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Adult Healing to Wellness Program Participant Handbook

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INTRODUCTION:

The Adult Healing to Wellness Program (AHWP) Community Partners:

This handbook is designed to answer questions, address concerns, and provide overall information about the Adult Healing to Wellness Program (AHWP). This handbook will review general information, the program requirements and what is expected of participant as an AHWP participant. Participants are encouraged to share this handbook with participants family and friends. The primary purpose of the AHWP is to provide intervention and treatment for participants who want to make positive life changes and break the cycle of addiction. This program wants support and encourage participant to address the problems of drug and/or alcohol addiction.

If participant questions are not answered in this handbook, please do not hesitate to ask the AHWP staff. The information contained in this handbook may be updated and participant will be informed of any changes.

- Chippewa Cree Law Enforcement Services
- Chippewa Cree Health Center
 - White Sky Hope Center
 - White Sky Hope Lodge (Women's/Men's)
 - Behavioral Health
- Chippewa Cree Human Services Division
 - Chippewa Cree Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Chippewa Social Services
 - Chippewa Cree Child Support Services
- Stone Child College
- Chippewa Cree Tribal Enforcement Rights Office/Workforce Investment Act Education and training
- Rocky Boy's Reservation established churches (Native American, Assemblies, Lutheran, Baptist, Catholic, etc.)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation-CI's

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Adult Healing to Wellness Program is to bring together community healing resources within the tribal justice process, using a team approach to achieve the physical, emotional, and spiritual healing of the participant and the well-being of the community.

Goal of Adult Healing to Wellness Program:

The Adult Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Program (AHTWCE) goal is to continue implementing a healing to wellness court and enhance the drug court program's capacity by providing access to enhanced treatment and critical support services to improve the quality of services based on individual

needs assessment. The current AHTWC program is guided by National Association of Drug Court Professional (NADCP) best practice standards and consistent with the 10 Key Components.

1. AHTWC program Team is comprised of criminal justice staff, treatment providers, and other direct service providers. These team member work together, making a coordinated effort to pool and utilize community healing resources to assist individuals in achieving physical and spiritual healing, and ensure the safety of the community.
2. Participants enter the AHTWC program through referral as early in the process as possible. They may enter pre-trial, pre adjudication, or post- adjudication, depending on the circumstances. The due process right of participants are protected in every instance.
3. Eligible offenders are identified through early legal screening tool, assessment and placed promptly into the program. Each participant criminal history is investigated by court personnel to rule out violent offenders. Legal screening Tool and CAIS is administered by Program Coordinator and Probation Officer. Clinical Assessment will be completed to diagnose and create a treatment plan, including treatment for co-occurring disorders, were applicable.
4. The AHTCE program provides access to holistic, structured, and phased treatment and rehabilitation services that are inclusive of our unique culture, language, and traditions. Traditional concepts of justice and healing are incorporated into each offender's treatment plan. Traditional healing modalities are offered and encouraged, as these practices have proven highly effective in the treatment of alcohol and substance abuse in Native people. The services are highly coordinated and supervised by court staff to ensure compliance with treatment plans.
5. All program participants are required to submit to frequent, mandatory, random testing for drugs and alcohol. There are no exceptions to this element of the program. Our drug testing procedure is based on established guidelines and is reliable and tightly controlled for quality assurance and integrity of results. Results are promptly available to quickly respond to non- compliance. A coordinated response to positive or missed tests is put into place immediately upon receipt of results. High Risk offenders may be required to wear SCRAM bracelets.
6. Strict, progressive sanctions and rewards are used to encourage program compliance. These must be consistent and predictable. Sanctions may include demotion to earlier plan phases, increased drug/alcohol testing, community service, increased monitoring, fines, increased program duration, jail confinement, and termination from program resulting in jail time. Rewards may include tokens of progress, community recognition, reduced supervision, traditional gifts, reduced fines, dismissal of charges, reduction of probation, reduced/ suspended incarceration, and graduation. The intensity of sanctions are rewards depend on the severity of the noncompliance or the breadth of successful progress demonstrated by the participant.
7. Judicial interaction with participant and judicial involvement with team staff occurs continuously. The AHTWCE program Judge participants during case staffing and has thorough awareness of alcohol and drug treatment. The judge calls regular status hearings to gauge participants' progress. The judge responds to both positive and negative participant behaviors in a timely and consistent manner and continuously reinforces handbook policies and procedures.
8. Constant monitoring and evaluation activities occur to provide information for continual improvements to the program, gauge participant progress, and compile evaluative

information for the community and the funding agency. The AHTWCE program will utilize the FullCourt case management database system and CAIS. The data is used to measure client and program progress toward our established goals and objectives and to satisfy the Performance Measures specified by BJA. The Project Coordinator will use compiled data to complete our progress reports and develop interim and final reports.

9. AHTWC program staff and team members continuously receive supplemental education and training to assist in the effectual planning, implementation, and maintenance of the AHTWC program. Our key personnel and Team Members are all uniquely qualified to implement the project. We ensure that personnel and Team Members attend the proper training and seminars, as well as conduct cross-training among team members. We understand how important it is to remain abreast of new developments in the justice and treatment fields. The importance of cultural awareness/appropriateness is also stressed, and training provided on these topics, if necessary. Team members are also Elders from the Chippewa Cree Tribe.
10. AHTWC program works to continuously strengthen the communication, coordination, and cooperation of the AHTWC program team, the tribal community, and relevant organizations to ensure program success. Team Members meet monthly with the Wellness Coalition to report progress and collaborate resources. Partnerships between courts, law enforcement and treatment providers are strengthened for maximum program benefits. Community input and involvement is continuously solicited.

Program Description:

The AHWP is a voluntary court supervised program. The AHWP handles cases involving individuals who have committed offenses resulting from their abuse of alcohol and other drugs. AHWP is a component of the Chippewa Cree Tribal Court and follows as deferred prosecution procedure. If participant successfully complete the mandatory components, the charges will be dropped with no further criminal prosecution. Participant has chosen to become a part of the AHWP, and we welcome participant active participation. AHWP provides comprehensive case management services as an option to facing long term criminal charges and extensive fines and/or probation. Our services include case processing, compliance with sentencing, intervention, monitoring, and referrals. The Case Management Plans are individualized and continue through the length of all phases of the program.

The Chippewa Cree Health and Wellness Center will provide treatment services to address participant health needs. Other Tribal programs, community-based organizations, educational institutions, and elders will assist in helping participant address participant personal goals and social needs.

The Chippewa Cree Tribal Judge will oversee participant progress and compliance, along with the AHWP Team. The individuals on the Team are: Judge, Probation Officer, White Sky Hope Center, Human Services Representatives, Health and Wellness Center Counseling Representatives, School Representatives and AHWP Staff. Other members may also be present to provide support as needed.

AWHP Team Members and MOU Partnership:

Judge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will hear all Adult drug court cases, offer constant judicial oversight of participants, and attend weekly staffing for the AHTWCE Program. • Will provide supervision and support for recovery; review reports; encourage client compliance; establish a working relationship with the client; assume the role of the mentor; and respond to non-compliance.
Prosecutor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is responsible for referring and pre and post-trial defendants participating in the program. If a client is unsuccessful in meeting the program requirements, the prosecutor will pursue original charges per court procedure.
Executive Director/Court Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will provide oversight, management, supervision, and reporting functions. • Will contribute 10% of her time to the project on an in-kind basis. • Serves as the CCT Wellness Chairperson.
Program Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responsible for day-to-day administration of the project facilitate EBT, coordination of services with partners, reporting, and overall project management
Probation/Enforcement officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is responsible for monitoring clients to ensure they are in compliance with program requirements.
Public Defender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is responsible for defending clients during court hearings.
Law Enforcement Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides referrals to the project, and reports violations or incidents involving clients.
Rocky Boy Health Board White Sky Hope Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will conduct screening, assessment, and treatment plan development. Will provide culturally appropriate substance

	abuse treatment and recovery support for clients using the Matrix Model
Rocky Boy Health Board Behavioral Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will conduct mental health screening, assessment, and treatment plan development and hold one on one client counseling services and therapeutic mental health treatment.
Rocky Boy Health Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides local physical and mental health services. Provides out-patient substance abuse treatment services. Responsible for screening, assessment, and treatment plan development. Provides clients with access to health and fitness activities, as prescribed by their treatment plans.
Chippewa Cree Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides services for participants who are eligible, including but not limited to GED preparation and testing and driver's license program.
Chippewa Cree Business and Judicial Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governing body (tribal council) of the tribe appoints the Judicial Committee and has oversight of the Chippewa Cree Tribal Court.
Stone Child College and CCT Vocational Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides education and employment assistance and referrals.
CCT Wellness Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides collaboration to identify needed services for offenders and families in the community.

Eligibility for the AHWP:

Persons charged with any offense that is alcohol and /or drug related.

Assessment tools for evaluation will include SUDDS V, MAST, DAST and CAIS diagnostic tests to determine the participant's addiction severity. Counselors at the WSHC will determine the participant's DSM-V diagnosis, and recommendations will be made for the participant's level of care which may include a Level 3.5 Inpatient, Level 3.1 RTEC, Level 1.0 Outpatient and Level .5 Education/MIP.

Participant Court Records

The participant court records and/or judicial proceedings will be considered in determining eligibility. Each participant case file will include dated intake forms, application, orders, drug tests, CAIS, phase progress, and graduation date.

Domestic Relations and other Civil Offenses

There are many instances where substance abuse is a major factor in domestic relations, child/adult abuse, and other similar offenses. The effect on families can be devastating. Therefore, in appropriate circumstances, a party in such a case may be ordered into AHWP by the Tribal Court as part of the Court's intervention and/or disposition of a case. A recommendation for this action may be made by the Chippewa Cree Human Services Department, the Rocky Boy health Board or on the Court's own motion.

The initial screening of the referent will be conducted the same as in a criminal case. The recommendation by one of the AHWP Team, as well as a review of the referents past criminal behavior, will be considered for eligibility to the Program.

How AHWP Works:

Participant will be required to appear at all court hearings on a regular basis. Each time participant appears in court the Judge will be given a progress report prepared by the AHWCP Staff and the Team Members. The report will include progress or problem areas on participant treatment plan, attendance, and participation in the various AHWP services. A record of payment of any court-imposed fees, restitution, and results of drug tests will also be reported.

The AHWP Staff will make field contacts to verify participant residence, schooling and/or employment. During a home visit, staff will walk through participant residence to verify compliance with the AHWP conditions and may talk with participant family members, teachers, mentors, or other members of the community to evaluate participant progress. Staff will review any reports from law enforcement or other departments regarding contacts they made with you. Participant will be required to give random alcohol/drug tests. Random drug testing will be used with participants; color coding will determine what participant is to be tested on what day of the week.

If participant is doing well, participant will be encouraged and supported to continue with the program toward successful completion. If participant is not doing well, the Judge will discuss this with participant and the AHWP Team to determine further action. The role of the AHWP Team is to assist participant in achieving abstinence from alcohol and other drugs and to help break the cycle of addiction. The Judge may change the requirements of participant treatment plan and the length participant spends in each phase based upon participant progress. The Judge may also impose sanctions for non-compliance.

Getting Started and Phases:

Anyone can make a self-referral or a referral to the Tribal Court Judge, Prosecutor, Public Defender. Participant will complete an initial screening and intake with the AHWP Staff that includes participant understanding of the contents of this Handbook. Assessments and interviews resulting in a comprehensive, individualized treatment plan that may include: Inpatient, Outpatient treatment, stabilization, monitoring, individual and group counseling, substance abuse education, family counseling, relapse prevention, specialized treatment tracks, life skills groups, and regular attendance at other therapeutic support groups. Participant comprehensive, goal-oriented treatment plan will be specific, individualized, and time-linked, reviewed in regular intervals. To include cultural, educational, vocational active learning practices. (Per WSHC treatment plan individual goals/objectives.) Participant will have random ongoing alcohol/drug testing throughout the program. AHWP Staff will do random scheduled weekly: home visits, work site visits. If participant is attending school (College, GED, High School) a current schedule must be turned in to the staff for verification purposes.

Program Rules/Components:

Mandatory Components

1. Intake, application
2. Sobriety
3. Court appearances
4. Random drug testing
5. Education or employment requirements
6. Contact with Probation/Enforcement Officer and Program Coordinator
7. White Sky Hope Center Counseling and Treatment
8. Recreational activities that promote sobriety
9. Recovery or support groups

Discretionary Components

1. Parenting class
2. Physical fitness activities
3. Behavioral health counseling and treatment
4. Recreation activities
5. Community Participation
6. Traditional and Cultural Ceremonies

The AHWP is a 9–12-month program with 4 phases:

Phase I: Orientation (minimum 90 days)

- Client intake is processed by the court and the AHTWC Team, at which time the program agreement or contract is signed by the necessary parties.
- Correctional Assessment Information System (CAIS) will be administered by Probation Officer.

- The MRT and Interactive Journaling will be implemented and facilitated by AHTWEC program coordinator.
- Weekly counseling sessions with the clinical psychologist and traditional healers will occur as needed.
- Random drug testing using a color code system is conducted twice a week
- Attend weekly AHTWC.
- AHTW Team meets on a weekly basis
- After ninety days the team meets to decide if the client is ready to move to Phase II

Phase II: Intensive Treatment (minimum of 90 days)

- Counseling is based upon individualized treatment plan
- Random drug testing 2 times a week
- Matrix Model, MRT and Interactive Journaling continues to be facilitated in groups.
- Weekly mandatory court appearances
- Random weekly home and work site visits performed
- HTW Team continues to meet on a weekly basis
- After 90 days, the team meets to decide if the client is ready to move to Phase III

Phase III: Maintenance (minimum of 60 days)

- Weekly mandatory court appearances
- Continue with mandatory WSHC program requirements
- Weekly random drug testing
- Continue attending groups: Self help NA, AA, Morning Meditation, Matrix and Early recovery skills, talking circle, cultural, family and fitness activities.
- Continue educational, vocational activity for GED, self-improvement, Driver's license, employment, etc.

Phase IV: Transition

- Drug testing is reduced to bi-weekly
- Required to receive mentoring training and attend weekly group meetings with other individuals to act as a mentor. (during these meetings, clients will discuss obstacles or concerns they have beyond graduation from the program.)
- Weekly court appearances
- Present relapse prevention plan to AHWP
- At the end of phase, a final evaluation is made by the team, with commendations and incentives given to honor successful participants
- Graduation

AHWP Court Rules:

Participant must appear in Court before the AHWP Judge every Thursday at 3:00 P.M. to discuss participant progress in the Program. Participant is not excused from attending weekly court hearing.

ONLY IN EMERGENCIES AND PRIOR 24-HOUR APPROVAL FROM THE JUDGE AND/OR PROJECT COORDINATOR CAN A PARTICIPANT BE EXCUSED FROM DRUG COURT. DRUG COURT IS MANDATORY.

Participant must remain in court until the Judge dismisses participant from court.

No electronic devices (including cellphones, iPad, etc.) are allowed in the courtroom during court. Appropriate dress/clothing only allowed in courtroom. Vulgar, inappropriate language, actions, threats, fighting will not be tolerated in or near courtroom.

LACK OF TRANSPORTATION IS NOT EXCUSED OR ACCEPTED

Incentives may include any of the following:

Incentives are responses to compliance, perceived as a positive by the receiver. The AHWP Judge will reward participants with incentives for complying with program requirements based on their own discretion and recommendations from the AHWP team. Incentives may include any of the following:

1. Verbal recognition/praise
2. Applause
3. Phase advancement
4. Decreased restriction (fewer drug test, court appearance, etc.)
5. Court appearance priority given according to Phase Level (Phase III Participants appear first)
6. Recovery Days:

Sanctions may include the following:

1. Verbal reprimands and warnings from the Judge
2. Verbal or written apology to the Judge
3. Community service
4. More drug screening
5. Attend additional support groups
6. Move back a phase
7. Jail time not to exceed 72 hours
8. If participant absconds from supervision, his/her sobriety days shall be reset to zero.
9. If a participant “stalls” before drug screen or refuses to conduct a random drug screen the participants sobriety days shall lose points, be reset back a phase or to zero.

These sanctions will usually be followed in order as numbered; However, the Judge has the right to alter any according to the circumstances. The AHWP Judge does not give up their discretion or independence ultimately, when a consequence must be imposed due to an AHWP participant noncompliance behavior it is the Judge’s decision.

Termination:

The goal of the Chippewa Cree Tribe Adult Healing to Wellness Court Program is for each participant to successfully work through each of the treatment phases to graduation. However, from time to time, a participant may be unable or unwilling to commit to the treatment process and it may be necessary to terminate the participant from the program.

Voluntary Termination

A participant may elect to be terminated from the program at any time. The court shall determine that the decision to be terminated from the program is voluntarily, intelligently, and knowingly made. Upon such determination, the case will be referred to the tribal Court and the Prosecutor’s office for stipulated trial, entry of the conviction(s) and for sentencing or revocation.

Involuntary Termination

A participant may be involuntarily terminated from the program with discrepancy by the AHWP team and Judge. Participants are required to actively participate in his or her treatment plan, if the participant fails to comply with his or her treatment plans and mandatory components throughout the program. The participant may be automatically terminated from the program, if the participant engages in a conduct that AHWP Judge finds to be extremely inappropriate or if the participant is convicted of an offense of sufficient serenity he or she may be immediately terminated from the program. Upon such determination, the case will be referred to the Tribal Court.

Point System:

A minimum total of points is required to complete Phases one, two, three and four. Each participant will earn points for complying with phase requirements. The following chart is a guide used to calculate possible points, Bonus points may be earned and will be determined by AHWP team recommendation and issued by the Judge.

Phase/Program Requirement	Possible Points per Activity	Possible Points per Phase/Month
Phase I (minimum of 90 days/12 weeks)		
White Sky Hope Center: Intake	10 points	10
HIV, Hepatitis Test	30 points	30
White Sky Hope Center: Evaluation (Participant will be required to complete the evaluation within 10 days)	10 points	10
White Sky Hope Center: Develop Treatment Plan	10 points	10

White Sky Hope Center: Morning Meditation/ Matrix Groups or NA/AA Self Help Groups. (mandatory 4 groups per week)	5 points per group	240
Enroll in educational, vocational activity for GED, self-improvement, Driver's License, employment 10 points per activity per week.	150	150
Interactive Journaling once per day	5 points per day	420
White Sky Hope Center: Attend scheduled 1:1 appointment once per week.	5 points per session	60
Court Appearance (mandatory weekly)	5 points per hearing	60
Drug/Alcohol/ Substance Test	Clean=5 points per test	60
MINIMUM POINTS NECESSARY TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR GRADUATION FROM PHASE I		1000
Phase/Program Requirement	Possible Points per Activity	Possible Point per Phase/Month
PHASE II (minimum of 90 days/12 weeks)		
White Sky Hope Center: Attend scheduled 1:1 appointment once per week.	5 per session	60
White Sky Hope Center: Morning Meditation/ Matrix Groups, (mandatory 4 groups per week) or NA/AA Self Help Groups.	5 points per group	240
Enroll in educational, vocational activity for GED, self-improvement, Driver's License, employment. 10 points per activity per week	150	150
Interactive Journaling once per day	5 points per day	420
Community Service	5 points per week	15
Cultural, Family or Physical Fitness activities	5 points per week	15
Court Appearance (mandatory weekly)	5 points per hearing	60
Drug/ Alcohol/substance test	Clean=5 points per test	60
MINIMUM POINTS NECESSARY TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR GRADUATION FROM PHASE II		920
Phase/Program Requirement	Possible Points per Activity	Possible Points per Phase/Month
PHASE III (minimum of 60 days/8 weeks)		

White Sky Hope Center: Attend scheduled 1:1 appointment once per bi-weekly	5 per session	20
Interactive Journaling once per day	5 points per day	280
White Sky Hope Center: Morning Meditation/ Matrix Groups, (mandatory 4 groups per week) or NA/AA Self Help Groups.	5 points per group	160
Continue educational, vocational activity for GED, self-improvement, Driver's License, employment. 10 points per activity per week	80 points	80
Community Service	5 points per week	10
Cultural, Family or Physical Fitness activities	5 points per week	10
Court Appearance	5 points per hearing	40
Drug/ Alcohol/ Substance Test	Clean=5 points per test	40
White Sky Hope Center: Develop Relapse Prevention Plan	10 points	10
MINIMUM POINTS NECESSARY TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR GRADUATION FROM PHASE III		700
Phase/Program Requirements	Possible Points per Activity	Possible Points per Phase/Month
Phase IV (minimum of 30 days/4 weeks)		
White Sky Hope Center: Attend scheduled 1:1 appointment once per bi-weekly	5 per session	10
White Sky Hope Center: Morning Meditation/ Matrix Groups, (mandatory 2 groups per week) or NA/AA Self Help Groups.	5 points per group	20
Continue educational, vocational activity for GED, self-improvement, employment. 10 points per activity per week.	40 points	40
Interactive Journaling once per day	5 points per day	140
Community Service	5 points per week	10
Cultural, Family or Physical Fitness activities	5 points per week	10
Court Appearance	5 points per hearing	20
Drug/ Alcohol/ Substance Test	Clean=5 points per test	20

Present Relapse Prevention Plan	10 points	10
MINIMUM POINTS NECESSARY TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR GRADUATION FROM PHASE IV		330

Compliance and Accountability:

Compliance means acting in accordance with a request, order, or rule.

- Financial Responsibility:
Participant may be responsible for any treatment costs and court-imposed fines as required by the Judge. Failure to maintain financial arrangements may result in program non-compliance. Payment of all fees, fines and restitution is viewed as taking personal responsibility for participant actions. If financial obligations are part of participant treatment plan, then a satisfactory payment plan must be arranged with the Judge.
- Participation:
All AHWP services require active participation and self-disclosure.
- Contract Compliance:
Participants are expected to abide by the conditions set forth in the AHWP contract, the treatment plan, and any other program components, including taking direction from the AHWP Compliance Officer. Violation of any terms of the contract and any illegal behavior will immediately be reported to the Judge who will make the final decision regarding a course of action.

Accountability means taking personal responsibility for actions and/or behaviors that has proven to be a most important aspect to treating alcohol/drug addicted individuals. Honesty and taking responsibility for participant behaviors are strong indicators of accountability. An open and positive working relationship with participant treatment counselor and the AHWP Staff is critical for participant success in the AHWP.

Confidentiality:

The AHWP conducts all status hearings in an open courtroom. Federal laws and regulations, as maintained by any substance abuse program, including the AHWP, protect the confidentiality of the identity of substance abuse treatment participants and their records. Generally, the Program may not say to a person outside the Program that attends the Program or disclose any information identifying participant without participant consent. **The confidentiality an exchange of information between the Healing to Wellness Program team members shall be governed by regulation specified in the consent forms and applicable to Rocky Boy Health Board’s regulations, including Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA)**

The AHWP includes people and organizations outside any specific substance abuse program and it is necessary that each member of the Team be able to communicate with each other about participant

progress. Therefore, participant is required to sign the Consent for Disclosure of Confidential Substance Abuse Information Form which allows the Team communication.

AHWP Staff are not allowed to release any information to third parties except in the interest of participant participation in the AHWP. There are exceptions to Staff confidentiality, and they include: concern that participant would harm participant self; concern that participant would harm someone else; a report of ongoing child abuse; or disclosed information about a reportable criminal activity.

Education, Vocation, and Employment

Part of the recovery process from alcohol and other drug addiction involves developing self-sufficiency and becoming a responsible and accountable person who can make meaningful contributions to family and community. Prior to graduation from the AHWP, participant will be encouraged to be employed, in college or in a training program except under special circumstance. Local programs are available to assist for possible education, training, and job placement.

Graduation:

Once participant has successfully completed Phase 4 of the program, maintained continuous sobriety, accomplished all the goals and objectives defined in participant treatment plan, participant is eligible for graduation from the AHWP. The AHWP Team will have the final recommendations about proceeding with graduation depending on participant compliance and involvement with participant treatment.

Each graduation in the AHWP is a significant event. In recognition of the importance of participant success, the AHWP Staff will take the time to make the graduation ceremonies reflect participant hard work and the significance of the participant accomplishment. At the graduation, the AHWP Judge will dismiss the pending charge(s).

Conclusion

The Healing to Wellness Court Program is based upon the understanding that substance abuse and drug addiction are chronic, progressive, relapsing disorders and behaviors that can be successfully treated. The success of AHWP is built on the act that the post-arrest period can provide for a particularly good opportunity for treatment that will break the alcohol and drug-crim cycle.

The AHWP will support participant in achieving total abstinence from alcohol and other drugs and assist participant in becoming a productive and responsible person in the community. Participant must be motivated to make this change commit to an alcohol/drug-free life. This will be hard work on participant part and continuous commitment to participant sobriety and recovery. Participant is worth the effort and we are behind participant 100%

Glossary of Terms Used in this Publication

Legal Screening:

A process to decide if the prospective participant meets the eligibility criteria for the wellness court related to criminal history, type and severity of offense and other criteria as defined by the team during initial planning.

Violent Offender:

The statutes define “violent offender” as a person who either (1) is charged with or convicted of an offense, during the course of which offense or conduct the person carried, possessed, or used a firearm or dangerous weapon; there occurred the death of, or serious bodily injury to any person; or there occurred the use of force against the person of another, without regard to whether any of the circumstances previously described is an element of the offense or conduct of which or for which the person is charged or convicted or (2) has one or more prior convictions for a felony crime of violence involving the use or attempted use of force against a person with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm.

Deferred Prosecution:

A deferred prosecution is a voluntary alternative to adjudication in which a prosecutor agrees to grant amnesty in exchange for the defendant agreeing to fulfill requirements of Healing to Wellness by graduating from the program the prosecution will deferred charging the defendant and motions to dismiss the charges.

Deferred Sentencing:

The term that is given to a delayed sentence of jail, fine and/or probation. If participant fulfills the Healing to Wellness requirements and graduates from the program the sentence will be deferred and will include jail, fines, and probation

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