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

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Establishment of Separate)
Mental Health and)
Veteran Treatment Courts)

BY _____
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DEPUTY
NO. 2017-00037

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: Administrative Order 2015-00057 Established the Policy and Procedures for Mental Health and Veterans Treatment Court. The Veterans Treatment Court has operated for nearly a year. There is a need for a Mental Health Treatment Court to serve non-Veterans in need of Mental Health Services. Policies and procedures and an implementation plan have been developed for a Mental Health Treatment Court; and

Good Cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED amending Administrative Order 2015-00057 to establish a Mental Health Treatment Court (MHTC) separate from the Veterans Treatment Court currently operating within the Superior Court of Arizona, Pinal County. The MHTC 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:

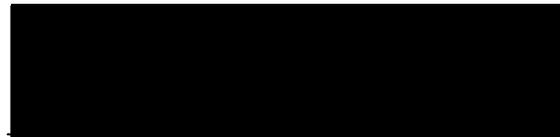
1. The procedures as outlined in the MHTC Procedures manual, and any amendments thereto, are hereby adopted and incorporated by and into this Administrative Order; such amendments may be made from time to time by action of the MHTC Judge, with approval of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, to guide the functioning of the MHTC.
2. Upon transfer to the MHTC, 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 MHTC calendar.
3. MHTC shall fully honor Victims' Rights.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mental Health and 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 Treatment Court is established effective July 20, 2017.

DATED this 17 day of July, 2017.



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