

**In the Franklin County Municipal Court
Columbus, Ohio**

Administrative Order Number: 03-2009

Effective: August 13, 2009

1. The Solicitation Program Specialty Docket, Changing Actions to Change Habits (“CATCH”), is intended to promote effective treatment as an alternative to incarceration for defendants who have been charged with solicitation or related offenses. Many of these defendants have a history of multiple arrests, criminal behavior, drug addiction, poverty, and being victimized as a result of soliciting. The CATCH program will:

- A. provide a comprehensive and coordinated approach to misdemeanor soliciting and related offenses;
- B. address numerous issues, including homelessness, alcohol and/or other drug addiction, mental and physical health care, and economic independence in the treatment plan; and
- C. require limited court involvement in treatment planning and compliance and utilize more effectively other county and court resources.

2. The CATCH coordinator will screen and identify defendants charged with offenses that qualify for the program. The guidelines for acceptance into the CATCH program are:

- A. Defendant understands the voluntary nature of the CATCH program, that the program will last up to two years, and the consequences of non-compliance with the CATCH program; and
- B. Defendant has been assessed by a licensed, state certified clinician.

The decision to admit a defendant into the program will be made after consultation with defendant’s counsel, the prosecutor, the CATCH coordinator, the judge(s) elected to oversee the program and, if necessary, other alcohol and/or other drug professionals. The assignment of a case qualifying for the CATCH program is governed by FCMC Local Rule 8.04.

3. The CATCH program, shall comply with all state and federal requirements for confidential communications, including but not limited to C.F.R. Title 42 and the Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Defendant’s counsel and the prosecutor shall be present at all hearings and may, at their discretion, attend staffing with the CATCH coordinator. The judge(s) elected to oversee the program shall determine whether the defendant has successfully completed the program. At the successful completion of the CATCH, the defendant’s plea(s) may be vacated and the case(s) may be dismissed.

4. The following terms and definitions shall be used by the CATCH program:

- A. *Assessment* - Collection of information with which to rate development and performance. Assessment may include observing a client, interviewing and using formal

tests to measure specific skills and determine strengths and needs. Results may be used to plan for appropriate services. For the purposes of this program, the assessments may be completed by a LICDC, LSW, LISW, LPC, or LPCC.

B. *Axis I Diagnosis* – A substance abuse or dependence disorder as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (“DSM-IV”), which identifies the pathology of the abuse, addiction, mental illness and signs and symptoms that are often prevalent. Cannabis Abuse or Dependence, Cocaine Abuse or Dependence, Polysubstance Dependence, are all acceptable AXIS I diagnoses for the ASDP. Mental retardation and personality disorders such as Narcissistic, Histrionic, Borderline, and Anti-Social disorders fall on Axis II of the DSM-IV and, standing alone in diagnosis, are not acceptable for the CATCH program.

C. *Mental Status Exam (MSE)* - Assessment by an interviewer of a client’s competence in such areas as general orientation to time, place, and person; recent and remote memory; immediate memory; insight and judgment; reading, writing, spelling; and arithmetical concentration. Such an evaluation can be conducted in cases of brain injury, when a client appears confused, or when the interviewer simply wants to obtain some indication of the client’s general mental functioning. All areas assessed should be interpreted within a developmental framework, using age-appropriate norms or age-appropriate expectations.

D. *Psychiatric Evaluation* - A medical evaluation conducted by a licensed psychiatrist that addresses the prevention, cause and treatment of mental disorders.

E. *Psychological Evaluation* - An assessment of an individual, which, usually consists of a clinical assessment interview and the administration of a battery of psychological tests concerned with mental process and behavior conducted by a licensed psychologist.

F. *Staffing* - meetings held by the CATCH Coordinator with clinicians and case managers to consider defendant’s admission into the program or review defendant’s progress in the program.

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