court under any of the following circumstances:

(a) The individual has been assigned the status of youthful trainee under section 11 of chapter II of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 762.11.

(b) The individual has had criminal proceedings against the individual deferred and has been placed on probation under any of the following:

(i) Section 7411 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7411.

(ii) Section 4a of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.4a.

(iii) Section 350a or 430 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.350a and 750.430.

(3) To be admitted to a mental health court, an individual must cooperate with and complete a preadmission screening and evaluation assessment and must submit to any future evaluation assessment as directed by the mental health court. A preadmission screening and evaluation assessment must include all of the following:

(a) A review of the individual's criminal history. A review of the law enforcement information network may be considered sufficient for purposes of this subdivision unless a further review is warranted. The court may accept other verifiable and reliable information from the prosecution or defense to complete its review and may require the individual to submit a statement as to whether or not the individual has previously been admitted to a mental health court and the results of the individual's participation in the prior program or programs.

(b) An assessment of the risk of danger or harm to the individual, others, or the community.

(c) A mental health assessment, clinical in nature, and using standardized instruments that have acceptable reliability and validity, meeting diagnostic criteria for a serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, co-occurring disorder, or developmental disability.

(d) A review of any special needs or circumstances of the individual that may potentially affect the individual's ability to receive mental health or substance abuse treatment and follow the court's orders.

(4) Except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, any statement or other information obtained as a result of participating in a preadmission screening and evaluation assessment under subsection (3) is confidential and is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and must not be used in a criminal prosecution, unless it reveals criminal acts other than, or inconsistent with, personal drug use.

(5) The court may request that the department of state police provide to the court information contained in the law enforcement information network pertaining to an individual applicant's criminal history for the purposes of determining an individual's eligibility for admission into the mental health court and general criminal history review.

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600.1094 Admission to mental health court of individual charged in criminal case; conditions; mental health services before entry of plea; withdrawal of plea; additional rights of victim under William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act.

Sec. 1094.

(1) If the individual is charged in a criminal case his or her admission to mental health court is subject to all of the following conditions:

- (a) The individual pleads guilty, no contest, or be convicted of any criminal charge on the record.
- (b) The individual waives, in writing, the right to a speedy trial and, with the agreement of the prosecutor, the right to a preliminary examination.
- (c) The individual signs a written agreement to participate in the mental health court. If the individual is an individual who has been assigned a guardian, the legal guardian is required to sign all documents for the individual's admission in the mental health court.

(2) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to preclude a court from providing mental health services to an individual before he or she enters a plea and is accepted into the mental health court.

(3) An individual who has waived his or her right to a preliminary examination, who has pled guilty or no contest and who is subsequently not admitted to a mental health court may withdraw his or her plea and is entitled to a preliminary examination.

(4) In addition to rights accorded a victim under the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.751 to 780.834, the mental health court shall permit any victim of the offense or offenses of which the individual is charged as well as any victim of a prior offense of which that individual was convicted to submit a written statement to the court regarding the advisability of admitting the individual into the mental health court.

History: Add. 2013, Act 276, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2013 ;-- Am. 2018, Act 591, Eff. Mar. 28, 2019

600.1095 Admission to mental health court; requirements; jurisdiction; fee.

Sec. 1095.

(1) Upon admitting an individual into a mental health court, all of the following apply:

(a) For an individual who is admitted to a mental health court based upon having criminal charges currently filed against him or her and who has not already pled guilty or no contest the court shall accept the plea of guilty or no contest.

(b) For an individual who pled guilty or no contest to criminal charges for which he or she was admitted into the mental health court, the court shall do either of the following:

(i) In the case of an individual who pled guilty or no contest to criminal offenses that are not traffic offenses and who may be eligible for discharge and dismissal under the agreement for which he or she was admitted into mental health court upon successful completion of the mental health court program, the court shall not enter a judgment of guilt.

(ii) In the case of an individual who pled guilty to a traffic offense or who pled guilty to an offense but may not be eligible for discharge and dismissal pursuant to the agreement with the court and prosecutor upon successful completion of the mental health court program, the court shall enter a judgment of guilt.

(iii) Pursuant to the agreement with the individual and the prosecutor, the court may either delay further proceedings as provided in section 1 of chapter XI of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 771.1, or proceed to sentencing, as applicable, and place the individual on probation or other court supervision in the mental health court program with terms and conditions according to the agreement and as considered necessary by the court.

(2) Unless a memorandum of understanding made pursuant to section 1088 between a receiving mental health court and the court of original jurisdiction provides otherwise, the original court of jurisdiction maintains jurisdiction over the mental health court participant as provided in this chapter until final disposition of the case, but not longer than the probation period fixed under section 2 of chapter XI of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 771.2.

(3) The mental health court may require an individual admitted into the court to pay a reasonable mental health court fee that is reasonably related to the cost to the court for administering the mental health court program as provided in the memorandum of understanding. The clerk of the mental health court shall transmit the fees collected to the treasurer of the local funding unit at the end of each month.

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600.1096 Services provided by mental health court; exit evaluation; confidentiality of information obtained from assessment, treatment, or testing.

Sec. 1096.

(1) A mental health court shall provide a mental health court participant with all of the following:

(a) Consistent and close monitoring of the participant and interaction among the court, treatment providers, probation, and the participant.

(b) If determined by the mental health court to be necessary or appropriate, periodic and random testing for the presence of any nonprescribed controlled substance or alcohol in a participant's blood, urine, or breath, using to the extent practicable the best available, accepted, and scientifically valid methods.

(c) Periodic evaluation assessments of the participant's circumstances and progress in the program.

(d) A regimen or strategy of appropriate and graduated but immediate rewards for compliance and sanctions for noncompliance, including, but not limited to, the possibility of incarceration or confinement.

(e) Mental health services, substance use disorder services, education, and vocational opportunities as appropriate and practicable.

(2) Upon an individual's completion of the required mental health court program participation, an exit evaluation should be conducted in order to assess the individual's continuing need for mental health, developmental disability, or substance abuse services.

(3) Any statement or other information obtained as a result of participating in assessment, treatment, or testing while in a mental health court is confidential and is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and shall not be used in a criminal prosecution, unless it reveals criminal acts other than, or inconsistent with, personal controlled substance use.

History: Add. 2013, Act 276, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2013

600.1097 Participation in and completion of mental health court program; compliance with court orders; accusation of new crime; judge discretion to terminate; payment of costs; objection to written individual plan of services; notice.

Sec. 1097.

(1) In order to continue to participate in and successfully complete a mental health court program, an individual shall comply with all court orders, violations of which may be sanctioned at the court's discretion.

(2) If the participant is accused of a new crime, the judge shall have the discretion to terminate the participant's participation in the mental health court program.

(3) The court shall require that a participant pay all court fines, court costs, court fees, restitution, and assessments and pay all, or make substantial contributions toward payment of, the costs of the treatment and the mental health court program services provided to the participant, including, but not limited to, the costs of drug or alcohol testing or counseling. However, except as otherwise provided by law, if the court determines that the payment of court fines, court fees, or drug or alcohol testing expenses under this subsection would be a substantial

hardship for the individual or would interfere with the individual's treatment, the court may waive all or part of those court fines, court fees, or drug or alcohol testing expenses. The cost of treatment shall be governed by chapter 8 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1800 to 330.1842, if applicable.

(4) The responsible mental health agency shall notify the court of a participant's formal objection to his or her written individual plan of services developed under section 712(2) of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1712. However, the court is not obligated to take any action in response to a notice received under this subsection.

History: Add. 2013, Act 275, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2013

600.1098 Successful completion or termination; findings on the record or statement in court file; applicable law; discharge and dismissal of proceedings; criteria; discharge and dismissal of domestic violence offense; circumstances; discharge and dismissal under subsection (3); duties of court upon successful completion of probation or court supervision; termination or failure of participant to complete program; duties of court; records closed to public inspection and exempt from disclosure.

Sec. 1098.

(1) Upon completion or termination of the mental health court program, the court shall find on the record or place a written statement in the court file indicating whether the participant completed the program successfully or whether the individual's participation in the program was terminated and, if it was terminated, the reason for the termination.

(2) If an individual is participating in a mental health court under section 11 of chapter II of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 762.11, section 7411 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7411, section 4a of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.4a, or section 350a or 430 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.350a and 750.430, the court shall proceed under the applicable section of law. There may only be 1 discharge or dismissal under this subsection.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (4), the court, with the agreement of the prosecutor and in conformity with the terms and conditions of the memorandum of understanding under section 1091, may discharge and dismiss the proceedings against an individual who meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) The individual has participated in a mental health court for the first time.
- (b) The individual has successfully completed the terms and conditions of the mental health court program.
- (c) The individual is not required by law to be sentenced to a correctional facility for the crimes to which he or she has pled guilty.

(d) The individual has not previously been subject to more than 1 of the following:

(i) Assignment to the status of youthful trainee under section 11 of chapter II of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 762.11.

(ii) The dismissal of criminal proceedings against the individual under section 7411 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7411, section 4a of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.4a, or section 350a or 430 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.350a and 750.430.

(4) The court may order a discharge and dismissal of a domestic violence offense only if all of the following circumstances apply:

(a) The individual has not previously had proceedings dismissed under section 4a of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.4a.

(b) The domestic violence offense is eligible to be dismissed under section 4a of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.4a.

(c) The individual fulfills the terms and conditions imposed under section 4a of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.4a, and the discharge and dismissal of proceedings are processed and reported under section 4a of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.4a.

(5) A discharge and dismissal under subsection (3) is without adjudication of guilt and is not a conviction for purposes of this section or for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime. There may only be 1 discharge and dismissal under subsection (3) for an individual. The court shall send a record of the discharge and dismissal to the criminal justice information center of the department of state police, and the department of state police shall enter that information into the law enforcement information network with an indication of participation by the individual in a mental health court. All records of the proceedings regarding the participation of the individual in the mental health court under subsection (3) are closed to public inspection from the date of deferral and are exempt from public disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442,

MCL 15.231 to 15.246, but must be open to the courts of this state, another state, or the United States, the department of corrections, law enforcement personnel, and prosecutors only for use in the performance of their duties or to determine whether an employee of the court, department, law enforcement agency, or prosecutor's office has violated his or her conditions of employment or whether an applicant meets criteria for employment with the court, department, law enforcement agency, or prosecutor's office. The records and identifications division of the department of state police shall retain a nonpublic record of an arrest, court proceedings, and the discharge and dismissal under this subsection.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (2), (3), or (4), if an individual has successfully completed probation or other court supervision, the court shall do the following:

(a) If the court has not already entered an adjudication of guilt, enter an adjudication of guilt.

(b) If the court has not already sentenced the individual, proceed to sentencing pursuant to the agreement under which the individual was admitted into the mental health court.

(c) Send a record of the conviction, sentence, and disposition to the criminal justice information center of the department of state police.

(7) For a participant whose participation is terminated or who fails to successfully complete the mental health court program, the court shall enter an adjudication of guilt, if the entry of guilt was delayed or deferred under section 1094, and shall then proceed to sentencing of the individual for the original charges to which the individual pled guilty prior to admission to the mental health court. Except for program termination due to the commission of a new crime, failure to complete a mental health court program must not be a prejudicial factor in sentencing. All records of the proceedings regarding the participation of the individual in the mental health court must remain closed to public inspection and exempt from public disclosure as provided in subsection (5).

History: Add. 2013, Act 275, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2013 ;-- Am. 2018, Act 591, Eff. Mar. 28, 2019

600.1099 Mental health court; collection of data; maintenance of files or databases; standards; disclosure.

Sec. 1099.

(1) Each mental health court shall collect and provide data on each individual applicant and participant and the entire program as required by the state court administrative office. The state court administrative office shall provide appropriate training to all courts entering data, as directed by the supreme court.

(2) Each mental health court shall maintain files or databases on each individual participant in the program for review and evaluation as well as treatment, as directed by the state court administrative office. The information collected for evaluation purposes must include a minimum standard data set developed and specified by the state court administrative office.

(3) As directed by the supreme court, the state court administrative office shall provide standards for mental health courts in this state, including, but not limited to, developing a list of approved measurement instruments and indicators for data collection and evaluation. These standards must provide comparability between programs and their outcomes.

(4) The information collected under this section regarding individual applicants to mental health court programs for the purpose of application to that program and participants who have successfully completed mental health courts is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

History: Add. 2013, Act 277, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2013

600.1099a Mental health court; expenditure of funds by supreme court; quarterly reports; advisory committee; technical and training assistance.

Sec. 1099a.

(1) The supreme court is responsible for the expenditure of state funds for the establishment and operation of mental health courts.

(2) Each mental health court shall report quarterly to the state court administrative office in a manner prescribed

by the state court administrative office on the state funds received and expended by that mental health court.

(3) The state court administrative office may establish an advisory committee. If established, this committee shall be separate from and independent of the state's drug treatment court advisory committee.

(4) As directed by the supreme court, the state court administrative office shall, in conjunction with the department of community health, assure that training and technical assistance are available and provided to all mental health courts.

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