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Policies and Procedures

**MARIN COUNTY
STAR COURT
PROGRAM**

Marin County STAR Court

Mission Statement

To preserve community safety, reduce recidivism and encourage mentally ill offenders to build more successful lives for themselves through the application of well-informed judicial supervision.

Marin County STAR Court

STAR Court Goals:

- Improve the court system's ability to identify, assess, evaluate and treat mentally ill offenders;
- Provide Judicial Officers, prosecutors, and defense attorneys with better information so they can make more informed decisions about how to balance the individual treatment needs of offenders with the need to preserve public safety;
- Use the authority of the court to link mentally ill offenders to appropriate mental health treatment and motivate them to engage in treatment;
- Furnish intensive case management and regular supervision to participants, with a focus on accountability and monitoring of the participants' performance;
- Reduce recidivism among mentally ill offenders and thereby improve the quality of life of the mentally ill offenders;
- Protect community safety, health and property;
- Enhance effectiveness and efficiency by facilitating coordination between the criminal justice system and the mental health system, and improving the accountability of mental health and social service providers.

STAR Court Special Features:

- The Judicial Officer is the center of the treatment and supervision process
- Participation in STAR Court is voluntary. The defendant must consent to participation before being placed in the program.
- STAR Court accepts only persons with demonstrable mental illnesses to which their involvement in the criminal justice system can be attributed.
- Public safety is the highest priority, and mentally ill offenders are carefully screened for appropriate inclusion in the program.
- To achieve these goals, the undersigned adopt the operating principles set forth in this document, which have proven successful in other existing problem-solving courts.

Screening and assessment. The court's clinical team will perform detailed psychosocial assessments of defendants and craft individualized treatment plans that match defendants to appropriate mental health, housing, and other social services.

Judicial monitoring. Each defendant will be required to return to court regularly to meet with case managers and appear before the Judicial Officer to report on his or her progress in

treatment. This will keep the Judicial Officer engaged with the defendant for the life of the case and emphasize for the defendant the seriousness of the process.

Accountability. STAR Court will use an array of graduated rewards and sanctions to respond to compliance or noncompliance with treatment. Regular monitoring of progress in treatment will also hold service providers accountable to the Judicial Officer.

Coordinated services. STAR Court will work with a broad network of government and not-for-profit service providers to address interrelated problems that mentally ill defendants face, including substance abuse, homelessness, joblessness, and serious health problems.

THE COURT TEAM'S ROLES:

- **Judicial Officer:** The Judicial Officer is the primary spokesperson for STAR Court. The Judicial Officer is the final arbitrator of any disagreement among the Court Team. The Judicial Officer also interacts directly with each client to establish rapport. The Judicial Officer uses his or her position to provide affirmation, acknowledgement of progress and accountability.
- **District Attorney:** The District Attorney determines eligibility for STAR Court. The District Attorney also provides input for additional legal issues.
- **Public Defender / Defense Counsel:** The Defense Counsel meets with the client and explains STAR Court process to the client. The Defense Counsel also refers appropriate clients to the District Attorney for a determination as to eligibility. The Defense Attorney also provides input for additional legal issues.
- **STAR Team:** The STAR Team provides treatment and supervision in the community. The STAR Team also reports compliance or the absence thereof and makes treatment recommendations to STAR Court and the STAR Court Team.

STAR Court Parameters:

- STAR Court clients must have an Axis I diagnosis (schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, etc.), which is severe in degree and persistent in duration. The disorder is not a cognitive disorder or developmental disability nor solely a substance abuse disorder. Clients may be dropped at any time from the program if subsequent assessment reveals that the individual's primary diagnosis does not meet program criteria. As an example, a client who was originally believed to be severely mentally ill may be determined to have a primary substance abuse problem or a less severe mental illness.
- STAR Court clients must be on probation or have committed an offense that would make them eligible for probation and STAR Court.
- Current STAR Program clients may be referred to STAR Court if they are found to be eligible by the District Attorney.
- Any defendant participating in STAR Court must be represented by counsel.

Target Population:

The maximum population for STAR Court program is twenty. A STAR client can opt not to be involved in STAR Court but a STAR Court client must be in the STAR program. An individual who has enrolled in STAR Court has a two-week period to opt out of STAR Court. If the client decided to opt out, he/she may still be enrolled in the STAR program and his/her case will be handled through traditional court processes.

Criminal Justice Eligibility Criteria:

A request for admission to STAR Court should be made to the STAR Program Director by any Judge or Judicial Officer, defense counsel, probation or law enforcement; or the Deputy District Attorney handling the case may also make the referral after conviction. After a defendant is deemed eligible by the STAR Program director, the District Attorney's office will determine eligibility according to the criteria set forth in the following section. If the DDA assigned to STAR Court or the alternate is not available, questions regarding eligibility should be referred first to the Chief Deputy District Attorney supervising the DDA assigned to STAR Court, and second to the other Chief Deputy DA.

Determination of Eligibility by the District Attorney's Office:

- The defendant /client must be convicted of one or more eligible offenses. If the eligible offense is charged in the same complaint or information with an ineligible offense, the defendant will be deemed generally ineligible by the District Attorney, to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Determination of eligibility will be the responsibility of the District Attorney's Office.

Eligible Offenses:

- Misdemeanor offenses that do not involve violence, or, if violence is involved, that overwhelmingly appear to the District Attorney to be directly related to a significant mental illness;
- Except as noted below, any felony which does not qualify as a serious felony as defined by Penal Code Section 1192.7(c) and/or a violent felony as defined by Penal Code Section 667.5(c), that overwhelmingly appears to the District Attorney to be directly related to a severe mental illness;
- Any felony which is a "wobbler" (defined as an offense that can be charged either as a felony or as a misdemeanor) that overwhelmingly appears to the District Attorney to be directly related to a severe mental illness;
- Probation violations that do not involve violence, or, if violence is involved, that overwhelmingly appear to the District Attorney to be directly related to a severe mental illness.

Non-eligible Offenses:

- Offenses for which registration under 290 PC would be required
- Defendants falling under the provision of PC sections 4011.6, 1368 and 1026
- Violations of VC 23152 and 23153
- Violations of Penal Code Section 192

Mental Health Suitability Criteria:

- Persons suitable for STAR Court must have a serious and persistent mental illness (schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, etc.), which is severe in degree and persistent in duration. The disorder must not be a cognitive disorder or developmental disability nor solely a substance abuse disorder.
- STAR Court Team (defined below) may consider as suitable, persons who are not public safety risks nor poor candidates for probation.
- A defendant must be admitted to the STAR program in order to be admitted to STAR COURT. A client not in the STAR program will not have access to the necessary treatment and follow-up available through the STAR program.

Referral Process:**1. In Custody Probation Violations:**

- a. All cases go to the 1:30 Dept M In Custody Arraignment Calendar
- b. Cases are referred to the Public Defender or other counsel and continued until following day for Counsel and Plea
- c. Any defendant participating in STAR Court must be represented by counsel
- d. Defense Counsel establishes program suitability:
 - i. Determine if defendant is a STAR client
 - ii. Determine if client is willing to participate in STAR Court
 - iii. The client is evaluated by a representative from the STAR Team to determine if the client meets the mental health criteria addressed above.
 - iv. Defense Counsel consults with District Attorney about defendant's eligibility
- e. If the client is eligible as determined by the District Attorney's office, the client is referred to STAR Court after a guilty plea is entered

2. In Custody Charges:

- a. All cases go to the 1:30 Dept M In Custody Arraignment Calendar
- b. Cases are referred to the Public Defender or other counsel and continued until following day for Counsel and Plea
- c. Any defendant participating in STAR Court is to be represented by counsel
- d. Defense Counsel establishes program suitability:
 - i. Determine if defendant is a STAR client
 - ii. Determine if client is willing to participate in STAR Court

- iii. The client is evaluated by a representative from the STAR Team to determine if the client meets the mental health criteria addressed above
- iv. Defense Counsel consults with District Attorney about defendant's eligibility
- e. If the client is eligible as determined by the District Attorney's office, the client is referred to STAR Court after a guilty plea is entered

3. Out Of Custody Charges:

- a. Defendant goes to Department P for video arraignment
- b. Cases are referred to the Public Defender or other counsel and continued until the following day for Counsel and Plea
- c. Any defendant participating in STAR Court must be represented by counsel.
- d. Defense Counsel establishes program and financial eligibility
 - i. Determine if defendant is a STAR program client
 - ii. Determine if client is willing to participate in STAR Court
 - iii. The client is evaluated by a representative from the STAR Team to determine if the client meets the mental health criteria discussed above.
 - iv. Defense Counsel consults with District Attorney
- e. If the client is eligible as determined by the District Attorney's office, the client is referred to STAR Court after a guilty plea is entered

4. Visitors to STAR Court:

- a. Any in custody Defendant may visit one session of STAR Court before his/her eligibility is determined by the director of the STAR Program and by the District Attorney
- b. All interested persons, including out of custody defendants, are welcome to attend sessions of STAR Court. Such persons will be asked to sign a confidentiality acknowledgment

Staff:

1. Judicial Officer
2. District Attorney and Public Defender/Private Defense Counsel
3. STAR Team staff
 - Mental Health Supervisor
 - Law Enforcement representative
 - Two Community Mental Health Case Managers
 - One Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner
 - Mental Health Peer Case Manager
 - Probation Officer
 - Marin County Deputy Sheriff

Program Phases:

Phase One – The typical Phase One client will have been recently released from jail or recently sentenced. These clients will most likely not have a history of medication or treatment compliance and therefore will need regular court appearances to increase supervision opportunities and accountability. This phase will last until the client is cooperating with treatment and court requirements. Incentives for remaining in the program during Phase One may come from the STAR Team flexible funds and will be agreed upon by STAR Team. Phase One will last approximately four months. These clients will report weekly to the court.

Phase One Goals:

1. Medication compliance
2. No arrests or probation violations since admission to STAR Court
3. Cooperation with the treatment team in the pursuit of:
 - a. Housing
 - b. SSI/SSDI
 - c. MediCal
 - d. Vocational/educational activities
 - e. Improved personal hygiene
 - f. Drug testing
 - g. Regular contact with probation officer and case manager
 - h. Other factors as appropriate
4. Excellent attendance at recommended treatment and counseling programs, such as:
 - a. Therapy
 - b. Day treatment
 - c. Drug treatment
 - d. Dual diagnosis treatment
 - e. Peer support groups every other week
 - f. Symptom management classes

Because there are so many possible variables in the treatment of mental illness, a specific attendance percentage is not stated; rather, the court will review comments/ reports from the STAR Team and treatment providers as to each client's attendance and progress in a program.

Phase Two – These clients have improved significantly in compliance with treatment and court mandates. These clients will report bi-monthly and it is anticipated that this phase will last for three months. Phase Two goals are almost identical to Phase One but with less supervision from the court. The goal of this phase is continued stabilization and reintegration of the client, while the client demonstrates a willingness to work with the program. If a client is unable to demonstrate the ability to maintain the goals listed below he/she may be referred back to Phase One.

Phase Two Goals:

1. Medication compliance
2. No arrests or probation violations since admission to STAR Court
3. Cooperation with the treatment team in the pursuit and maintenance of:
 - a. Housing
 - b. SSI/SSDI
 - c. MediCal
 - d. Vocational/educational activities
 - e. Improved personal hygiene
 - f. Drug testing

- g. Regular contact with probation officer and case manager
 - h. Other factors as appropriate
4. Excellent attendance at recommended treatment and counseling programs.
Examples of these programs are:
- a. Therapy
 - b. Day treatment
 - c. Drug treatment
 - d. Dual diagnosis treatment
 - e. Peer support groups every other week
 - f. Symptom management classes

Phase Three – These clients will demonstrate an increasing ability to remain in treatment and maintain stability within the community. It is anticipated this phase will last for three months, and clients may report monthly to STAR Court. If a client regresses in treatment compliance, he/she may be ordered back to an earlier treatment phase.

Phase Three Goals:

1. Medication compliance
2. No arrests or probation violations since admission to STAR Court
3. Client has obtained and maintained housing
4. Client has had no “dirty” urine tests
5. Client has engaged in on-going treatment, vocational, educational and/or volunteer programs
6. Client has cooperated with the treatment team in the pursuit and maintenance of:
 - a. SSI/SSDI
 - b. MediCal
 - c. Other factors as appropriate
7. Excellent attendance at recommended treatment and counseling programs.
Examples of these programs are:
 - a. Therapy
 - b. Day treatment
 - c. Drug treatment
 - d. Dual diagnosis treatment
 - e. Peer support groups every other week
8. Regular contact with probation officer and case manager

Phase Four – These clients will be stable and responsible for their own treatment and vocational activities. They may no longer be required to report to STAR Court but will report to a Probation Officer and their STAR case manager who will continue to monitor their treatment compliance. This phase will last approximately two to three months and successful completion will make the client eligible for graduation. The Phase Four client will demonstrate the following:

Phase Four Goals:

1. Medication compliance for nine consecutive months
2. No arrests or probation violations since admission to STAR Court
3. Client has obtained and maintained housing
4. Client has had no “dirty” urine tests
5. Client has engaged in on-going treatment, vocational, educational and/or volunteer programs
6. Client has a continuing source of income and medical insurance

7. Demonstrated responsibility for his/her own treatment appointments
8. Attendance at STAR's peer support group as ordered
9. Active addressing of transition and termination goals

Graduation

- Misdemeanor Cases:
In cases involving misdemeanor offenses, upon graduation the client will not be required to report to STAR Court or probation. Probation will be terminated and the case will be dismissed pursuant to PC 1385. The client may remain in the STAR program for additional treatment.
- Felony Cases:
In cases involving felony offenses, upon graduation the client will no longer be required to report to STAR Court. The STAR Court Team will consider recommending to the court to reduce a "wobbler" felony conviction to a misdemeanor and either shortening or terminating felony probation on a case-by-case basis.

[The following is a sample STAR Court Agreement which will be negotiated by the STAR Court team and approved by the Judicial Officer for a typical STAR Court client. Individual terms will be tailored to the situation of the individual client.]

Obligations and Terms for STAR Court Clients:

1. STAR Court will help you get treatment, case management, vocational/educational and/or housing services as described in your treatment plan.
2. A STAR Court case manager will meet with you regularly to discuss your participation and progress in treatment.
3. STAR Court will hold you accountable for your actions. Successful compliance with your treatment mandate will be rewarded and acknowledged through your four phases of treatment. Sanctions, including loss of credit for time in the program, and jail or prison time, may be imposed for failure to comply with your treatment plan or with the court’s rules and directions as outlined in STAR Court Program Participation Guidelines.
4. The court will impose a jail/prison sentence if you fail to complete your treatment mandate.
5. If you successfully graduate, STAR Court will:
 - If your case is a misdemeanor, the charges against you will be dismissed
 - If your case is a felony, upon graduation, we will consider reducing your case to a misdemeanor (if it is a case that can be so reduced under California Law), and shortening or terminating your probation, on a case-by-case basis.
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIN**

Defendant: _____	Case Number: _____
STAR COURT AGREEMENT	

Defendant: By agreeing to participate in the Marin County STAR Court program, I understand and agree to the following:

1. I have reviewed the treatment plan prepared for me by STAR Court and agree to comply with that plan.
2. I have reviewed the STAR Court Program Participation Guidelines and agree to comply with the rules and procedures set forth therein.
3. I will lead a law-abiding life until the successful completion of my STAR Court Agreement.
4. I understand that failure to comply with orders of this court, the terms of my treatment program or directives of my housing provider may result in sanctions being imposed by the court, which may include jail/prison and/or a change in my treatment plan.
5. Any new arrest may result in immediate termination from my housing program, my treatment program and participation in STAR Court, with the imposition of up to the maximum jail/prison sentence specified by law.
6. I understand that the charge(s) of which I have been convicted will be dismissed (if misdemeanors) and, if they are "wobbler" felonies, that serious consideration will be given to reduction of those charges to misdemeanors, to shortening or terminating probation, or to other result stated below if I successfully graduate from the STAR Court program.
7. _____.

Date _____

Defendant/STAR Court Client

Judicial Officer: By accepting your promise to comply with the treatment plan, the Marin County Superior Court agrees to the following:

- STAR Court will help you get treatment, case management, vocational/educational and/or housing services as described in your treatment plan.

- A STAR Court case manager will meet with you regularly to discuss your participation and progress in treatment.
- STAR Court will hold you accountable for your actions. Successful compliance with your treatment mandate will be rewarded and acknowledged through the different phases of treatment. Sanctions, including jail time, will be imposed for failure to comply with your treatment plan or with the court’s rules and directions as outlined in the STAR Court Program Participation Guidelines.
- The court will impose an appropriate jail or prison sentence if you fail to complete your treatment requirements.
- If you successfully complete your treatment requirements, STAR Court will dismiss the charge(s) of which you have been convicted (if misdemeanors) and, if they are “wobbler” felonies, serious consideration will be given to reduction of those charges to misdemeanors, or other result stated in paragraph 6, above.

Date: _____

 Judicial Officer

INTERPRETOR’S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained on this form has been translated by me for the defendant from English into Spanish/_____.

Date ____/____/____

 Interpreter’s Signature

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY COUNSEL

I am the lawyer for the defendant and have advised him/her in this matter. I consent to the STAR Court Agreement entered by the defendant.

Date ____/____/____

 Attorney for Defendant

Program Participation Guidelines

Welcome to the Marin County STAR Court.

This handout is designed to:

- Answer questions
- Address concerns
- Provide information about STAR Court

As a participant in STAR Court, you will be required to follow the instructions given in court by the Judicial Officer and comply with the treatment plan developed for you by STAR Court staff. This handout will explain what is expected of you. It will also provide general program information. Ask your STAR Court case manager or your defense attorney to explain anything in this handbook that you do not understand.

What is STAR Court?

STAR Court is a special part of the Marin County Superior Court. It is a court-supervised program for those arrested and convicted in Marin who have a serious mental illness, who need treatment and other services, and who choose to participate in STAR Court instead of having their cases proceed in the regular court process. If you agree to participate in the STAR Court process you will have a two-week trial period, after which you can choose to not continue with STAR Court.

What do I have to do?

The Marin STAR Court team prepares a treatment plan for you based on an assessment of your needs for mental health treatment, substance abuse or alcohol treatment, case management services, and housing. In order to participate in STAR Court, you must agree to comply with your treatment plan and to sign an agreement in court, which is between you and the Judicial Officer. This agreement explains what is expected of you and what will happen if you do not follow the rules. Before you sign the agreement, you will have an opportunity to review it with your attorney and have your questions answered.

How long will I be involved in STAR Court?

STAR Court is a four-phase program that lasts at least 12 months; however, it may take longer for some clients. The amount of time you spend in STAR Court is determined by your participation and by your progress. While you are participating in STAR Court, the Judicial Officer and the STAR Court team will monitor your participation and progress in treatment.

What's in it for me?

Opportunity. STAR Court offers you a chance to avoid jail or prison on your current charges and to move forward in your life. Remember that there are many people who make up STAR Court team, and they all want to see you succeed. If you take advantage of the assistance offered, you can discover many ways to make a better life for yourself.

Services. The staff of STAR Court will help you get case management services, mental health treatment, and, if your treatment plan calls for it, substance abuse or alcohol treatment and supported housing.

Recognition of progress. As you progress through the phases of your treatment plan, STAR Court Judicial Officer will recognize your achievements and you will receive certificates or awards to acknowledge your accomplishments.

Outcome of Case. When you graduate, STAR Court will:

- If your case is a misdemeanor, dismiss the charges against you;
- If your case is a felony, consider reducing your case to a misdemeanor (if it is a case that can be so reduced under California law) and shortening or terminating your probation, on a case-by-case basis.

What are the rules of STAR Court?

To remain in STAR Court, you must follow these rules:

1. Appear in court as scheduled

You will be required to appear in STAR Court on a regular basis. The Judicial Officer will be given progress reports regarding your attendance and participation in your treatment program and the other components of your treatment plan. The Judicial Officer will ask you about your progress and discuss any problems you may be having. You will be required to meet with your STAR Court case manager before each court appearance, and you may also be required to attend additional appointments on days when you do not have a court appearance.

You must attend all scheduled court appearances and all scheduled appointments. At first you must come to court every week. As you make progress, the frequency of your court appearance and appointments will be reduced.

2. Follow your treatment plan

Your treatment plan will include some or all of the following components:

- Lead a law abiding life
- Medications
- Appointments with a psychiatrist, as directed
- Participation in a mental health treatment program, such as a day treatment program
- Abstain from alcohol and from all non-prescribed or illegal drugs; submit to regular drug and alcohol testing
- Participation in substance abuse or alcohol treatment
- Intensive or supported case management services
- Assistance from treatment team to obtain stable and supportive housing for you.
- Comply with STAR Team's directions

3. Be Honest

STAR Court Team is here to help you in your recovery process. We recognize that recovery is not a straight line and we want to help you continue your progress around any obstacles that you may encounter. If you are not honest with the team we will be unable appropriately to help you.

4. Waiver of Confidentiality

By agreeing to participate in STAR Court you must consent to a waiver of confidentiality among STAR team members. This means that your doctor, social workers and other team members are free to share appropriate information about your treatment program and progress.

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Your treatment plan may include additional components as well, such as participation in educational or vocational programs or in self-help or support groups. Specific rules about some treatment plan components are discussed below.

Medications.

It is extremely important that you take the medications that your treating psychiatrist or nurse practitioner prescribes for you.

The Judicial Officer and staff of STAR Court recognize that many medications have unpleasant side effects, that many medications do not work equally well for all patients, and that it can be very difficult for a doctor and a client to find the best combination of medications for that patient. But for most participants in STAR Court, medications will be essential for managing symptoms of illness and living successfully in the community. If you have complaints about the medications your treating psychiatrist has prescribed for you, you must tell your psychiatrist or nurse practitioner, who may be able to prescribe a different medication or additional medications. If you continue to have complaints about your medications and feel that your psychiatrist or nurse practitioner is not responding to your concerns, you should tell your STAR Court case manager, who will discuss your concerns with your psychiatrist or nurse practitioner. Refusal or repeated failure to take medications may result in sanctions being imposed by STAR Court Judicial Officer.

Substance abuse or alcohol treatment.

As a candidate for STAR Court, you will be asked about your history of substance or alcohol abuse. All participants in STAR Court will be required to give urine samples when they first enter the STAR Court program, and on a regular basis thereafter. You may be required to enter a residential treatment program.

Housing.

As a participant in STAR Court, you may be required to live in a particular type of housing or in a particular housing facility, which may offer an array of services for residents. Your housing provider will give information to STAR Court about your progress with your treatment plan. You are required to follow all of your housing provider's rules.

Phases. Your treatment plan is divided into four phases. You will receive a certificate upon completion of each phase.

Violations, rewards, and sanctions

There are consequences—both good and bad—for your conduct while you are a participant in STAR Court. If you comply with your treatment plan and live a crime-free life in the community, you will be acknowledged and rewarded in a number of different ways. On the other hand, if you fail to comply with your treatment plan or commit any new offenses, you will be sanctioned. Ultimately, good participation and compliance with treatment may be rewarded by having your criminal charges dismissed or reduced, and failure in the program may result in serving the jail or prison sentence specified in your court contract.

Violations.

The following events will be treated as violations of STAR Court program:

- Missed treatment appointments
- Missed appointments with STAR Court case management staff
- Missed court appearances
- Failure or refusal to take medications
- Refusal to give urine sample
- Violations of rules of treatment or rules of the housing provider
- Any verbal threats or acts of violence
- Noncompliance with treatment plan or with staff directives
- Abuse of drugs and/or alcohol
- Absconding from treatment program or supervised housing
- New criminal offenses

Clinical responses and sanctions.

STAR Court Judicial Officer will respond to all violations by imposing a sanction or requiring that you participate in a treatment-related activity. The Judicial Officer may also mandate a change in your treatment plan. Examples of clinical responses and sanctions include the following:

- Reprimand
- Increased frequency of appointments with your STAR Court case manager
- Increased frequency of appearances before STAR Court Judicial Officer
- Mandatory NA/AA or Dual Diagnosis Treatment
- Mandatory group attendance (i.e., money management, anger management, family relations)
- Loss of privilege at your treatment or housing program
- Community service
- Unannounced visits by STAR Court staff
- Imposition or increase in frequency of urine testing
- Detox/drug rehab

- Transfer to a more restrictive housing or treatment program
- Hospitalization—voluntary
- Hospitalization—involuntary

Rewards

In addition to advancing to the next phase, demonstration of effort and progress in treatment will be acknowledged. Potential rewards include:

- Reduced frequency of required appointments with your STAR Court case manager
- Reduced frequency of required appearances before STAR Court Judicial Officer
- Transfer to a less restrictive housing or treatment program
- Suspension of urine testing requirements
- Certificates or other mementos of progress
- Phase advancement
- Participation in a court-sponsored social or cultural event
- Chance to tell your story and help others if you desire to do so

I have had this information explained to me by my attorney and I agree to participate in STAR Court.

Client Signature, Date

Attorney Signature, Date

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The following agree to have their personnel assigned to the STAR Court Program, and to abide by and adhere to the duties, policy and procedures set forth in the STAR Court Program Manual, effective upon signing:

Superior Court

Date

County Administrator

Date

Sheriff

Date

District Attorney

Date

Public Defender

Date

Chief Probation Officer

Date

Director, Health & Human Services

Date

President, Police Chiefs' Association

Date

STAR Program

Date

Community Mental Health

Date