

16th Judicial District Recovery Courts Report August 22, 2016

- Attached to this report is the Drug Court, DUI Court, and Veterans Court statistics through July 31, 2016.
- On August 22, 2016, the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has awarded the Recovery Court Department a reoccurring grant for FY2017 to include funding for the Veterans Treatment Court. This is great news and will add \$70,000 in additional revenue for the Department. These funds can only be used for Veterans Treatment Court purposes, and I would like to consider asking for additional positions in FY2017 in order to use those funds appropriately. I am requesting to hire a Veterans Treatment Court Case Manager full time, and if funding allows, hiring a part-time Therapist with a background in PTSD/TBI/MH and Trauma. Currently, Veterans Treatment Court does not have a full-time Case Manager assigned to the program, and I have been utilizing the County's Veterans Service Officer for that purpose. Veterans Treatment Court will need the services of an experienced Therapist to assist those veterans in our programs with their mental health needs.

The estimated breakdown of the positions referenced above is as follows:

Case Manager – maximum salary of \$35,000 and covering approximately 18.65% taxes and benefits which equates to \$6,528 (salary range is from \$31,700 - \$34,721 depending on experience).

P/T Therapist - \$26,000 and covering approximately 9.51% taxes and benefits which equates to \$2,473.

For a total of \$61,000 in salaries and \$9,000 in taxes and benefits being covered under this \$70,000 grant.

- Also, it is anticipated that the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will be adding additional funding to our Recovery Court contract for FY2017 to include funding for Mental Health Court. It should be close to the same revenue for Veterans Treatment Court, and these funds will be used in conjunction with our Veterans Court Therapist in hopes of making it a fulltime position focusing on the areas of MH/PTSD/Trauma/Substance Abuse. In addition, this will allow for an additional Case Manager position to be hired to supervise the Mental Health Court participants.