

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

ADULT DRUG COURT

PROCESS EVALUATION

Key Component	Suggestions/Recommendations	Changes Implemented
<p><i>1.) Drug courts integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services with justice system case processing.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit the program's target population, goals, and measures of success to ensure consistency regarding priorities. A team retreat might provide an opportunity for dialogue. • Ensure that the most recent Drug Court information is passed on to providers. • Continue to monitor participant needs and adjust treatment resources accordingly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct quarterly team meetings "Operations Meetings" to revisit program goals. • Enhanced communication with Treatment providers. • Facilitated a Retreat event for team members and treatment providers.
<p><i>2.) Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights.</i></p>	<p>NONE</p>	<p>NONE</p>
<p><i>3.) Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the drug court program.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify structural barriers for time delay. • Conduct analysis of the case flow. • Set goal of timeframe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified delay in decisions. • Set 7 day decision time frame, met weekly to obtain updates. • Provide program information to detention facility to initiate referrals.
<p><i>4.) Drug Courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug and other treatment and rehabilitation services.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage/Require aftercare phase. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made after-care in treatment mandatory for all clients. • Developed an Alumni Association

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<p>5.) <i>Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify first and second phase to random drug testing. • Examine the most recent research on marijuana testing and come to consensus on the drug court's policy and procedures regarding issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Drug Testing process. • Attended numerous trainings regarding drug testing. • Implemented in-house drug testing. • Revision of the drug testing process became top priority.
<p>6.) <i>A coordinated strategy governs drug court responses to participants' compliance.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue outreach to build community connections to access rewards and incentives that are meaningful and motivating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilized partnerships to secure gift card incentives. • Implemented more internal incentives. "Dress for success award" • Conduct orientation group to decrease non-compliance • Facilitate recreational program (basketball team) and internal workshops.
<p>7.) <i>Ongoing judicial interaction with each participant is essential.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the intensity of judicial interaction and whether to increase frequency of court hearings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used weekly court appearances for non-compliance more frequently as a sanction. • Looked at frequency case managers are seeing clients outside the courtroom setting.
<p>8.) <i>Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a commitment to transition from paper files to electronic records for program monitoring and evaluation. Staff should be trained to use MIS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of SMART. Staff attended multiple training sessions.

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<p><i>9.) Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning, implementation, and operations.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program should ensure that all team members receive initial and continuing drug court training. There should be an expectation and encouragement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training sessions offered are mandatory. • Meet with staff after training to discuss what was learned. • The team visited all treatment programs and other community resources to learn about the services offered. • Conduct internal training regarding policy and procedures.
<p><i>10.) Forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhance drug court program effectiveness.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team members need to get a better understanding of their roles. Team meetings devoted to refining and clarifying roles and responsibilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted meetings regarding case manager roles vs. treatment roles. • Case managers attended on-going Case Management training.