

**SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT
TRANSFER (LOOK-SEE) REQUEST TO MENTAL HEALTH COURT (MHC)
FOR Non-Domestic Violence, Pre-Trial Referrals**

Please ensure that referral requests include the following:

- Completed Transfer Request form

Please submit the above forms to Public Health Court Services via email. Additional contact information is included below:

- Public Health Court Services Email: SMC-MHC.courtservices@kingcounty.gov
- Public Health Court Services Fax Number: at 206-259-2763
- Public Health Court Services Telephone Number: 206-477-0404

Please be aware that it may take up to 1-2 weeks or longer for the MHC screening. Consider this timeline when discussing the next hearing with your client. If your client is not in custody, please complete the above referral forms and instruct your client to Public Health Court Services to schedule an MHC screening appointment.

To be eligible for Seattle Mental Health Court:

- **Diagnostic Eligibility:** Individuals must have a DSM-5 mental health diagnosis indicating moderate or severe behavioral health concerns, with consideration given to pervasive developmental or neurocognitive concerns on a case-by-case basis.
- **Amenability to engage in behavioral health care:** Individuals must report and demonstrate commitment to recovery and willingness to engage in psychiatric, psychotherapeutic, and/or substance use disorder treatment as clinically indicated.
 - Participants are expected to report any substance use and reduce their substance use with a goal of sobriety as part of their treatment. If clinically indicated, participants may be expected to abstain from alcohol and other non-prescribed substances, and to submit to random urinalysis as directed. Please see MHC handbook for additional guidance.
 - MHC responses to violations of conditions will take into consideration all relevant circumstances, including but not limited to individual context, self-reported admissions, and history of compliance.
- **Available Resources:** Community resources must be accessible at the clinically indicated level of care.
- **Self-Reported Amenability to the Conditions of the Court:** Participants must understand the court and program requirements and demonstrate willingness to adhere to the SMC-MHC Conditions of Release. Treatment may include taking prescribed medication if clinically indicated. Participants may be expected to provide urinalysis samples as directed.

Special Circumstances:

- Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) cases require approval from the DVU Prosecutor; contact Prosecution before submitting a referral form.
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI) cases require approval from the DUI prosecutor; contact Prosecution before submitting a referral form.
- Individuals on probation may be referred through the SMC Probation Department. Please contact Jason Grant at 206-684-7679, or Jason.Grant@seattle.gov.

Kindly inform Public Health Court Services of any change in custody status or interest in SMC-MHC.