

**FELONY & MISDEMEANOR**  
**MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION REFERRAL SHEET**

Date of Referral: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrest Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Book In #: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Client Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_ Atty. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ Court: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you think this defendant is a good candidate for the mental health unit?

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your client receive social security disability? YES NO

Is your client currently employed? YES NO

List any mental health provider the client has/is seeing? \_\_\_\_\_

List any psych medications your client has/is taking: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?**

Behavioral Clues: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_ Schizophrenia \_\_\_\_ Bipolar Disorder \_\_\_\_ Major Depressive Disorder  
\_\_\_\_ Schizoaffective Disorder \_\_\_\_ Anxiety Disorder \_\_\_\_ None of the Above

Does your client have a chronic or terminal health condition? YES NO

**REQUIRED INFORMATION**

How many times has the case been reset? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the current State's recommendation? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the case set for Trial? \_\_\_\_\_

Court DA signature acknowledging your referral request to mental health:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**PLEASE NOTE: A Mental Health Diagnosis must accompany the referral  
to be considered for the division.**

Please return this referral to the M.H. Division, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room A19, or email to: [gia.slayton@dallascounty.org](mailto:gia.slayton@dallascounty.org)

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

By making this referral to the Mental Health Division I acknowledge the following by my signature below:

1. This Referral Sheet **DOES NOT** constitute a "Pass Slip." Continue to pass this case with the court it is currently in until you are contacted by a Representative of the Mental Health Division via email.
2. Acceptance of your case into the Mental Health Division **DOES NOT GUARANTEE** that the case will be placed in a program that results in a dismissal or that will alter the current recommendation on the case.
3. This form **DOES NOT** automatically get your case onto a Mental Health case load. The case must still be accepted by the division.
4. Upon acceptance into the Mental Health Division, the case will be sent to the program deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Mental Health Division. Refusal to participate will result in the case being sent back to the trial court.
5. I hereby give permission for my client to be evaluated by Care Coordinators and Case Managers from the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority and Metrocare. I understand and authorize those Care Coordinators to both review and release any mental health information about my client to the Restorative Justice Division of the District Attorney's Office for the purpose of making an intake decision and I further authorize the Care Coordinators to do an assessment of my client to assist in providing treatment alternatives and provide a copy of that assessment to the Restorative Justice Division of the District Attorney's Office. I further understand that the Care Coordinators will be presenting a Release of Information to my client for a signature that allows them to provide information to the Restorative Justice Division of the District Attorney's Office, and do not have any objection to them doing so.
6. I understand that the mental health division may review the case once it has been dismissed to track recidivism statistics.

Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for the defendant.

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CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS

VS.

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IN THE JUDICIAL/CRIMINAL

DISTRICT COURT # \_\_\_\_\_

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

**GENERAL OR MENTAL HEALTH PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION**

**DISCOVERY PAUSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

When a defendant requests a referral to be considered for General or Mental Health Pre-Trial Diversion (PTD), the defendant agrees to pause the State's obligation to produce case information (called discovery). Any discovery already uploaded under digital media evidence (DME) on the DallasCounty.Prosecutor system (DCP) at the time of referral will be made discoverable to defense. No additional discovery will be sought out by our office after the PTD referral or while the defendant is in a PTD program. Any unsolicited discovery added to the DCP after a PTD referral or while a defendant is in the PTD program will be disclosed as it is received. If the defendant chooses not to join, is rejected from, or is removed from PTD, then normal discovery will resume with the assistant district attorney assigned to prosecute the case.

If the defendant is removed/closed from PTD, is later charged in a new case, or becomes a victim or witness in another case, then upon a proper request under article 39.14 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the State must produce and permit the defense to inspect any documents given to the State during the PTD program.

By signing below, I acknowledge my understanding and agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defense Attorney Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defense Attorney's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**☐ Photo ID ☐ Signature Verified ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

Disclosure: Metrocare will not condition treatment, payment, enrollment, or eligibility for benefits based on the completion of this form.

This authorization is intended to allow METROCARE SERVICES to release information, both written and verbal, for the specific purpose and life of the release and in the best interest of the patient. This release of information demonstrates compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (Privacy Standards), 45 CFR 160 and 164, and all federal regulations and interpretive guidelines promulgated there under. Any information protected by Federal Regulations governing confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records (42 CFR, Part 2) is prohibited from further disclosure by the recipient without specific authorization for such re-disclosure. I reserve the right to remove this authorization at any time by providing written notice of removal to Metrocare for the named individual/facility. The removal will be effective as of the date it is received except to the extent Metrocare has already relied upon my authorization to use or disclose my health information as described in the Notice of Privacy Practices.

**SECTION I - CLIENT DATA**

1. NAME: (First, Middle, Last Name)	2. DATE OF BIRTH: (MM/DD/YY)	3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:
4. EMAIL:	5. PHONE NUMBER: (XXX) XXX-XXXX	6. MRN: (Medical Record Number)

**SECTION II - DISCLOSURE**

7. I hereby authorize Metrocare to disclose/use/receive the specified protected health information below from the medical record of the above-named individual. The designated staff may ☐ disclose to OR ☐ receive from, the following organization or person:

a. NAME OF FACILITY OR PERSON:	b. ADDRESS (Street, City, State and ZIP Code) or Email:
c. TELEPHONE: (Include Area Code)	d. FAX: (Include Area Code)
8. TYPE OF INFORMATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Records <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Care Records <input type="checkbox"/> Cohen Records	9. PERIOD OF TREATMENT: (MM/DD/YY) FROM: _____ TO: _____ OR <input type="checkbox"/> ALL RECORDS
10. PURPOSE OF DISCLOSURE: <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Use <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment/Continuing Care <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney/Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Use <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss w/ Family <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	
11. INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS Results <input type="checkbox"/> Provider Notes <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Transmitted Disease (STD) Results <input type="checkbox"/> Psychological Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Medication List <input type="checkbox"/> Labs <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Progress Notes <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosis Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment Plans	

12. ☐ I authorize the release of the selected information including all records that include any substance use disorder and/or substance use disorder treatment records, or  
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**SECTION III - EFFECTIVE TIME PERIOD**

13. This authorization is valid for 1 year from the date it is signed, or on \_\_\_\_\_. If no date is specified, this authorization will expire one (1) year from the date of signature.

**SECTION IV - SIGNATURES**

14. INDIVIDUAL SERVED: (Print)	15. SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: (MM/DD/YY)
16. LEGALLY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: (Print) RELATIONSHIP:	17. SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: (MM/DD/YY)