

DUI TREATMENT COURT

Judge Mary Jane Knisely
October 5, 2023

MISSION

HALTING IMPAIRED DRIVERS BY
PROVIDING INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY,
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, AND
INDIVIDUALIZED SUBSTANCE USE
TREATMENT.

Enhancing Community
Safety Through
Recovering Lives

10 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Determine the population
2. Perform a clinical assessment
3. Develop the treatment plan
4. Supervise the offender
5. Forge agency, organization and community partnerships
6. Take a judicial leadership role
7. Develop case management
8. Address transportation issues
9. Evaluate the program
10. Ensure a sustainable program

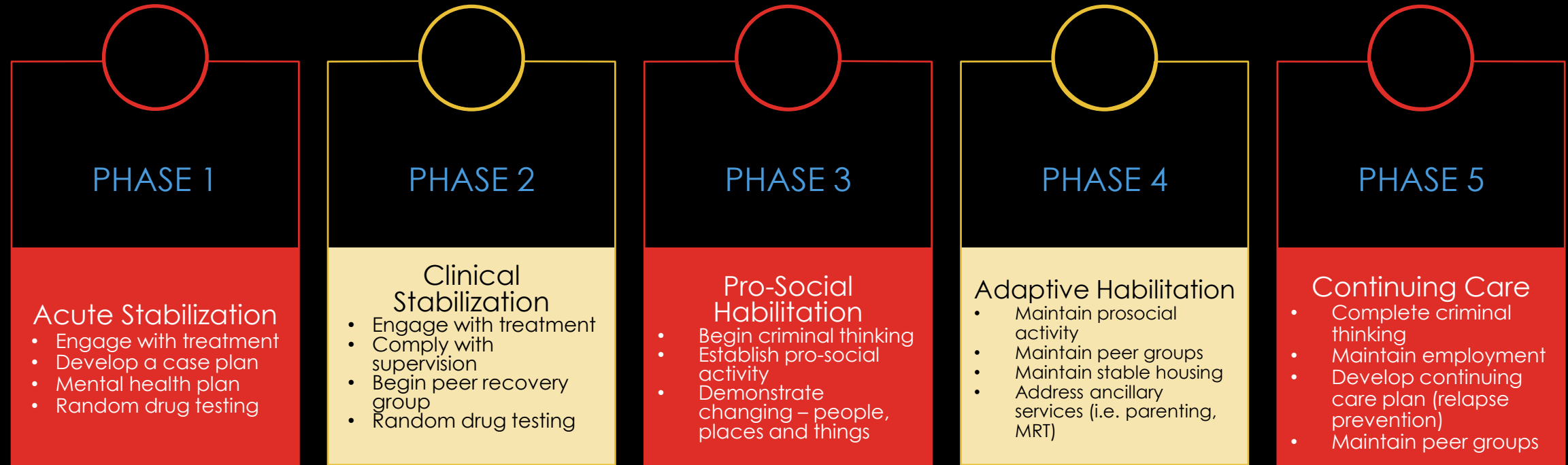
These are used in conjunction with Best Practice Standards from Impaired Driving Solutions.



PROGRAM GOALS

- Reduce recidivism among DUI high-risk repeat offenders.
- Eliminate alcohol and drug abuse associated with impaired driving.
- Match participants with evidenced-based substance use and mental health treatment.
- Provide alternative transportation and educate participants on the importance of occupant protection.
- DUI offenders are assessed and provided with educational, vocational, medical, mental health, and other appropriate services to help support long-term pro-social behaviors.
- Proactively address and change the behaviors of DUI offenders who operate vehicles while unlicensed or uninsured.

PHASES



PHASE 1

- Acute Stabilization**
- Engage with treatment
 - Develop a case plan
 - Mental health plan
 - Random drug testing

PHASE 2

- Clinical Stabilization**
- Engage with treatment
 - Comply with supervision
 - Begin peer recovery group
 - Random drug testing

PHASE 3

- Pro-Social Habilitation**
- Begin criminal thinking
 - Establish pro-social activity
 - Demonstrate changing – people, places and things

PHASE 4

- Adaptive Habilitation**
- Maintain prosocial activity
 - Maintain peer groups
 - Maintain stable housing
 - Address ancillary services (i.e. parenting, MRT)

PHASE 5

- Continuing Care**
- Complete criminal thinking
 - Maintain employment
 - Develop continuing care plan (relapse prevention)
 - Maintain peer groups

“ I USED DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TO FEEL BETTER.

I QUIT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TO BE BETTER.. ”

Anonymous

WHO SERVES ON THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM?

- Judge
- Coordinator(s)
- Attorneys – Prosecutor and Defense
 - United States Attorney's Office
- Probation & Parole
 - Misdemeanor, State and Federal
- Treatment representatives
- Law Enforcement
- Drug Testing

Team Collaborates With

- Job Service
 - Resume creation
 - Skill testing
- Dress for Success
 - Wardrobe
- Alternatives
 - Community Service
 - Drug Patch for travel



DRUG TESTING

- Random Drug Testing
 - Testing is in addition to having a continuous transdermal device or remote handheld device.
 - Frequent, random, observed with a short notification window.
 - Panel between 8-20 substances

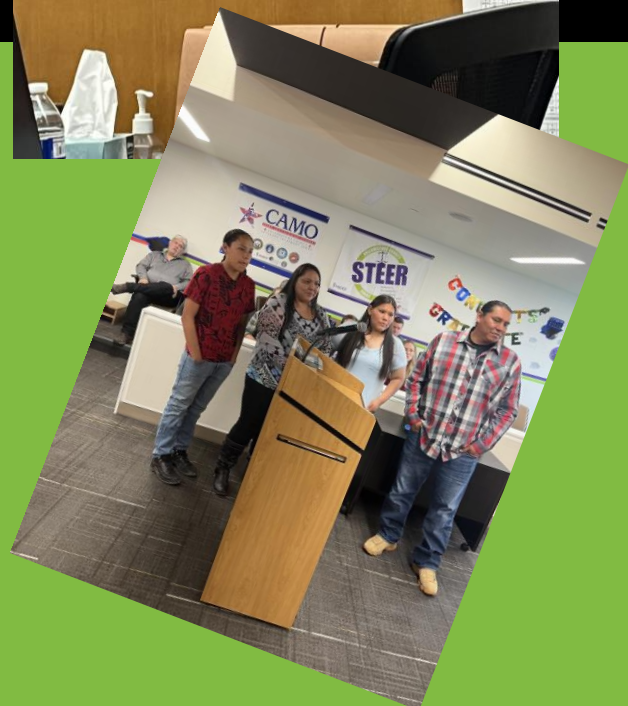


Lab:	Community Solutions - Billings
Site:	Community Solutions, Inc.
Agency:	Billings Treatment Court
SubAgency:	STEER Court-Judge Knisely
DonorID:	28123
Collection:	10/03/2023 2:38PM
Accession:	00574678
Test	Result
Barbiturate	Negative
Benzodiazepine	Negative
Cocaine	Negative
Methadone	Negative
Creatinine	Normal
Specific Gravity	Normal
Marijuana	Negative
Amphetamine	Positive
Oxycodone	Negative
OPI-M	Negative

TELESERVICES

- MT has initiated a teleservices treatment court track. Remote courts provide rural participants with access to this proven strategy.
- We work with probation and drug testing in the participants local area
- Court is via zoom with the participant at their home or in the courtroom in their jurisdiction
- In person for induction and graduation

GRADUATION



OUTCOMES

- Overwhelming evidence suggests that DUI and Drug Courts work by reducing recidivism and substantial costs for taxpayers.
- STEER is supported by a strong and experienced interdisciplinary team, community partners, Montana Department of Transportation and the Montana Legislature.
- STEER promotes sobriety, recovery and stability as an alternative to incarceration.
- In order to assure accountability, STEER participants undergo frequent and random drug testing, increased supervision, weekly court appearances, substance abuse treatment, and must maintain either employment or student status. Program completion averages 15 – 18 months.



THANK YOU

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