



16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



KANE COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT Alpha Track

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

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Mission Statement

The Illinois General Assembly has recognized that veterans and active, Reserve and National Guard Service members have provided or are currently providing an invaluable service to our country. In so doing, some may suffer the effects of, including but not limited to, post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, depression and may also suffer from drug and alcohol dependency or addiction and co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse problems. As a result of this, some veterans or active duty Service members come into contact with the criminal justice system and are charged with felony or misdemeanor offenses. There is a critical need for a criminal justice program to recognize these veterans, provide accountability for their wrongdoing, provide for the safety of the public and provide for the treatment of our veterans. It is the intent of the General Assembly and the Kane County Veterans Treatment Court to provide a specialized veteran and service members program with the necessary flexibility to meet the specialized problems faced by veteran and service member defendants. It is the mission of the Kane County Veteran Treatment Court, established here under the provisions of 730 ILCS 167/1 et. seq. to accomplish these goals through an immediate and highly structured judicial intervention process for treatment of eligible defendants that brings together substance abuse professionals, mental health professionals, VA professionals, local social programs and intensive judicial monitoring in accordance with the Illinois Supreme Court Problem-Solving Courts Standards. The Kane County Veterans Treatment Court (hereinafter referred to as "KCVTC") is a combination Veterans and Service members program which shall include pre-adjudicatory and post-adjudicatory programs.

So what does that mean?

The Kane County Veterans Treatment Court program is a special probation program to help you address your mental health and/or addiction and recovery. We are here to help you live drug free, crime free and be successful in life.

This handbook

This handbook is meant to answer many of your questions about Veterans Treatment Court. While in Veterans Treatment Court, you must follow all court orders, all terms of your Veterans Treatment Court probation, the Consent to Participate and this Handbook. This handbook explains the rules and expectations in Veterans Treatment Court. You should keep this handbook so that you can get information as you need it while in the program. It is your responsibility to understand and comply with all the rules of the program. If you have any questions at any time, you should ask someone on the Veterans Treatment Court Team. We are always happy to help.

The terms, conditions, rules and procedures of the KCVTC program may be changed during the term of your participation, either to comply with changes in the law or to improve the overall success of the program. Such changes will be provided to you in writing. If you are unwilling to follow such changes, you will be offered the opportunity to voluntarily withdraw your participation in KCVTC (see section on voluntary withdrawal).

Our goals = your goals

At first, you may have asked for Veterans Treatment Court to avoid going to prison or jail. You may have been unable on your own to get help with your mental health issues and or stop using drugs and committing crimes. You may even have been afraid of dying from a drug overdose or harming yourself. All of those are good reasons to come to Veterans Treatment Court.

It may surprise you that the Veterans Treatment Court team also wants you to avoid going to prison or jail. We want to help you with your addiction and/or mental health to help you lead a successful, law abiding and full life.

Who can be in Veterans Treatment Court?

Veterans Treatment Court is a voluntary program. In order to even be considered for Veterans Treatment Court you must be a Veteran who can receive Veterans Affairs services. If you are a Veteran who can receive Veterans Affairs services, you must be willing to sign the Consent to Participate and agree to the rules of this handbook and be willing to follow those rules.

In order to be in the Kane County Veterans Treatment Court, you must meet eligibility requirements.

This rule requires, among other things, that you:

1. Live in Kane County while in the program
2. Have no crimes of violence within the past 10 years
3. If you have a substance abuse disorder, that you be willing to complete treatment
4. If you have mental health diagnosis or are diagnosed with a mental illness that you be willing to take all prescribed medications and complete treatment
5. Be assessed to meet the target group we are best able to serve. (Not everyone who uses illegal drugs is in need of Veterans Treatment Court and not every person with a mental health diagnosis needs to be in Veterans Treatment Court to treat their addiction and or mental illness.)

We don't discriminate!

Every Veteran will receive the same opportunity to be admitted into and succeed in Veterans Treatment Court. We will not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, physical or mental disability, religion or socio-economic status. If you have a disability, we will make accommodations for you in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and provide language access services to you if you have a limited understanding of English.

How to apply for Veterans Treatment Court?

A defendant can apply for Veterans Treatment Court if they have entered a plea of guilty, intend to plead guilty or have been found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony offense. A defendant may also enter the program to avoid the possibility of a criminal conviction with the consent of the State, and agreement to continue their case while they participate in the program. A written application must be given to the Veterans Treatment Court Judge who will then require you to be assessed. (A copy of the application is attached to this handbook). You will be told to meet with a Veterans Treatment Court Team member and schedule an assessment. The assessment is just a long interview about you and your history. You will also be assessed by Veterans Affairs to see what services you are in need of. You must be honest during the assessments. The Veterans Treatment Court Team will review the results of your assessment to make sure that you are a good fit for Veterans Treatment Court and that Veterans Treatment Court is a good fit for you.

Entering into Veterans Treatment Court

Even if you are found to be appropriate for Veterans Treatment Court, you still have to decide whether you are willing to follow all of the rules of Veterans Treatment Court. You will need to review the Consent to Participate and the Handbook with your attorney. The Judge will also go over these documents with you to make sure you really understand the rules and are willing to follow the rules. (A copy of the Consent to Participate is attached to this handbook.)

If you are willing to follow the rules of Veterans Treatment Court, you must sign the Consent, sign an acknowledgment of receipt of this handbook and either agree to continue the case and waive your right to a speedy trial, enter a plea of guilty to the offense or, after being found guilty, be sentenced to Veterans Treatment Court probation by a judge.

Attitude

The most important part of your recovery is your attitude and commitment to change. Veterans Treatment Court is designed to help you succeed but you are the most important person to make that happen. You must be willing to change your current lifestyle. You must be willing to do the hard work necessary. You must be willing to live drug and alcohol free. Veterans Treatment Court will help you change your life if you are willing but it is your attitude and effort that will determine if you are successful.

Your Plan of Action

We will identify your strengths and needs based upon your assessment and a recommendation for treatment will be made by a treatment professional. You will be referred to the VA for coordination of substance abuse and/or mental health services. Treatment can be anything from outpatient treatment, to intensive outpatient treatment, to partial hospitalization to inpatient residential treatment.

Treatment may include mental health services if that would help you on your road to recovery. Treatment may also include a requirement that you live in a halfway house or sober living place for a short time early in your recovery.

It is your responsibility to go to all scheduled treatment appointments and successfully complete treatment following all recommendations. If you do not go to scheduled treatment appointments or are discharged from treatment for violating the rules, you may be sanctioned in Veterans Treatment Court (See the section on Sanctions.)

In addition to your specialized treatment plan, you will receive a specialized case management plan in Veterans Treatment Court. The case management plan includes all the steps you will need to take to be successful in Veterans Treatment Court. It will include your treatment plan along with other programs or other steps you must take to address your own specific needs.

Your case management plan may be modified depending on how your needs may change. You and the Veterans Court Coordinator will talk about your plan regularly and you will be rewarded with incentives when you make progress in your plan. (See the section on Incentives.)

Mentoring

You are strongly encouraged to find a mentor during your time in Veterans Treatment Court. We will assist in matching you to a volunteer mentor in the community who has also served in the armed forces. Working with a mentor has been shown to help participants remain sober, stay focused, and assist you with guidance while in the community.

Who is on the Veterans Treatment Court “Team”?

We are a “team” because we work together for your success.

The Veterans Treatment Court Team includes the judge, a prosecutor, a public defender or your private attorney, Veterans Court Coordinator, Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO), VA staff, and Kane County Veterans Assistance Commission. We all work together to help you. The team meets weekly for staff meetings to discuss your progress and make adjustments to your plans, if necessary. In order to help you be successful and make sure you comply with the rules, the team recommends incentives and sanctions depending on your actions.

Each member of the Veterans Treatment Court Team has a different role.

Judge: The Veterans Treatment Court Judge is the leader of the team. The Judge receives advice from the entire team before making decisions on admissions to the program, sanctions, incentives and adjustments to your plans. The Judge will award incentives when you are doing well and will impose sanctions if rules are violated. You will meet with the Judge regularly at status hearings where your progress will be discussed. The Judge makes all final decisions about your case.

Prosecutor: The Prosecutor (also called an Assistant State’s Attorney) is responsible for making sure the law and court orders are obeyed and that you and our community are safe. On the Veterans Treatment Court

Team, the Prosecutor will ask for sanctions if you violate the rules. The Prosecutor may also ask for you to be terminated from the program if you are repeatedly violating the rules or are not making progress.

Defense Attorney: The Defense Attorney is responsible for making sure that you are being treated fairly under our laws and the Constitution. Your attorney will represent you in court during status hearings. Your attorney will represent your interests at our weekly staff meetings and will also provide you with legal advice. You are always able to have an attorney of your own choice represent you in Veterans Treatment Court. If you cannot afford an attorney to represent you, the public defender assigned to Veterans Treatment Court will be your attorney.

Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO): The VJO is responsible for scheduling your initial mental health and substance abuse assessment with Veterans Affairs, as well as, the coordination and compliance with treatment at Veterans Affairs treatment facilities. The VJO will prepare weekly treatment progress reports for court.

Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC): The VAC will give you information and services in related to local housing, employment, and other opportunities for Veterans in Kane County. The Veterans Assistance Commission representative will also seek to identify, train, and work with mentors to provide the best relationship possible with their participant in Veterans Treatment Court.

Veterans Court Coordinator: The Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator manages the operations of Veterans Treatment Court. The Coordinator handles the day to day needs of the program and works directly with our treatment providers. The Coordinator also evaluates the treatment providers to make sure they are giving the best service possible so we get the best results. The Coordinator will supervise you in the community, help you make progress with your plan, supervise drug testing, and visit you at your home. The Coordinator will report on your progress with treatment and your case management plan and will tell the team if you violate any rules of Veterans Treatment Court. The Coordinator acts as the liaison between the Court and treatment, monitors your compliance with program guidelines, and makes recommendations to the Team for the use of incentives and sanctions. The Coordinator maintains your case file, provides accurate and timely information to the Court, and interacts with the client in the office setting, as well as in the community.

Kane County Diagnostic Center (KCDC) Representative- The KCDC representative is responsible for providing psychological services to the Veterans Treatment Court. KCDC provides diagnostic eligibility information to the Veterans Treatment Court Team.

Veteran Mentor Coordinator: Veteran Mentor Coordinator finds and trains mentors for each participant. The Mentor Coordinator will then assign an appropriate mentor to each participant.

Veterans Court Participant: Once you enter into Veterans Treatment Court, you are known as a Veterans Treatment Court Participant. You are expected to not only follow the rules of Veterans Treatment Court, but also to encourage other participants so that they do well in their recovery.

How long will I be in Veterans Treatment Court?

When you enter into Veterans Treatment Court, you will be sentenced to a term of probation or your case will be continued by your agreement. Most terms last between 18-24 months.

If a participant has met all the requirements for graduation, a participant may be allowed to graduate early if the Veterans Treatment Court Team agrees. Early graduation is allowed as an incentive for a participant who has completed all treatment goals and has been in full compliance with the rules of Veterans Treatment Court. No one is entitled to early graduation and it is allowed only in the discretion of the team.

Your end date of KCVTC may be extended upon hearing, without requiring that a petition be filed to find you in violation of the terms of KCVTC, (a) when such extension is necessary for you to fulfil the discharge requirements of the program, (b) as part of a negotiated sanction, or (c) when it is necessary to give you enough time to successfully complete any terms of my treatment program.

What are my responsibilities as a Veterans Treatment Court Participant?

Responsibility and accountability are two of the most important parts of Veterans Treatment Court. You are responsible for following all the rules of Veterans Treatment Court and you will be held accountable for your actions.

There are a lot of rules in Veterans Treatment Court and this handbook is meant to help you understand the rules so that you can be successful in Veterans Treatment Court and in life! Please keep this handbook nearby so that you can refer to it when needed.

Veterans Treatment Court rules have all been designed to help you get and stay sober, address your mental health concerns if any, and stay out of the criminal justice system.

The following is a summary of the rules of Veterans Treatment Court:

Honesty

Honesty is a very important factor in your recovery and is always required in court and when speaking with any Veterans Treatment Court Team member. Lying and attempts to hide or distort the truth will result in a sanction. It is very important that you immediately report any use of alcohol or drugs (including prescription medicines) to the Coordinator. Waiting to report a relapse until *after* you have tested positive on a drug test is NOT honesty.

Court Status Hearings

You are required to attend all your court status hearings. Failure to attend court appearances may result in the issuance of a warrant and sanctions may be imposed. In Phase 1 of Veterans Treatment Court, you will have status hearings every week. In Phase 2, you will come to court every other week. In Phase 3 until graduation phase, you will have status hearings once a month or as ordered by the court.

Veterans Treatment Court is held once a week at the following time:

Alpha Track	Monday	2:30 pm
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Court Expectations

1. You must be on time for court. If you are late, you may be sent home and/or sanctioned.
2. Have all your paperwork. This will include your meeting summaries, which should be filled out immediately after you attend the meeting, your drug testing sheet, any community service hours required, job logs, if ordered, any new prescription medications and paystubs, if requested. Copies of all of these sheets are available on the Specialty Court table in the court room. Copies of the meeting sheet, drug testing sheet, and job log are attached to this handbook. Feel free to make copies from this book if you lose your sheets during the week.
3. Conduct yourself appropriately while in the hallway and use appropriate language and “indoor” voices. You are an ambassador for our program and your actions reflect not only on you but the entire Veterans Treatment Court program.
4. Make sure that your phone is completely turned OFF (not just silent or vibrate) while in the court room. The bailiff has been told to take any phones in use in court and the phone will not be returned until the court orders the return.
5. Stay in the court room through the entire court call. It is our hope that you will learn from watching others who are doing well, or not so well, in their recovery.
6. Treat everyone in court with respect at all times.
7. Except with the Judge, there is no talking allowed in court.

Veterans Treatment Court Dress Code

It is important to dress appropriately in Veterans Treatment Court and at all Veterans Treatment Court activities.

- No tank tops, muscle shirts or crop tops (shirts must have sleeves and cover your stomach)
- No shirts with obscene words or pictures
- No shirts with drug/alcohol themes
- No sagging pants
- No hats, caps or bandannas
- No gang clothes or colors

Behavior Rules

In addition to court expectations, there are other behaviors that we expect from you while in Veterans Treatment Court.

We expect you to:

1. Go to all drug tests required and to be respectful and behave appropriately at all drop sites for drug testing.
2. Go to all scheduled treatment appointments. If you must miss an appointment due to an emergency, we expect you to call the treatment provider and let them know in advance or as soon as possible after the emergency is over.
3. Treat all participants in a respectful manner at all times.
4. Avoid dating anyone who is also in the Veterans Treatment Court program.
5. Complete all written assignments honestly. Forging sheets and plagiarizing will result in a sanction.
6. Follow the law at all times and to report any contact with the police.
7. Build a recovery network of other sober people and attend support meetings at least three times a week if directed by the court.
8. Cooperate with all visits by the Coordinator. The Coordinator will conduct home, treatment and job visits with you to monitor your progress. These visits may be scheduled or unannounced.
9. Take ALL prescribed medications as directed. You MUST report any changes in medication or new medication to the Coordinator.
10. Notify a Veterans Treatment Court team member of all hospitalizations as soon as possible.
11. Tell the coordinator immediately if you change your address or your job.
12. Participants must call Probation officer back within two hours of being notified to make contact.

You must never:

1. Use any illegal substance or drink any alcohol.
2. Use marijuana/THC even if you have a medical marijuana card.
3. Take medications not prescribed for you by a doctor.
4. Use any synthetic drugs such as K2, Spice or anything not meant for human consumption.
5. Abuse any over the counter medication. Such abuse is defined as taking dosages in excess of label guidelines, taking an over-the-counter medication designed for a condition which you do not have, and taking an over-the-counter medication in a manner in which it was not designed to be ingested (such as crushing and inhaling medication designed to be taken orally with liquids).
6. Intentionally inhale or ingest any mood-altering substance such as paints, glues, gasoline, kerosene, aerosol sprays, any other household or industrial product, any designer, synthetic, or organic substance, whether or not prohibited by any statute or ordinance.
7. Intentionally or knowingly remain in the presence of any other individual who is using or possessing any illegal drug or prescription drug in an unauthorized manner or any mood-altering substance as listed above.

8. Use any over-the-counter medication or other substances which may interfere with drug testing.
9. Use any supplements unless prescribed by your physician.

Drug Testing

While in Veterans Treatment Court, you are required to submit to drug testing when requested. Testing is important to make sure you are staying drug and alcohol free. Testing will be random and observed. Drug tests can be either tests that are sent to a lab or an instant test. If an instant test is positive, the sample will be forwarded to a lab for confirmation. You will be allowed to review a copy of the confirmation test.

If you miss or refuse a drug test, this may be considered by the Judge to be a positive result, and you may be given the same sanctions as you could be given for a positive test result. This includes failure to provide a urine specimen after a reasonable waiting period.

A “dilute” drug test may be considered by the Judge to be a positive result, and you may be given the same sanctions as you could be given for a positive test result.

Veterans Treatment Court uses an automated phone system called “Blackboard Connect.” The Blackboard will send you a text message if you are required to do a drug test that day. Please make sure that you read the entire message because testing may only be for specific times or specific locations. We will provide you with as much notice as possible but you may be required to test at any time.

The locations for drug testing may be any one of the following:

Aurora Probation Office, 1330 N. Highland, Aurora, IL 60506
Kane County Judicial Center, 37W777 Route 38, St. Charles, IL 60177
Elgin Probation Office, 113 S. Grove Street, Elgin, IL 60120
Juvenile Justice Center, 37W655 Route 38, St. Charles, IL 60177

You may also be required to submit to drug testing on a specific request from a Veterans Treatment Court Team member at any time while in the program. If you receive a direct call for drug testing, you will have two (2) hours to submit to that test.

It is always your responsibility to provide the team with your phone number. If you do not have a phone or if you have lost or broken your phone, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to call the coordinator each day you do not have a phone to see if drug testing is required for you that day. Missed drops will always be sanctioned and it will not be an excuse for you that your phone was not charged, was lost, was broken or that you changed your number and forgot to tell the team. (Phone numbers for all Veterans Treatment Court team members are at the end of this book.)

The results of our drug tests will be considered valid and admissible in Veterans Treatment Court. The tests we use in Veterans Treatment Court are very good at detecting any drug or alcohol use. You must avoid using any products which could cause a positive test result. It is YOUR responsibility to read product labels to know whether they contain alcohol. You will not be excused from a sanction if you use a product containing alcohol. You may not use any substance which would result in a positive drug test.

If a positive test is received and you deny this and would like a retest of the original sample a request for a retest will be completed and confirmation from the lab will be confirmed. If the results come back positive again you may be charged for the retest.

You must avoid certain products!

Some products that can cause a positive test for alcohol use are:

- Cough syrups
- Liquid medications
- Non-alcoholic beers and wine
- Food flavorings and food cooked in wine
- Mouthwash/Breath strips
- Hand Sanitizers

Some substances that can cause a positive test for drugs are:

- Poppy seeds in any form (cake, muffins, bread, bagels, salad dressing, mustard etc.)
- “Natural” or “herbal” remedies or supplements commonly sold in health food stores
- So called “health supplements” meant for weight loss, strength or endurance.

If you receive a positive drug test because you used one of the above substances without prior approval, it will be treated as a positive use and you will receive a sanction.

Don't try to cheat the test!

The urine you submit for the test must be your normal urine. It will be tested to make sure that you are not trying to cheat the test. You must not use any substance to defeat the test. You must not try to dilute your urine sample to avoid a positive test. Dilute and tampered samples will be sanctioned!

In order to avoid a dilute urine sample, do not drink too much prior to the test. Avoid overly caffeinated beverages. Energy and Sports drinks may cause dilute tests so they are to be avoided.

If you try to defeat the drug test by bringing urine into the testing site, you may be terminated from the Veterans Treatment Court. Additionally, attempting to defeat a drug test is a crime and new charges may be brought against you.

Notifications

Veterans Treatment Court will use an automated phone system called “Blackboard Connect” to notify you of important information including drug testing changes, court cancellations and other emergency information.

It is very important that you listen to the information on the message until the very end. If you are unable to pick up the call at the time you receive it, the automated system should leave a message on your voicemail.

Listen to the voicemail as soon as possible. Once you have heard the message completely, contact a team member only if you do not understand.

It is your responsibility to tell the Coordinator any time your phone number changes.

What if I get sick while I am in Veterans Treatment Court?

If you get seriously ill or are injured, we expect you to take care of yourself by seeking medical care. This may require a visit with your doctor, an urgent care clinic or even an emergency room visit.

It is very important that you tell all doctors, including dentists, that you are in recovery and/or treatment. While in Veterans Treatment Court, you must discuss pain management and medical treatment with your healthcare provider to determine whether there are non-narcotic, non-addictive alternatives for your condition. In this way, we can work together with your doctors to improve your health and keep you on the right track in recovery.

If you are going to be prescribed a medication from ANY doctor or dentist, you must first give the prescriber a "Healthcare Provider" letter which we provide to you. The doctor/dentist will need to fill out a "Medication Receipt" which will list the medicines prescribed. (A copy of the letter and the Medication Receipt are attached to this handbook and you may photocopy them whenever needed. There are also copies of both on the Specialty Court table in the court room.)

It is your responsibility to let us know that you have been to a doctor, the hospital or an urgent care clinic and to notify the Coordinator of all new medications within 24 hours.

It is also a requirement that you bring the Medication Receipt signed by the doctor along with a copy of your prescriptions to your next court date. The Coordinator may monitor that you are taking all medications as the doctor has ordered. The Coordinator may require you to sign a release so that he/she may communicate with your medical provider.

If you are sick but do not need to see a doctor, you must be very careful with any over the counter medicines as some interfere with drug tests and some may harm your recovery.

The following are over the counter medicines which are **generally safe** to take as directed:

For pain:

- Aspirin
- Tylenol (Acetaminophen)
- Advil (Ibuprofen)
- Motrin (Ibuprofen)

For allergies:

- Alavert but not Alavert D
- Allegra but not Allegra D
- Clarinex but not Clarinex D
- Claritin but not Claritin D
- Zyrtec but not Zyrtec D

For the flu:

- Tamiflu

For a cough:

- Mucinex but not Mucinex D or DM

For upset stomach or diarrhea:

- Emetrol
- Imodium
- Kaopectate
- Maalox
- Mylanta
- Nexium
- Pepcid
- Pepto-Bismal
- Prevacid
- Prilosec
- Simethicone
- Tums

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Some people with an opioid use disorder will do better in recovery if they use medications to assist in their treatment. These medications are allowed in Veterans Treatment Court when they are prescribed by doctors educated in addiction psychiatry or medicine and recovery and when they are used as prescribed as part of your treatment plan.

Because Veterans Treatment Court has an obligation to make sure that the medicines are not misused or used for illegal purposes, Veterans Treatment Court has specific rules for participants using MAT.

A participant using MAT must provide a letter from Veterans Treatment Court to their healthcare provider which outlines information we need from your doctor. (A copy of that letter is attached to this handbook.) The doctor prescribing MAT must provide Veterans Treatment Court with a letter with the information requested. Veterans Treatment Court will require quarterly reports from the doctor regarding your compliance with MAT.

Veterans Treatment Court may require additional monitoring for you while on MAT to make sure the medications are taken as directed. This additional monitoring may include direct observation when you take the medicine, additional drug testing, and the counting of medication.

In order to help participants who are finishing their MAT, Veterans Treatment Court may require you to come to court weekly after the medication is stopped. This should not be seen as a sanction or punishment but as a safety measure for your continued success.

Your failure to comply with the rules for your MAT or your misuse of your MAT will result in a sanction and may result in your termination from Veterans Treatment Court.

Incentives

As you work on your recovery and follow the rules of Veterans Treatment Court, the Veterans Treatment Court team will reward you with incentives. It is our way of showing you that we appreciate the hard work you are doing. Incentives will be awarded for many of your achievements and for your good behavior and attitude.

Although there are many different ways for you to be awarded an incentive, some of the more common achievements can include:

- Successful completion of treatment
- Sobriety milestones
- Securing employment
- Enrolling in an educational program
- Obtaining a GED
- Making Honor Roll/Dean's list
- Restoring your driving privileges
- Participation in Veterans Treatment Court Activities
- Payment of all fines, costs, restitution and fees
- Assisting other participants
- Taking a leadership role in treatment
- Mentoring others in recovery
- Obeying all Veterans Treatment Court Rules

Incentives may include any of the following:

- Commemorative coins
- Praise
- Applause
- Promotion to the next Phase
- Certificates
- Reduced court appearances
- Travel Permits
- Free passes
- Gift cards
- Small tokens (candy, key chains, pens, etc.)

Sanctions

If you **don't** do what is required by the Veterans Treatment Court rules, you may receive a sanction. Sanctions are used to shape and change behavior and encourage compliance to the Veterans Treatment Court rules. Sanctions are progressive. Progressive sanctions mean that with repeated rules violations, the sanctions you receive will become greater. Continued refusals to follow Veterans Treatment Court rules and continued sanctions could result in your termination from Veterans Treatment Court.

Upon receipt of evidence or proffers that you have been discharged unsatisfactorily from treatment, have used illegal substances or are not taking medications and your personal safety or the safety of the community is at risk as a result

of your behavior, the judge may issue a warrant for your arrest without any prior notice to you and without the filing of a written petition to revoke bail or probation.

All rule violations may be sanctioned and those sanctions will take place during a court hearing. The following are examples of violations which will result in a sanction:

- Missed court hearing
- Missed drug test
- Dilute drug test
- Tampering with a drug screen
- Positive test for alcohol
- Positive test for drugs
- Failure to attend treatment
- Failure to respond to probation within two hours
- Being late for court
- Failure to bring meeting sheets
- Forged meeting sheets
- Misuse of any medication
- Refusal to work or attend school
- Unsuccessful discharge from treatment
- Dishonesty to a team member or in court

Sanctions may include any of the following:

- Verbal warning/admonishment
- Written apology
- Essay or "Thinking Report"
- More meetings with your probation officer
- Additional self-help meetings
- Additional court status hearings
- Community Service Hours
- Job log
- Medication contract
- Alcohol monitoring device
- Electronic Home Monitoring
- House arrest
- Fines
- Delay in phase advancement
- Jail

Sanction Hearings

Prior to your court status hearing, the Veterans Treatment Court team will discuss any rules violations. If you are represented by a private attorney, they are required to attend the staffing to discuss the alleged violations and possible sanctions. Staffings are held each Monday at 1:30 pm.

If it appears that you violated a Veterans Treatment Court rule, the team will recommend a specific sanction considering your circumstances, how much time you have been in Veterans Treatment Court and considering any prior sanctions you have received.

You will be advised of the rule violation and the recommended sanction when you appear at your next scheduled court status hearing and you will be given an opportunity to be heard about the violation as well as the sanction. Although the Judge will consider the team's recommendation for sanction, the Judge also wants to hear from you about what happened and how you wish to correct any problems. You also have the right to speak about the recommended sanction. It is always important to be honest in Veterans Treatment Court and that is particularly true during sanction hearings. Failure to be honest during a sanction hearing could result in an even greater sanction being imposed. Ultimately, it is up to the Judge to determine what is an appropriate sanction for any rule violation.

If you receive a sanction, it is important to comply with whatever sanction is imposed. Failure to do so will result in a more significant sanction and possible removal from the program.

Within 30 days of receiving a sanction, you have the right to ask the Judge to reconsider the sanction imposed if you have new or different facts to show the Judge or you believe the Judge made an error in imposing the sanction. Your attorney will assist you with filing a Motion to Reconsider if requested.

Therapeutic Adjustments

While you are in Veterans Treatment Court, your progress in treatment and your recovery will be closely monitored by the Veterans Treatment Court Team. If you are not making progress in treatment or are struggling with your recovery, the team may make adjustments in your treatment plan with the assistance of your treatment providers.

If you should relapse after completing a treatment phase, you will be re-assessed to determine your current treatment needs and your treatment plan may be changed to meet those needs. Therapeutic adjustments should not be seen as a sanction. The adjustments are meant to help you reach your goals of success in Veterans Treatment Court, long term sobriety, and mental health stability.

The Veterans Treatment Court draws the distinction between therapeutic adjustments (imposed when the client is honest about relapse, or in need of additional treatment) and behavioral sanctions (imposed when the client violates the rules of court such as missing treatment, missing drug testing, lying, etc). Therapeutic sanctions may include increased self-help meetings or increased intensity of treatment whereas behavioral sanctions may include writing assignments, community service work hours or jail.

Examples of Therapeutic Adjustments

- Increased participation in treatment activities or intensity of treatment
- Structured living requirements
- Increase drug screening
- Increase home visits
- Increased self-help meetings

Veterans Treatment Court is divided into four phases. Each phase has a key concept or focus. You must complete each phase before you can graduate from Veterans Treatment Court. Generally you will be placed on a probation term for 24 months, however misdemeanants may have shorter terms and may be eligible for early termination based on progress at 12 months and 18 months for felons.

Alpha Track Veterans Treatment Court Phases

Phase One – Treatment and Recovery

In Phase One, you must:

- Come to court every week
- Submit to observed random drug tests
- Submit to medication screens if in your Veterans Treatment Court treatment plan
- Attend required treatment and actively participate
- Attend a minimum of 3 verified meetings a week (treatment counts as a meeting)
- Follow all treatment recommendations including taking all medication as prescribed
- Follow Veterans Treatment Court rules
- Minimum of 2 months in the community

In order to advance to Phase Two, you must be in compliance with Phase One requirements listed above as well as meet the minimum standards listed below:

- Do not use illegal drugs or alcohol
- Remain sober and medication compliant for a minimum of 30 days
- Take all medications as directed
- No unexcused absences from mental health and or substance abuse services for 30 consecutive days in the community
- Meet with the Coordinator to address the Case Supervision Plan

Phase Two – Maintenance of Recovery and Responsibility to Self

In Phase Two, you must:

- Come to court every other week
- Submit to observed random drug tests
- Submit to medication screens if in your Veterans Treatment Court treatment plan
- Attend a minimum of 3 verified meetings a week, if in your Veterans Treatment Court treatment plan
- Follow all treatment recommendations including taking all medication as prescribed
- Follow Veterans Treatment Court rules
- Based on your individual plan, attend additional programs helpful for your success such as Criminal Thinking programs, family counseling, individual counseling, educational programs, etc.
- Search for a self-help sponsor/mentor

- Search for employment, begin an educational program, or show proof of permanent disability and ideas for pro-social activity.
- Minimum of 6 months in the community
- Begin budgeting to pay fines and restitution

In order to advance to Phase Three, you must be in compliance with Phase Two requirements listed above as well as meet the minimum standards listed below:

- Remain sober and or medication compliant for a minimum of 60 days in the community
- Obtain a self-help sponsor/mentor
- Develop a continuing care plan with the Coordinator as part of your case management plan
- Must complete a budget outlining how you will pay your outstanding fines, fees and restitution
- Meet with the Coordinator to address the Case Supervision Plan

Phase Three – Maintenance of Recovery and Responsibility to Self and Community

In Phase 3, you must:

- Come to court once a month
- Submit to observed random drug tests
- Submit to medication screens if in your KCVTC treatment plan
- Attend a minimum of 3 verified meetings a week, if in your Veterans Treatment Court treatment plan
- Follow all treatment recommendations including taking all medication as prescribed
- Follow Veterans Treatment Court rules
- Be employed, in school, or on permanent disability
- Establish a sober network of friends and engage in pro-social activities
- Meet with the Coordinator to address the Case Supervision Plan
- Minimum of 9 months in the community
- Remain sober and medication compliant for a minimum of 90 days
- Must pay all restitution
- Have a sponsor/mentor

Graduation Phase

In Graduation Phase, you must

In order to Graduate from the Veterans Treatment Court, you must be in compliance with Phase Three requirements listed above as well as meet the minimum standards as listed below:

- Remain sober for 90 days prior to graduation
- Have no pending criminal charges
- Be in compliance with all Veterans Treatment Court rules
- Have a sponsor/mentor
- Develop a plan showing how you will maintain your sobriety after graduation
- Complete an exit interview with Veterans Treatment Court team members
- Have either paid all fines and costs in full or have set up a payment plan which shall continue after graduation
- Restitution must be paid

Completing Veterans Treatment Court

There are four possible outcomes for your participation in Veterans Treatment Court: Graduation upon successful discharge from probation; Neutral discharge from Veterans Treatment Court; Voluntary Withdrawal from Veterans Treatment Court; and Termination upon unsuccessful discharge from Veterans Treatment Court.

Successful Discharge/Graduation

Once you have completed all of the program requirements for each of the phases in Veterans Treatment Court program there will be a Graduation ceremony in your honor. At that time, you will have officially completed the Veterans Treatment Court program and your involvement with the programming will no longer be mandatory. Upon completion of the Veterans Treatment Court program, legal agreements made pending your completion of the Veterans Treatment Court program will be reviewed and acted upon accordingly.

Neutral Discharge

If circumstances outside of your control make it extremely difficult or impossible for you to successfully complete the Veterans Treatment Court program, you may receive a neutral discharge from Veterans Treatment Court. For example, if you develop a serious medical condition for which there is no available treatment in our community, the Veterans Treatment Court team may approve a neutral discharge and an alternative supervision plan for you.

You may be eligible for neutral discharge from KCVTC if you have remained substantially compliant with the KCVTC program rules, but after having exhausted reasonable efforts, you are unable to complete the program requirements to qualify for a successful discharge. A neutral discharge will result in a dismissal of the original charge or will terminate your sentence and discharge you from further proceedings.

Just because Veterans Treatment Court requirements can be hard is not a basis for a neutral discharge. Lack of transportation, money, family issues or scheduling conflicts would never be a basis for a neutral discharge.

All successful and neutral discharge decisions shall be made by the KCVTC team collaboratively.

Voluntary Withdrawal

Veterans Treatment Court is a voluntary program so you have the right to withdraw from participating in Veterans Treatment Court. The Veterans Treatment Court Judge will need to make sure that your withdrawal from Veterans Treatment Court is made knowingly and voluntarily.

If you withdraw from Veterans Treatment Court, you face significant consequences. When you entered Veterans Treatment Court, you may have entered a plea of guilty or were found guilty of a felony and or misdemeanor and were sentenced to a period of Veterans Treatment Court probation. You agreed to follow the Veterans Treatment Court rules and successfully complete that probation. By withdrawing from Veterans Treatment Court, you cannot successfully complete that probation. You will need to be re-sentenced. The sentence can be up to the maximum sentence allowed for the felony or misdemeanor you have committed. You may be re-sentenced with an agreed sentence that your attorney, the prosecutor and you agree to with the court's approval or, if no agreement is reached, a Judge will determine your sentence at a sentencing hearing held in accordance with the Uniform Code of Corrections. At the sentencing hearing, either failure to comply with the KCVTC program or substantial compliance by you with the KCVTC program as originally agreed will be given substantial consideration by the Court. Any hearing regarding your termination or sentencing subsequent to termination will proceed before the KCVTC judge. The fact that the KCVTC judge may have knowledge of your participation in KCVTC will not automatically disqualify the KCVTC judge from presiding over these hearings. You may have entered Veterans Treatment Court upon your agreement to continue your criminal case. If you withdraw from Veterans Treatment Court, that case will be set for trial in the originally assigned court room.

Be aware that if you entered Veterans Treatment Court with the possibility of having no convictions appear on your record if you successfully completed the program, your voluntary withdrawal from the program may result in a conviction for you.

Unsuccessful Discharge/Termination

If you violate the rules of Veterans Treatment Court, you may be terminated from the program and unsuccessfully discharged from the program. If the prosecutor files a petition to revoke your probation or a motion to terminate you from Veterans Treatment Court, you have certain rights. You will be served a copy of the petition/motion containing the specific allegations of how the prosecutor believes you violated the terms of the Veterans Treatment Court program. You have the right to be represented by an attorney and if you cannot afford an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you. You have the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing and you have the right to present witnesses, evidence and testimony on your own behalf, if you choose. You have the right to subpoena witnesses to require their appearance at the hearing. The prosecutor must prove the allegations against you by a preponderance of evidence which simply means that it is more likely true than not true that you violated your probation or terms of the agreement. The Judge will advise you of the sentencing range you face for your offense.

If a petition to revoke or a motion to terminate is filed, the Judge, with your agreement and the agreement of the prosecutor, may allow you to continue to remain in Veterans Treatment Court and postpone the hearing. If you make substantial progress in complying with the rules and in treatment, the prosecutor may withdraw the petition/motion so that you can remain in Veterans Treatment Court.

With the advice of your attorney, you may choose to admit the violation of probation or agree to termination from the program. By making such an admission, you are giving up your rights including your right to a hearing on the petition/motion and to make the prosecutor prove the allegations against you.

If you admit to violating your probation or if a Judge decides you violated your probation, your probation will be revoked and you will be re-sentenced in accordance with the Unified Code of Corrections after a sentencing hearing is conducted.

Be aware that if you entered Veterans Treatment Court with the possibility of having no convictions appear on your record if you successfully completed the program, your termination from the program may result in a conviction for you if the State proves you guilty beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

Don't be scared: Be determined!

After reading this handbook, you may feel nervous and scared about your ability to make it through Veterans Treatment Court. And if you entered Veterans Treatment Court just to get out of a prison sentence with no real desire to stop using drugs, control your mental health, and change your life, you probably should feel nervous and scared because this will be a tough program for you.

But if you really want to make important and life-saving changes to your life, this is the program for you! You will have the entire Veterans Treatment Court Team encouraging you and assisting you every step of the way!

We are committed to your success and will work very closely with you to help you change your lifestyle, thinking and behavior. As your quality of life improves, you will see the benefits of working an honest program in recovery. We will celebrate all of your successes in life and we will support you when things are difficult.

If you are honest and determined, YOU CAN DO THIS! We will help you each step of the way.

APPENDIX

How To Apply To The Kane County Veterans Treatment Court (KCVTC)

1. Fill out the KCVTC Application with the veteran and go over the Consent to Participate with the Veteran and get a copy of the Participant Handbook to give to the Veteran.
2. List the veteran's address and telephone number at the bottom of the application. If the veteran is in jail, write that on the application. It is very important that the address and phone number are accurate on the application or the process will be delayed significantly.
3. The veteran MUST be a Kane county resident to apply to the program.
4. Submit the completed application to the Presiding Judge for KCVTC on the next Veteran Court call and obtain a 3 week continuance for status on admission.
5. Advise the veteran that a member of the KCVTC staff will interview him/her about their drug/alcohol history and/or mental health history and will conduct an assessment before the next date.
6. Before the veteran can enter the KCVTC program, the KCVTC team will review the application and assessment and determine if it is appropriate for the veteran to be admitted into KCVTC. The results of this determination will be communicated to the veteran's attorney.
7. Advise your client that if he/she is approved and the treatment recommendation is inpatient residential treatment, he/she may remain in jail until a bed is available at a residential facility.
8. After submission of the application in court, if the veteran is out of custody, take him/her to Adult Court Services on the first floor of the Judicial Center with a copy of the completed application and set an appointment for the interview/assessment with the KCVTC Coordinator.

A copy of the KCVTC Participant Handbook is available for reference in the Kane County Law Library.

Defendant _____ Number _____

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE
KANE COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

I, _____, having a date of birth of _____, and having read the Consent to Participate and Addendum approved for KCVTC, represent as follows:

1. I understand the terms of the Consent to Participate and including the immediate sanctions provisions.
2. I have reviewed the Consent to Participate with my attorney,
_____(Name of attorney).
3. I am a resident of Kane County, Illinois.
4. I am currently charged with an offense of _____, a Class _____ felony/misdemeanor (circle one).
5. I am/am not (circle one) currently being held in the Kane County Jail.
6. I am in need of treatment for: _____Mental Health/ _____Substance Abuse (check one or both, if applicable)
6. I want to participate in and successfully complete treatment through _____ the KCVTC and am willing to follow all treatment recommendations.
7. If accepted, I will sign the Consent to Participate and Addendum and abide by all of its terms.

Defendant/Applicant

Attorney for Defendant/Applicant

Date: _____

VETERAN'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE: _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF KANE

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

VS.

CASE NO. _____

DEFENDANT

**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE
VETERANS COURT PROGRAM**

1. I understand that I have no legal right to participate in the Veterans Court Program. I have reviewed this Consent to Participate with my Attorney and I hereby knowingly and voluntarily execute this Consent to Participate which allows me to participate in Veterans Court Program.
2. I agree to participate in and cooperate with any and all treatment recommendations, including, but not exclusively, any mental health or substance abuse assessments and/or treatment recommended by the Veterans Court Team, which consists of the Judge, Court Coordinator, Prosecutor(s), Public Defender or Defense Counsel, Probation, Treatment Provider(s), Case Manager(s), and any other personnel designated by the Veterans Court Team.
3. I understand that the Veterans Court Program may include a mentor program staffed by volunteer veterans and that additional support from a mentor is available to me if I voluntarily choose to engage with a mentor. The mentors may or may not be a part of the Veterans Court Program team and may appear with me in court and provide assistance to me in discharging my Veterans Court Program requirements.
4. I understand that it is essential that all members of the Veterans Court Program Team, including the Judge, communicate as a team and share information regarding my participation in the Veterans Court, including compliance with treatment, and I agree to them doing so. Upon my entry into the Veterans Court, I consent to the Veterans Court public defender representing me at Veterans Court staffings and at Veterans Court status review hearings unless my privately retained counsel. I understand that my privately retained counsel will be required to represent me at all staffings and court status review hearings. In the event that my privately retained counsel is unable to attend a staffings and/or court, I understand that my attorney will arrange for other counsel to appear on my behalf.
5. I agree to adhere to all components of my treatment, including attending all counseling sessions, treatment programs, taking my medication as prescribed, engaging in structured daily activities as recommended by the Veterans Court Team, and cooperation with home visits by Veterans Court Team members.
6. I agree to remain drug and alcohol free (except for approved prescribed medications) and to submit to random drug testing at the discretion of the Veterans Court Team or any treatment provider and agree to the disclosure of the results to the Veterans Court Team.

7. I agree to appear in court as required. I understand that my court hearings will be open to the public and an observer could connect my identity with the fact that I am in treatment and I consent to this type of disclosure to a third person.

8. I agree to reside in _____ County and to keep the Veterans Court Team advised of my current address and telephone number, employment status, and any new arrests at all times while in the program.

9. I agree to sign any and all releases of information consenting to the disclosure of information to the Veterans Court Team. I understand that if I refuse to comply with signing a release when requested, it may be grounds for termination from Veterans Court.

10. I agree to be truthful, cooperative and respectful with the Veterans Court Team.

11. I understand that based upon any report (written or oral) of my violation of this Consent to Participate, the Veterans Court Judge may: authorize a warrant for my arrest; impose any sanction, including jail time if ordered by the Judge; adjust my treatment plan; or modify or revoke any conditions of my probation or bond. My violation(s) may result in proceedings being initiated seeking my termination from the Veterans Court and these proceedings could either be resolved in Veterans Court or be referred back to traditional court.

12. I understand that my alcohol, drug and/or mental health treatment records are protected by Part 2 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R), and HIPAA; Illinois Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act, 740 ILCS 110 *et seq.*; 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 & 164. I understand that I may revoke this Consent to Participate at any time except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on it. In any event, this Consent to Participate expires upon the termination of the probation I am serving in this case or the termination of all proceedings with regard to this cause of action as named above.

13. I understand that I may voluntarily withdraw from the Veterans Court Program in accordance with the Veterans Court procedures, I understand that there may be consequences, actual or potential, which will result from my withdrawal.

14. I understand that at the discretion of the presiding Veterans Court Judge, for purposes of research and/or education, other persons may be permitted to attend the Veterans Court Team meetings where communication as to my case will occur.

15. I understand that language help is available and if I need assistance, it is my responsibility to inform the court I need help.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE VETERANS COURT MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO AVOID CONVICTION, JAIL AND/OR PRISON AND TO HELP ME OBTAIN TREATMENT AND MOVE FORWARD WITH MY LIFE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE KANE COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT TEAM WANT TO SEE ME SUCCEED AND ARE HERE TO HELP ME.

Date

Name (Print of type)

Signature

Signature of Interpreter
(where applicable)

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(where applicable)

I HAVE REVIEWED THE CONSET WITH THE DEFENDANT. THE DEFENDANT UNDERSTANDS IT AND VOLUNTARILY AGREES TO PARTICIPATE. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THE VETERANS COURT TEAM WILL BE DISCUSSING THE DEFANDANT’S COMPLIANCE AND COOPERATION WITH HIS/HER TREATMENT PLAN AND TERMS OF SUPERVISION AT VETERANS COURT STAFFINGS AND AT VETERANS COURT STATUS REVIEW HEARINGS. I ACKNOWLEDGE IF I REMAIN COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR THE DEFENDANT, I WILL APPEAR OR ARRANGE FOR OTHER COUNSEL TO APPEAR AT VETERANS COURT TEAM STAFFINGS WHEN THE DEFENDANT IS SCHEDULED TO BE STAFFED BY THE VETERANS COURT TEAM AND ALSO TO APPEAR OR ARRANGE FOR OTHER COUNSEL TO APPEAR WITH THE DEFENDANT AT ALL COURT HEARINGS.

Date

Signature of Defense Counsel/Public Defender

_____ This Consent to Participate is Accepted by _____

Date

Judge

TREATMENT CONTACT LIST

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	
AID	1230 N. Highland Ave Aurora	630-966-4305	Behavioral Health / Outpatient Treatment
Breaking Free / Project Safe	120 Gale St Aurora, IL 60506	630-897-1003	Intensive Outpatient treatment
Cornell Interventions	22221 W. 64th Street Woodridge, IL 60517	630-968-1586 FAX 630-968- 6477 OFF	Inpatient Treatment
Crisis Line of Fox Valley	1230 N. Highland Ave Aurora, IL 60506	630-906-0516	Suicide Hotline
Discovery House	220 College DeKalb, IL 60115	815-756-5277	Halfway house
Ecker Center	Elgin	847-742-1371 fax 847- 695-0484	Behavioral Health / Outpatient Treatment
Family Guidance	751 Aurora Ave, Aurora, IL 60505	630-801-0017	Behavioral Health
Gateway Aurora	400 Mercy Lane Aurora IL 60505	630-897-7539 FAX 630-966- 7400 OFF	Inpatient / Outpatient Treatment
Gateway Lakevilla	25480 W. Cedarcrest Lane Lake Villa IL 60046	847-356-7391 FAX 847-356- 8205 OFF	Inpatient Treatment
Gateway Foundation Westside	3828 West Taylor Street Chicago, IL 60624	773-826-2707 FAX 773-826- 1916 OFF	Inpatient Treatment
HAS	1949 N. Humboldt Chicago, IL 60647	773-252-0527 FAX 773-252- 2666 OFF	Inpatient Treatment
Haymarket	932 W. Washington Chicago, IL 60607	312-226-0047 FAX 312-226- 7984	Inpatient Treatment
In Roads	150 JFKennedy Memorial Dr Carpentersville, IL 60110	847-844-1982	Intensive Outpatient Treatment
Latino Treatment Center	54 S. Grove Ave Elgin, IL 60120	847-695-9155	Intensive Outpatient Treatment
Lazarus House	214 Walnut Street St. Charles, IL 60174	630-587-2144	Shelter
LSSI	675 Varsity Drive Elgin, IL 60123	847-741-3248 FAX 847-741- 2600 OFF	Inpatient Outpatient Treatment
LSSI	415 W. Golf Road Suite 61-63 Arlington Heights, Il	847-640-7954	Intensive Outpatient Treatment
Oxford House	555 Ashland Aurora, IL 60505	630-800-2044	Recovery House

Renz - Elgin	2 American Way Elgin, IL 60120	847-742-3559 FAX 847-742-3545 OFF	Intensive Outpatient Treatment
Renz - St. Charles	309 Walnut St. Charles, IL 60174	630-513-6886	Intensive Outpatient Treatment
Rosecrance - Adult	3815 Harrison Rockford IL 61108-7631	815-229-9560 FAX 815-391-1000 OFF	Inpatient Treatment
Serenity House	891 S. Route 53 Addison, IL 60108	630-953-9241 FAX 630-620-6616 OFF	Halfway house / Recovery Homes
Share	1776 Moon Lake Blvd Hoffman Estates, IL 60194	847-882-4299 FAX 847-882-4181 OFF	Inpatient Treatment
Stepping Stones	1621 Theodore Street Joliet, IL 60435	815-723-7138 815-722-4498	Halfway house / Recovery Home
TA - Aurora	635 North Elmwood Dr Suite A Aurora IL	630-264-0700	Intensive Outpatient Treatment
TA - Elgin	165 Division St Suite 510 Elgin IL	630-264-0700	Intensive Outpatient Treatment
Tools for Life	26 S. Stolp Ave Aurora IL 60506	630-906-1200	Intensive Outpatient Treatment
VNA	400 N. Highland Avenue, Aurora, IL 60506	630-892-4355	Behavioral Health
Womens Program House	South Elgin	630-267-7543	Recovery House
Womens Residential Services	24647 N. Milwaukee Ave Vernon Hills, IL 60061	847-984-5635 FAX 847-377-7841 OFF	Inpatient Treatment
Womens Treatment Center	140 North Ashland Chicago 60607	312-850-9095 FAX 312-850-0050	Inpatient treatment

KANE COUNTY SPECIALTY COURT MEETING SHEET

DEFENDANT

NAME: _____

SPONSOR: _____

SPONSOR PHONE NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____	START TIME _____	END TIME _____
MEETING LOCATION: _____	OPEN _____	CLOSED _____
CHAIRPERSON: _____	CHAIR PHONE # _____	
CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE: _____		
MEETING TOPIC: _____		
SUMMARIZE MEETING: _____		

DATE: _____	START TIME _____	END TIME _____
MEETING LOCATION: _____	OPEN _____	CLOSED _____
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SUMMARIZE MEETING: _____		

16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

KANE COUNTY COURT SERVICES



Dear Healthcare Provider,

The Kane County Veterans Treatment Court exists within the community to provide assistance to individuals with substance abuse problems or mental health issues who are facing criminal charges. The Veterans Treatment Court Team consists of a Judge, Assistant States Attorney, Public Defender, Administrators, Probation Officers, and treatment providers. A treatment plan is developed for each participant. As a participant in the Kane County Veterans Treatment Court, your patient has certain responsibilities to comply with his/her court orders with the ultimate goal of achieving success in the program.

Since some Veterans Treatment Court Participants have an addiction to drugs and alcohol, the Veterans Treatment Court team is very concerned about any medication that participants might be taking that is habit forming or narcotic based. It is the goal of Veterans Treatment Court to provide support to all participants to remain clean and sober. We ask every participant to discuss pain management or other medical treatment with their healthcare provider to determine whether there are non-narcotic, non-addictive alternatives to any medication that might be prescribed. We ask for your assistance in this regard.

Each participant is required to disclose **ALL** prescribed medications. Therefore, we respectfully request that the attached "Medication Receipt" be filled out by the physician and/or facility. Should you have any questions about Kane County Veterans Treatment Court, please feel free to contact the Veterans Treatment Court team at (630)406-7188.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Kane County Veterans Treatment Court Team



MEDICATION RECEIPT

I, _____, am a Kane County Veterans Treatment Court Participant and have a history of chemical dependency or a mental health diagnosis. Please provide the following information on my behalf to remain compliant in with the Veterans Treatment Court Program.

Printed Name of Physician

Signature of Physician

DEA #

Date

Medical Facility

Medical Facility Phone Number

Medical Facility Address

Medication(s) Prescribed	Diagnosis	Metric Qty.	Days Supply	Refill?
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Pharmacy Prescription Sent To _____



MEDICATION CONTRACT

I, _____, am a Kane County Veterans Treatment Court Participant and I have a history of chemical dependency or a mental health diagnosis. I understand the importance of maintaining compliance with the rules and regulations of the program. In order to adhere to these rules, I agree to the following:

_____ Designate ONE pharmacy where I will get ALL my prescriptions
Initial

_____ Obtain and submit a printout every month from the pharmacy of all
Initial medications prescribed within the last 60 days

_____ Designated Pharmacy

_____ Pharmacy Address

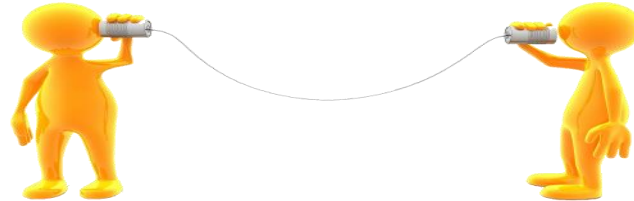
_____ Pharmacy Phone Number

Date: _____

Signature: _____

WE ARE ALWAYS A PHONE CALL AWAY

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT STAFF OFFICE AND CELL NUMBERS



KCVTC Coordinator.....630-847-8017

Veterans Assistance Commission.....630-232-3550

Veterans Justice Outreach.....708-202-5345

Kane County Diagnostic Center.....630-406-7234

Public Defender's Office.....630-208-3847