



SMI/MENTAL HEALTH COURT

Eligible for SMI/Mental Health Court	Not Eligible for SMI/Mental Health Court
Verified designated Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) by the RBHA (Axis I diagnosis and functional impairment as result of mental illness)	Non-designated SMI clients (General Mental Health)
Overall OST risk score greater than minimum	Self-reported mental health history with no documentation or diagnosis from a psychiatrist
Developmentally disabled, Dementia, after screening with an SMI supervisor	Sex Offenders
Traumatic Brain Injured (TBI) after screening with an SMI supervisor	Domestic Violence
<i>If SMI at sentencing, will be directly assigned to a specialized SMI officer</i>	Intensive Probation (IPS)
<i>Standard field cases designated as SMI by the RBHA are eligible for screening and transfer to SMI unit</i>	Unsupervised

The purpose of the Specialized Mental Health Program is to enhance the opportunities for success on probation for those probationers diagnosed with a serious mental illness, traumatic brain injury (TBI), dementia, or a severe developmental disability.

SMI Unit officers work in close partnership with the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) Court Liaison and Provider Network case managers toward the above goals to increase the probationers' stability in the community and reduce their risk to reoffend. The SMI unit currently consists of two (2) supervisors and seventeen (17) probation officers, all with specialized mental health training.

FY 2013:

Successful Completion	73.02%
Average Population	610
New Felony Convictions	7.05%

CASELOAD RATIO: 40:1

Building Partnerships

Hope Lives, a peer mentor organization, remains involved in weekly mental health court staffings of the problem-solving Mental Health Court team and is assigned to assist probationers, when appropriate. Hope Lives also facilitates Thinking for a Change for SMI probationers at their facility.

The SMI unit has successfully developed and implemented a communications protocol with the Crisis Response Network in crisis calls involving MCAPD SMI clients.

MCAPD was awarded a BJA grant along with People of Color Network. The grant has 3 objectives: train the collaborative agencies in Trauma-informed Care, strengthen the existing structure of the AZ. Mental Health and Criminal Justice Coalition, and provide housing and counseling services to 20 SMI females.

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