

Halls of Hope Mental Health Court/Lebanon

Program Flow Chart

REFERRAL

If you come into contact with an individual who has been arrested and has charges pending out of the 2nd Circuit Court – District Division – Lebanon and know or suspect that he/she has a mental illness then a referral can be made to Halls of Hope Mental Health Court (HOH) by completing a one page referral form and submitting to the Grafton County Mental Health Court (GCMHC) Coordinator, Shelly Golden, via **e-mail at sgolden@co.grafton.nh.us**, or **faxed to 787-2026**. To discuss the potential for a referral or if you have questions about the HOH Program please call Shelly Golden at **(phone) 787-2291** (Referrals can come in from anyone, at different times in the legal process)

ASSESS ELIGIBILITY

The Grafton County Mental Health Court Coordinator reviews the referral form and discovery/criminal history to determine eligibility: Individuals may be eligible if he/she is **18 years of age or older, charged with a Class A, non-violent criminal offense** (select violent offenses may not exclude an individual from participation in the Program and will be reviewed on a case by case basis after thorough evaluation of the nature of the violence and appropriateness of the Program is conducted), and has a **diagnosed or suspected mental illness** that contributed to the behavior resulting in the charged offense. The defendant **must not have any prior or present charges involving sexual offenses**. Prior criminal record may impact eligibility. The participant **must have charges pending from the 2nd Circuit Court-District Division- Lebanon, live in Grafton County, NH within the catchment area of West Central Behavioral Health/WCBH** (or from the Hartford, VT area/Windsor County, VT to work with HCRS/Health Care and Rehabilitation Service) and have charges pending out of the 2nd Circuit Court – District Division – Lebanon, NH

ATTORNEY AGREEMENT

Prosecuting and defense attorney(s) agree to pursue the option of MHC

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS COMPLETED

The following documents are to be completed with the applicant's defense attorney: Referral with Discovery/Criminal History, Application, ROI (release of info) forms (HOH ROI, West Central ROI to be completed (1) for each treatment provider worked with as an adult including inpatient facilities, and (1) for current Primary Care Physician, and for any family members/guardians that the applicant would like us to have contact with), review of Handbook and Receipt of Handbook Signature Page, West Central Referral Page, financial assistance pages to be given to the applicant and a Medicaid application to be completed (if the applicant does not already have insurance) and then please submit to the MHC Coordinator via mail, scan/e-mail, or fax

INTAKE MEETING/EVALUATION

The GCMHC Coordinator sends all application documents to WCBH or HCRS and the applicant receives assistance in setting up a mental health evaluation appointment at WCBH or HCRS

PROCESS OF ACCEPTING/DENYING AN APPLICATION

Upon the completion of the mental health evaluation the HOH Team members review the evaluation and all other application documents to determine the final status of an application; accept or deny, based on the recommendations given by the evaluator and careful review of all participant information and criminogenic risk factors

ACCEPTED INTO MHC

After an applicant is accepted into HOH they will enter the program during the next HOH court session for Plea and Sentencing, complete the remaining HOH documents and sign a HOH Contract before the court with their attorney. Participation in ASSERT typically includes Counseling, Case Management, Psychotropic Medication, Substance Abuse Treatment/Drug testing, Education/Vocational Rehabilitation, Attendance at Monthly Court Hearings, and Program participation in ASSERT for at least one year

WHEN AN APPLICATION IS DENIED

The GCMHC Coordinator contacts the applicant's defense attorney and explains why the individual's application was not accepted. WCBH or HCRS reaches out to the applicant to be sure the applicant understands that they are not eligible to participate in HOH but this does not necessarily make them ineligible for services at WCBH