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Mental Health Court

Nevada's Pilot Project
November 01 – October 02

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1 ☐ **Mental Health Court**

Nevada's Pilot Project
November 01 – October 02

2 ☐ **History of SB366/SB6**

- * Grassroots support
- * Judicial support
- * Key changes in authorizing legislation: * Multi-jurisdictional court
 - * Charges may be dismissed upon successful completion

3 ☐ **Pilot MH Court**

- * Pilot project began in November 2001
- * Existing resources
- * Variety of referral sources
- * Build track record
- * Expand as resources allow

4 ☐ **Pilot Project Data**

- 1 ☐
 - * 32 enrolled
 - * 5 probation revoked
 - * 13 male – 41%
 - * 19 female – 59%
 - * 26 white - 81%
 - * 4 black - 13%
 - * 2 hispanic 6%

- 2 ☐
 - * Age range 18 to 52
 - * Average age: 29
 - 18-24: 7
 - 25-40: 15
 - 40+: 10
 - * 31% bipolar
 - * 44% schizophrenic
 - * 25% other disorder
 - * 69% drug/alcohol

5 ☐ **Client Profile**

- 1 ☐
 - * Misdemeanors and Felonies
 - Trespassing
 - Destruction/Stolen Property
 - Disturbing the Peace

- Petty Theft
- Probation Violation
- Prostitution

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- * Multiple Arrests
 - * CPS Involvement
 - * Co-occurring Disorders
 - * Referrals from:
 - Public Defender
 - Jail/Court Services
 - Other Judges/Cts
 - Parole/Probation

6 ☐ **Goals of Mental Health Court**

- * Provide comprehensive mental health services to eligible defendants
- * Protect public safety
- * Reduce recidivism and re-incarceration
- * Develop aftercare linkages

7 ☐ **Current Challenges**

- * Identifying appropriate clients
- * Co-occurring disorders
- * Systemic issues
- * Difficult and complex cases
- * Lack of funding for supportive services
- * Data to prove savings

8 ☐ **Six Case Studies**

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- * All enrolled in 2002
 - * 3 male, 3 female
 - * Average Age 29.6
 - Male average 24
 - Female average 36
 - * State Case Mgt 2
 - * Restart Case Mgt 4

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- * White ~ 5
 - * Hispanic - 1
 - * Schizophrenic 4
 - * Bipolar 1
 - * Other 1
 - * Alcohol issues 3
 - * Drug issues 3
 - * Alc. & Drugs 2

9 ☐ **Criminal Charges**

- 1 ☐ *
- * Trespassing; failure to comply
 - * Prostitution
 - * Battery/domestic violence
 - * Women had 46 previous arrests

- 2 ☐ *
- * Damage to school property
 - * Littering; obstructing/resisting an officer
 - * Burglary
 - * Men had 22 previous arrests

10 ☐ **Outcome Measurements**

- * Average previous arrests 12
- * Average arrests since MHC 1
- * Average Jail Nights in previous year 50
- * Average Jail Nights since enrollment 24.5
- * Number of Hospitalizations
 - 12 months prior to MHC: 10
 - While enrolled in MHC: 2

11 ☐ **Future Funding Plan**

- * Federal grant for full-time court services officer for 2 years submitted to Bureau of Justice Assistance
- * State Division of Mental Health budget enhancement of \$683,685 over next biennium to fund housing and services
- * AOC bill draft for specialty courts

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