

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR THE COLLABORATIVE REENTRY COURT
ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE ADDICTION

Overview

In a cooperative effort, the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Washington, the United States Probation/Pretrial Services Office, the United States Attorney's Office and the Federal Defender's Office are committed to continuing to provide a reentry court program for individuals on federal supervision who have substance addiction problems.¹ The Sobriety Treatment and Education Program [STEP] offers a blend of treatment, rewards and consequences to effectively address the supervisee's behavior, rehabilitation, and the safety of the community.

Mission Statement and Goals

The mission of the STEP Program is to identify high-risk, high-need persons under supervision and utilizing a collaborative justice model, conduct a program following evidence based practices to facilitate reentry of the person into the community as a clean and sober, crime-free individual.

The goals of the STEP program are to reduce recidivism, protect the public and

¹ The original Memorandum of Understanding was executed in April 2007.

assist the participant to achieve long term sobriety and to become a positive and productive member of society.

Target Population

The target population is individuals on federal supervision or inmates who are in the process of being released and who are identified as high-risk, high-need persons with substance addiction problems. Individuals on supervision for convictions of crimes of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4) are eligible to participate but will not receive one year off of their term of supervision for successful completion of the program.

Candidates for the program must be committed to long-term sobriety and agree to enter the program voluntarily. Prospective participants are screened by U.S. Probation and approved for the program by the STEP Team. The participants 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 32.1.²

STEP Team Members

The STEP Team is made up of a United States District Court Judge/Magistrate

² The Participant Agreement and Waiver sets out the procedures for program completion as well as the circumstances under which a participant may be terminated from the program.

Judge, a United States Probation Officer (PO), an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), and a Federal Defender (FD) or an Assistant Federal Defender (AFD). Each member brings his/her unique perspective from within the criminal justice system. The Team functions in a non-adversarial, collaborative manner to achieve the goals of the program. Decisions regarding a participant's compliance and appropriate rewards and non-compliance and appropriate consequences are made by the STEP Team by consensus. Treatment providers keep the STEP Team apprised of the participants' successes and challenges in treatment.

The FD/AFD's role does 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 is appointed by the Court.



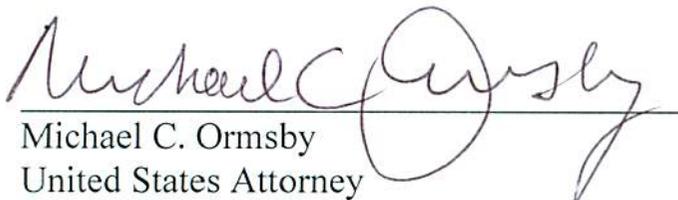
Rosanna Malouf Peterson
Chief Judge

February 1, 2011
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