

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE,)	
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<i>Plaintiff,</i>)	SECOND DIVISION
)	
vs.)	
)	NO(s).
_____)	
)	
<i>Defendant.</i>)	

**EXPECTATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN
THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRUG RECOVERY COURT PROGRAM**

The Hamilton County Drug Recovery Court is designed for participants to achieve a productive and law-abiding life. To accomplish this, the program requires participants to establish and achieve goals and to adhere to expectations consistent with sobriety and recovery.

These expectations are required as part of building a foundation for future success beyond the Drug Recovery Court, and they are set forth in the Participant Handbook, the Participant Contract, and the orders of the Drug Recovery Court.

The following expectations represent the *basic* expectations of a participant in the Drug Recovery Court program. However, these expectations are not exclusive, and other important expectations appear in the Participant Handbook, Participant Contract, and orders of the Drug Recovery Court.

Participant behavior consistent with these expectations will result in positive recognition and reward. However, a participant’s knowing violation of, or consistent failure to meet, these expectations is not consistent with recovery or with working toward building a foundation for success. Consistent and willful failures to meet these expectations will result in sanction or removal from the Drug Recovery Court program.

A. LAWFUL BEHAVIOR

With respect to the participant’s behavior while in Drug Recovery Court, a participant is expected:

1. to comply with federal, state, and local laws;
2. to inform the Drug Recovery Court within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;

3. to comply with all applicable rules of probation and with all provisions of any supervision agreement;
4. to not use or possess any firearm or dangerous weapon; and
5. to not engage in any form of lawful gambling, gaming, betting, or lottery, including by electronic means, irrespective of whether money or goods are wagered, spent, or received.

B. PARTICIPATION IN COURT STATUS CONFERENCES

With respect to the participant's interaction with the Court, a participant is expected:

1. to be truthful and honest in all statements made to the Court;
2. to dress appropriately for Court in a manner which indicates that Court appearances are important to the participant;
3. to attend all court hearings for any case;
4. to report to court as ordered by the Drug Recovery Court; and
5. to obey all orders of the Court, including written orders and directives, and instructions given orally by the Drug Recovery Court Judge.

C. PARTICIPATION IN CASE MANAGEMENT

With respect to the management of the participant's case, a participant is expected:

1. to be truthful and honest in all statements made to any member of the Drug Recovery Court team, including any law enforcement officer, probation officer, or treatment provider;
2. to be respectful to all members of the Drug Recovery Court team;
3. to submit truthful reports as required by the Drug Recovery Court case manager;
4. to report in person to the case manager as directed;
5. to not travel outside of Hamilton County, unless advanced written permission is first obtained from the Drug Recovery Court coordinator; and
6. to comply with the rules of the Drug Recovery Court, as those rules are set forth in the Participant Handbook; Participant Contract; and orders of the Drug Recovery Court.

D. PARTICIPATION WITH OTHERS IN DRUG RECOVERY COURT

With respect to the participation with others in Drug Recovery Court, a participant is expected:

1. to not engage in any romantic or sexual relationships with other persons while in the Drug Recovery Court;
2. to not impede, disrupt, or interrupt Drug Recovery Court proceedings; treatment sessions; or group meetings;
3. to not cause or threaten harm to any person, including to the participant's self; and
4. to not endanger the recovery of others participating in the Drug Recovery Court by assisting in the violation of Drug Recovery Court Rules.

E. ESTABLISHMENT OF SOBRIETY

With respect to a participant's sobriety, a participant is expected:

1. to be alcohol and drug free at all times;
2. to not use or possess illegal drugs or prescription drugs (including but not limited to marijuana, hydrocodone, codeine percocet or other prescription drugs), alcohol, or drug paraphernalia;
3. to report as ordered by the Drug Recovery Court for drug screens, and to provide a valid sample against which testing may be performed; and
4. to not use or possess any substance or device, or to not use any method, intended to alter or affect the results of a drug screen.

F. MAINTENANCE OF RECOVERY

With respect to maintaining recovery, a participant is expected:

1. to continue active participation in a treatment plan, including attending recovery meetings, maintaining a sponsor, and having regular sponsor contact;
2. to keep records of sponsor contact and attendance at recovery meetings, and to present those records to the Drug Recovery Court as requested;
3. to inform the Drug Recovery Court within 48 hours of any change in sponsors;
4. to attend and fully participate in all treatment sessions;

5. to not leave any treatment program without prior approval of my treatment provider and the Drug Recovery Court;
6. to participate in and complete any required programs of treatment;
7. to quit and refrain from smoking and the using of other tobacco products, and to not to possess or use cigarettes or other tobacco products;
8. to not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity;
9. to not go, or remain, in any place where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, stored; or administered; and
10. to not enter into any bar or establishment where the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises is the primary source of income.

G. EMPLOYMENT STABILITY

With respect to a participant's employment, a participant is expected:

1. to work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused in advance by the Drug Recovery Court for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons
2. to obtain permission from the Drug Recovery Court before changing employment; and
3. to report any actual or threatened termination or discharge from employment.

H. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

With respect to a participant's finances, a participant is expected:

1. to work with the Drug Recovery Court to establish and maintain a budget, including a plan for saving income;
2. to pay, or to make regular monthly payments of,
 - a. all fines, court costs, and fees assessed by the Drug Recovery Court;
 - b. all due and payable rent and/or treatment fees owed to any treatment provider;
 - c. all restitution owing, if any, as set forth in any order of any court; and
 - d. all spousal or child support obligations owing as set forth in any order of any court;

3. to inform the Drug Recovery Court of any significant change in the participant's economic circumstances that might affect his or her ability to pay restitution, fines, costs, monetary obligations, or treatment fees; and
4. to make available to the Drug Recovery Court any requested financial information to verify compliance with the participant's financial obligations.

I. RESIDENTIAL STABILITY

With respect to a participant's residence, a participant is expected:

1. to establish and reside in housing in Hamilton County as directed or approved by the Drug Recovery Court staff; and
2. to obtain permission before changing residences.

J. EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT

With respect to a participant's education, a participant is expected:

1. to obtain a GED or a high school diploma, if not previously attained; and
2. to work toward attaining any other educational or training goals identified by the participant and the Drug Recovery Court.

K. HEALTH AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

With respect to a participant's health, a participant is expected:

1. to advise a medical provider, prior to obtaining a prescription, that the Defendant is in Drug Recovery Court and has pled guilty to a felony offense; and
2. to inform the Drug Recovery Court before filling the prescription for, or using or consuming, prescribed medication (or, if the medication must be immediately taken, as soon thereafter as practicable).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, the participant in the Drug Recovery Court program, hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed these Drug Recovery Court expectations with legal counsel and that I understand what will be expected of me during my participation in the Drug Recovery Court program.

Date: _____

Defendant