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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NO. 2015 - 00 057

Establishment of Policy and Procedures)
For Mental Health and Veterans)
Treatment Court)
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WHEREAS the Presiding Judge has general administrative authority over the Judicial Branch of government in Pinal County;

WHEREAS problem-solving or therapeutic court programs are evidence based and in keeping with Chief Justice Scott Bales 2014-2019 Strategic Agenda (*Protecting Children, Families, and Communities*);

WHEREAS specialty court participants can benefit from the increased resources, probation supervision and oversight by the Court to be successful;

WHEREAS Mental Health and Veterans Treatment Court will operate under practices established by the Mental Health/Veterans Work Group, with representatives from Pinal County Superior Court, Pinal County Attorney's Office, Pinal County Public Defender's Office, and Pinal County Adult Probation as well as partnerships with law enforcement, treatment service providers and veterans groups;

WHEREAS the Mental Health/Veterans Work Group has developed a Procedures Manual for the operation of the Mental Health and Veterans Treatment Court; and

Good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED establishing the Mental Health and Veterans Treatment Court (MHVTC) within the Superior Court of Arizona, Pinal County, which shall meet in the Pinal County Superior Courthouse, on such days and times as established by the Presiding Judge, and operate according to the following procedures:

1. The procedures as outlined in the MHVTC Procedures manual, and any amendments thereto, are hereby adopted and incorporated by and into this Administrative Order; such amendments may be made from time to time by action of the MHVTC Judge, with approval of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, to guide the functioning of the MHVTC.
2. Upon transfer to the MHVTC, defense representation shall be provided by the Pinal County Public Defender's Office, except in cases where a current conflict is identified. The Presiding Judge may designate from time to time alternative private counsel for a limited appointment to the MHVTC calendar.

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3. MHVTC shall fully honor Victims' Rights.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mental Health and Veterans Treatment Court Judge in Pinal County shall be appointed by the Presiding Judge of Pinal County by separate Administrative Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mental Health and Veterans Treatment Court is established effective November 17, 2015.

DATED this 17 day of November, 2015.



Honorable Stephen F. McCarville
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court
cc: Superior Court Judges
Juvenile Court Services
Court Administration
Adult Probation
Pinal County Attorney's Office
Pinal County Public Defender's Office