

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR MANAGING SUPERVISION OF OFFENDERS
THROUGH A SOBRIETY TREATMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mission Statement

In a cooperative effort, the U.S. District Court, the U.S. Probation/Pretrial Services Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Federal Defender's Office are committed to providing an alternative program for individuals on federal supervision who have substance abuse/addiction problems. The program will offer a blend of treatment and sanction alternatives to effectively address offender behavior, rehabilitation, and the safety of our community.

Program Goals/Objectives

The primary goal of the Eastern District of Washington Sobriety Treatment and Education Program [STEP] is to assist the participant to remain drug and crime free in the community through the implementation of an effective community supervision model. The program will offer a meaningful, timely, and effective coordination of supervision and treatment services, which will provide improved accountability and more immediate responses to non-compliance.

Target Population

The target population will be offenders on federal supervision or inmates who are in the process of being released and who have identified substance abuse/addiction problems. Offenders on supervision for convictions of crimes of

violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4) are not eligible to participate. The offenders must be committed to long-term sobriety and agree to enter the program voluntarily. Participants will be screened by U.S. Probation and approved for the program by the STEP Team. The participants will sign a Participant Agreement and Waiver which informs them of the program requirements and the waiver of rights under 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.1.

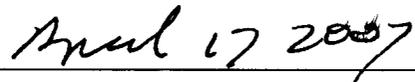
STEP Team Members

The STEP Team will be comprised of a United States District Court Judge, a United States Probation Officer (PO), an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), and an Assistant Federal Defender (AFD). The Judge will be an active participant in Team meetings and in STEP sessions. The U. S. Probation Officer will oversee the program and provide other Team members with progress reports on the participants. The AUSA will protect the public's safety by ensuring that each candidate is appropriate for the program and complies with all STEP requirements. The AFD will provide a defense prospective while encouraging full participation in the program. The AFD's role will not create an attorney-client relationship with participants. If the need ever arises to appoint counsel for a participant, either during the STEP program, or afterwards, conflict-free counsel will be appointed by the Court. Treatment providers will keep the STEP Team apprised of the participants' successes and problems in treatment.

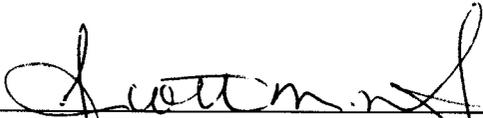
Decisions regarding a participant's compliance and appropriate rewards and non-compliance and appropriate sanctions will be made by the STEP Team by consensus.



Senior United States District Judge



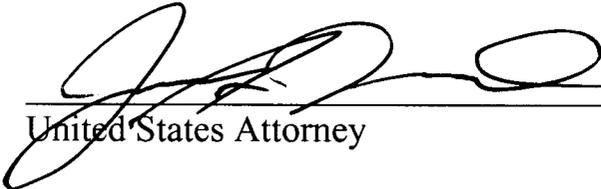
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Chief United States Probation Officer



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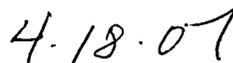
United States Attorney



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Federal Public Defender



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