

TurningPoint

SUMMIT COUNTY TURNING POINT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**SUMMIT COUNTY COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION
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CHAPTER 1: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Turning Point Advisory Committee

The Turning Point Advisory Committee was developed in 2013, to assist in the certification of the Summit County Turning Point Program. This cohesive team consists of key officials who will effectively and collaboratively reach consensus on a variety of issues inherent in the implementation of a specialized docket. The Presiding Judge, as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, attends and oversees the annual Advisory Committee meetings. The following topics are routinely discussed:

- Turning Point Program policies and procedures identifying goals, objectives, target population, program entry and case flow.
- Turning Point Program Participation Agreement, identifying the rights and responsibilities of each participant; and
- Turning Point Program Legal & Clinical Eligibility.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Turning Point Program Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee Members shall serve a two-year term, renewable upon agreement with the Turning Point Judge's approval. Committee members will serve the following functions:

Implementation

- Develop written policies and procedures which define the goals and objectives, identify the target population, detail program entry and case flow, and provide written roles and responsibilities of each Treatment Team member;
- Create a written participant agreement detailing the rights and responsibilities of the participants;
- Develop, review, and agree upon written legal and clinical eligibility, completion, termination, and neutral discharge policies; and
- Develop a participant handbook

Post-Implementation

- Develop and regularly review a community outreach and education plan;
- Develop and annually review a written sustainability plan;
- Assess specialized docket team functionality, review policies and procedures, and assess the overall functionality of the specialized docket annually;
- Review Treatment Team resources;
- Review the target population; and
- Review use of graduated sanctions.

Membership

The Summit County Turning Point Program Advisory Committee consists of:

- Turning Point Judge
- Turning Point Probation Officer(s)
- Chief Probation Officer
- Probation Supervisor
- Oriana House, Inc. Turning Point Program Coordinator
- Oriana House, Inc. Program Manager
- Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADM) Board Representative
- Oriana House Treatment Representative
- Summit County Prosecutor
- Representative Defense Counsel
- Akron Police Sergeant, Street Narcotic Uniform Detail (SNUD) unit
- Representative from the Summit County Sheriff's Department
- Director of Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic
- Community member(s)
- Retired Judge

*See Appendix A for current Advisory Committee Roster & Participation Agreement.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Summit County Turning Point Program is to improve the overall quality of life in our community by providing effective court-supervision and enhanced treatment services for substance dependent felony offenders, in an effort to change their behaviors and reduce their risk to the community.

Goals and Objectives-Standard 1(C)

The goals and objectives of the Summit County Turning Point Program are as follows:

Goal 1: To have a successful impact on the number of Track 2 successful completions.

Objective: Within 12-18 months, 50% of Track 2 participations will successfully complete Turning Point

Goal 2: Maintain the number of Track 1 successful completions.

Objectives: Within 12-18 months, 60% of Track 1 participants will successfully complete Turning Point.

Goal 3: Track success beyond graduation.

Objectives: Reduce recidivism so that 60% of Turning Point graduates will remain conviction free three years following graduation.

CHAPTER 2: TARGET POPULATION-Standard 1 (C) & 3 (A)

Target Population

The Summit County Turning Point Program targets felony offenders for admission who are addicted to illicit drugs or alcohol and are at substantial risk for reoffending or failing to complete a less intensive disposition, such as standard Intervention in Lieu of Conviction or Community Control. These individuals will be assessed under the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS), and will meet statutory criteria for community control or Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, as applicable. Drug-involved offenders will typically require the full array of treatment and supervision services embodied in the 10 Key Components of Drug Courts; however, each participant will be screened to determine the offender's particular risk and need level.

Written Legal Criteria

The Judges of Summit County Common Court of Common Pleas may refer defendants prior to sentencing to determine program eligibility. Defendants that petition for Judicial Release or Felony Probationers and Intervention in Lieu of Conviction participants that are being violated due to continued substance abuse will be referred to the Turning Point Probation Officer to review program eligibility.

Eligibility determinations will use the following criteria:

- Felony offenders placed on Community Control for a felony offense;
- Felony offenders granted Judicial Release and placed on Community Control;
- Noncompliant Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Felony Participants where alcohol and/or drug use is directly related to noncompliance;
- Felony offenders in imminent danger of overdosing (i.e., daily opiate use)
- Noncompliant felony Community Control Violators where alcohol and/or drug use is directly related to noncompliance
- The offender must be assessed and diagnosed as chemically dependent by an approved alcohol and drug treatment provider and have a level of care recommendation of Intensive Outpatient Treatment or higher.
- The offender is determined to meet the following risk level utilizing the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS);
 - Female
 - Low/Moderate (with other risk factors, i.e. history of short term daily or long term use, failure in community control supervision, and/or high risk of overdose)
 - Moderate
 - High
 - Male
 - Moderate
 - High
 - Very High

- The offender must be mentally competent and have the developmental capacity to adhere to the participation requirements.

Potential participants are ineligible for admission in to the Turning Point Program if any of the following exist:

- Active work as a police informant
- Engagement in drug distribution, manufacturing, or assembly network
- Prior convictions for trafficking, manufacturing or assembly within the past 10 years
- Current violent criminal charge
- Prior convictions for crimes of violence within the past 10 years
- Prior successful or unsuccessful termination from a Specialized Docket within the past Five (5) years
- Registered sex offenders
- Active felony community control, post release control, or parole with another jurisdiction
- Active, pending felony charges in another jurisdiction
- Non-residents of Summit County
- Currently sentenced to a prison term in another jurisdiction

Cases should be reviewed on an individual basis to determine the extent and circumstances surrounding disqualification factors, versus the need to participate in the program.

Those offenders with significant felony or misdemeanor criminal and traffic histories will be reviewed individually to determine the offenders' situation and circumstances of record. Further, those offenders referred from active supervision in Community Control or Intervention in Lieu of Conviction will be individually reviewed to ensure that participation in Turning Point is a timely intervention.

Those cases declined for acceptance to Turning Point will be retained by the original assigned/referring Judge.

Written Clinical Criteria

If the legal criteria are met, then the prospective candidate must have an alcohol and drug assessment completed by an approved alcohol and drug treatment assessor. The drug and alcohol assessment shall include an Axis I diagnosis of substance dependence based on the DSM-IV criteria (or DSM-V equivalent) and the offender must have the developmental capacity to complete the Turning Point Program.

The assessment report shall include available collateral information to ensure its accuracy and will provide the following written information:

- History of alcohol and drug use, which includes information about current use and prescription medications
- A history of alcohol and drug treatment that includes the facility, both in-patient and outpatient treatment and length of stay
- Current diagnostic impression
- Preliminary case plan recommendations, including recommendations for appropriate level of care and other primary and secondary services needed to include housing, GED, mental health, etc.
- Information regarding the offender's environment and other life areas (i.e., education, employment, spiritual, physical and military background)
- Offense information if needed from the arresting officer, probation, legal counsel and prior contacts with the Court system

The following are clinical factors that will disqualify an offender from participation in the program:

- Highly resistant to changing behavior despite previous interventions and/or punishments;
- Diagnosis of a developmental disability if this disability prohibits the offender from complying with or comprehending chemical dependency treatment
- Co-occurring mental health or medical conditions if there is no adequate treatment available (It is expected that some offenders referred to the program will have mental illness diagnoses that will not disqualify them from participation. Individuals with an Axis I mental illness may still be admitted to the program, but these admissions will be reviewed by the Turning Point Presiding Judge on a case-by-case basis.

***The written legal and clinical eligibility and termination criteria DO NOT create a right to participation. The Turning Point Presiding Judge has the ultimate discretion on admission to the program.*

CHAPTER 3: PROGRAM ENTRY AND CASE FLOW

Referral Process

Cases will enter Turning Point Program via two tracks:

Track 1 consists of felony offenders who participate through statutory Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, governed by R.C. 2951.041. Those offenders will be direct referrals or current Intervention in Lieu Participants who are non-compliant because of alcohol and/or drug use.

Track 2 consists of felony offenders on Community Control. Those offenders will be direct referrals following sentence, current Community Control violators who are non-compliant because of alcohol and/or drug use, and felony offenders granted Judicial Release.

Both tracks will service offenders that have an impending violation due to continued substance use or treatment noncompliance.

The assigned supervising probation officer and/or assigned Judge may refer pending Community Control violators and non-compliant Intervention In Lieu of Conviction participants to Turning Point Program for screening by contacting the Turning Point Probation Officer. The assigned Judge may refer cases that are being considered for Judicial Release.

Upon receipt of prospective participant referrals, the Turning Point Probation Officer and/or supervising probation officer will provide the offender with a copy of the program handbook (*Appendix B & N*) and an application screening form (*Appendix C*) to be completed and returned to the Turning Point Probation Officer prior to any recommendation to the Presiding Judge.

Screening and Assessment

Legal Eligibility Screening

Once the prospective participant has been identified and voluntarily petitions to participate in the Summit County Turning Point Program, the Defendant will meet with the Turning Point Probation Officer. During the meeting, the Ohio Risk Assessment System will be completed and the application packet along with the program handbook will be reviewed. Following this meeting, prospective participants will be referred for an alcohol and drug assessment to be completed within seven to fourteen (7-14) days unless a current assessment is available.

Clinical Assessment

Potential candidates who agree to participate in the Turning Point Program will be referred by program staff to Oriana House, Inc. Assessment Center for completion of an alcohol and drug assessment. Programs or persons who are appropriately licensed and trained to deliver such services according to the standards of the profession shall provide all screenings and assessments for treatment determinations. The clinical assessment will include treatment recommendations based on the appropriate level of care.

Potential candidates are required to sign a release of information form (*Appendix D*) to provide for communication about confidential information, participation and progress in treatment and compliance with the provisions of relevant law, including the "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996," 42 U.S.C. 300gg-42, as amended, Part 2 of Title 42, and sections 2151.421 and 2152.99 of the Revised Code.

All chemical dependency, mental health, and other programming assessments shall include available collateral information to ensure accuracy of the assessment. The

Treatment Team will consider, but is not obligated to follow the clinical assessment or treatment recommendations.

Upon completion of the legal and clinical screening, the Turning Point Probation Officer will provide the Turing Point Program Judge with a recommendation regarding admission to Turning Point. The Turning Point Presiding Judge has the discretion to decide the admission into the Program in accordance with the written criteria. If the participant is declined, the case will return to the originally assigned Judge to proceed in the traditional manner.

The candidate, defense attorney, supervising probation officer, and assigned court will be notified by the Turning Point Probation Officer of the decision regarding eligibility or ineligibility within five business days of the Turning Point Presiding Judge's decision via electronic and/or oral correspondence.

Program Admission

Once the Turning Point Program Judge determines the potential participant is to be offered program entry, the potential participant is offered admission in the program, and advised of the right to a detailed, written participation agreement and participant handbook outlining the requirements and process of the Turning Point Program.

Entry is ordered at sentencing, post-conviction, or as an Intervention In Lieu of Conviction sanction on the scheduled hearing date before the original assigned Judge. The Defendant is then scheduled for an Admission Hearing before the Turning Point Program Judge, who reviews the participant agreement (*Appendix E*), confirms the participant was provided with a participant handbook and explains the expectations and possible responses to compliance and non-compliance including termination criteria. The participant signs the Participant Agreement and is provided with a copy. All eligible offenders who did not retain counsel prior to the Admission hearing will be afforded counsel to explain the process and participation in Turning Point.

Participants shall engage in treatment services and/or programs promptly and are placed on supervision immediately following placement in the Turning Point Program to monitor compliance with court requirements.

Non-Discriminatory Practices

The Summit County Turning Point Program will not deny an offender admission to the specialized docket program based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, citizenship, marital status, veteran's status, or any disability.

Case Flow

The following is a summary of the admission process into the Turning Point Program:

1. Defendant is identified as a potential participant by assigned Judge or Probation Officer and referred to Turning Point Probation Officer.
2. The Turning Point Probation Officer will examine legal criteria to determine if admission should be offered to defendant. If legal criteria are not met, then case proceeds on traditional docket.
3. If legal criteria are met, the Turning Point Probation Officer provides Defendant with the Turning Point Program handbook and screening application form and discusses Turning Point Program requirements with the offender. If a current ORAS is not available, one will be completed.
4. If a current assessment is unavailable, the offender is referred to Oriana House, Inc. Assessment Center for screening and clinical assessment and determination regarding clinical criteria.
5. Clinical assessments with diagnosis and treatment recommendations are provided to the Probation Officer.
6. If the potential participant meets the legal and clinical criteria, the Probation Officer makes a recommendation regarding whether the potential participant should enter the Turning Point Program. The Turning Point Program Presiding Judge makes the final decision to admit or deny the potential participant into the Turning Point Program.
7. Once the potential participant is advised of acceptance into the Turning Point Program, the potential participant now acknowledges an understanding of the responses to compliance and noncompliance including the criteria for termination. If required forms have not been completed, such as the release and exchange of information and the participation agreement, then the participant will sign and complete required forms.
8. Participant voluntarily enters program and is officially ordered into the program by original sentencing Judge and then entered at Admission Hearing before Turning Point Program Presiding Judge.

Specialized Docket File Maintenance

All Treatment Team members are required to comply with Part 2 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations governing confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records and that recipients of any disclosures may only re-disclose within the scope of the signed Release of Information. The Release of Information authorizes disclosure of protected health information pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 42 U.S.C. 300 gg 42, as amended, and sections 2151.421 and 2152.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Turning Point Probation Officer and the Turning Point case management staff will maintain case files on all Turning Point Program participants. The Turning Point Program files are stored in a filing cabinet located in the office of the Adult Court Services Department and only the Probation and Adult Probation Department staff has access to the files. Oriana House Inc. will also maintain a program case management file on all active participants that will be stored in a filing cabinet located in the office of

Oriana House, Inc., Nonresidential Services and only Oriana House, Inc., staff will have access to the files.

Files may contain the signed Release of Information, participation agreement, drug testing results, and orders and journal entries issued by the court.

CHAPTER 4: TREATMENT TEAM-Standard 1 (B)

The Turning Point Program Treatment Team consists of the following individuals whose primary role is to oversee the daily operations of the Turning Point Program:

- Turning Point Presiding Judge
- Turning Point Probation Officer(s)
- Program Coordinator
- Defense Counsel
- Caseworkers
- Oriana House, Inc. Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor
- Assistant Prosecutor
- Law Enforcement
- Recovery Coach
- Cognitive Skills Specialist

Duties of Treatment Team Members

The Treatment Team (*Appendix F*) is created by invitation of the Turning Point Program Judge. The Turning Point Program Judge acts as Chairperson of the Treatment Team and attends all Treatment Team meetings. The duties of the Treatment Team include:

1. The Treatment Team is responsible for the daily operations of the Turning Point Program.
2. Treatment team members agree to serve on the Treatment Team for a minimum of one year.
3. Treatment team members agree to work with local community leaders to ensure the best interests of the community are considered.
4. Treatment team members should engage in community outreach activities to build partnerships that will improve outcomes and support Turning Point Program sustainability.
5. Turning Point Program incorporates a non-adversarial approach while recognizing the distinct role of the prosecutor to pursue justice and protect public safety and victim's rights; and, defense counsel's distinct role in preserving the constitutional rights of the participants.
6. Treatment team members engage in on-going communication including frequent exchanges of timely and accurate information about participant's overall performance.
7. The Turning Point Program maintains on-going communication with Treatment Team members regarding participants' overall performance utilizing e-mail, phone calls, and weekly team meetings.

8. Mechanisms for decision-making and resolving conflicts among Treatment Team members have been established and are utilized.
9. Treatment team members maintain professional integrity, confidentiality, and accountability.
10. Treatment team members should make reasonable efforts to observe required Turning Point Program service provider programs in order to have confidence in services provided and to better understand the treatment and programming process.
11. The Treatment Team works with the Advisory Committee to assess the team functionality, review all policies and procedures, and assess the overall functionality of the Turning Point Program.

Specific Roles and Responsibilities

The Treatment Team consists of the Turning Point Program Judge, Drug Court Probation Officer, Program Coordinator, Caseworkers, Substance Abuse Counselors, Cognitive Skills Specialist, Recovery Coach, Defense Counsel, Prosecutor, and a Law Enforcement representative.

Below is a list of Treatment Team members and their responsibilities.

Judge

- Discretion to decide the admission into or termination from the Turning Point Program in accordance with the written legal and clinical criteria for the Turning Point Program
- Knowledgeable about treatment and programming methods and limitations;
- Leader of the Treatment Team
- Decision-maker of incentives, sanctions, phase advancement, and successful completion or termination
- Final decision-maker and resolves conflicts among Treatment Team members
- Attends all Treatment Team meetings, monitors treatment progress, enters court orders at status review hearings, issues incentives and sanctions, grants phase advancement, and approves participant's successful completion or unsuccessful termination from the Turning Point Program
- Discusses progress with the participant at status review hearings

Turning Point Probation Officer(s)

- Conducts the legal eligibility screening
- Makes recommendation to Presiding Judge regarding participant admission
- Maintains the daily operations of the specialized docket
- Collects and maintains statistical information and other confidential records concerning participants, collects data from service providers
- Ensures that Treatment Team members follow program policies and procedures
- Plans and facilitates Advisory Committee meetings
- Responsible for overall supervision of each participant, under current Community Control and Summit County Adult Probation guidelines

- Participates in team meetings in which potential participants are reviewed
- Attends Treatment Team meetings and status review hearings
- Advises of any Turning Point Program violations
- During Treatment Team meetings, provides status reports (*Appendix G*) and progress notes to the Treatment Team
- Participates in discussions about incentives, sanctions, phase advancement, successful completion, and termination

Program Coordinator

- Facilitates the specialized docket in accordance with the written program description
- Collects and maintains statistical information and other confidential records concerning participants and assists with creating reports for review and submission to funding sources
- Assigns client caseloads to case management staff
- Ensures case management services are provided in the absence of the assigned Caseworker
- Ensures case management services are in compliance with audit/contract/accreditation standards and Oriana House, Inc., policies and procedures
- Ensures that Treatment Team members follow program policies and procedures
- Attends Treatment Team meetings and status review hearings
- Monitors sanctions/incentives
- During Treatment Team meetings, provides recommendations to the team
- Advises of any violations
- Participates in discussions about incentives, sanctions, phase advancement, successful completion, and termination
- Maintains the daily operations of the specialized docket
- Participates in the Advisory Committee meeting
- Participates in team meetings in which potential participants are reviewed for eligibility

Defense Counsel

- Preserve the constitutional rights of the participants
- Participates in the Advisory Committee meeting
- Participates in team meetings in which potential participants are reviewed for eligibility
- Attends Treatment Team meetings and status review hearings
- During Treatment Team meetings, discusses progress reports with the Treatment Team
- Participates in discussions about incentives, sanctions, phase advancement, successful completion, and termination

Turning Point Program Caseworkers

- Assists participants in the development, utilization and coordination of the Individualized Program Plan (IPP)
- Meets with the participant on a regular basis to discuss individualized program goals and progress while in the program
- Coordinates referrals for clients to chemical dependency treatment programming and ancillary services (i.e.: education, employment, mental health counseling, housing, cognitive skills programming) based on the client's identified needs
- Attends Treatment Team meeting and status review hearings
- Monitors compliance with individualized program plan
- Conducts random alcohol and drug tests; monitors medication compliance and reports testing results to the Treatment Team
- Monitors sanctions/incentives
- Informs the Treatment Team whether treatment plan, supervision plan, and court orders are followed
- Advises of any violations
- During Treatment Team meetings, discuss participants' progress, and provide recommendations to the Treatment Team
- Participates in discussions about incentives, sanctions, phase advancement, successful completion, and termination
- Participates in team meetings in which potential participants are reviewed for eligibility

Cognitive Skills Specialist

- Conducts cognitive skills programming as scheduled to enhance academic learning ability
- Evaluates participants' overall progress and goal achievement and communicates the status to participants on a regular basis
- Provides participants with education about the cognitive errors that support a criminal lifestyle
- Educates and assists participants in utilizing cognitive behavioral techniques to counter act the use of destructive thinking patterns in accordance with cognitive behavioral strategies
- Coordinates services with Caseworkers and Probation Officer
- Attends Treatment Team meetings and status review hearings
- Informs the Treatment Team whether curriculum and court orders are followed
- Participates in Treatment Team meetings and discussions about incentives, sanctions, phase advancement, successful completion and termination

Recovery Coach

- Provides coaching and support to clients as challenges arise from everyday activities through one-on-one sessions, group meetings and telephonic contact
- Assists participants and their families to develop sobriety-based activities of daily living

- Facilitates the transition from a professionally directed substance abuse treatment plan to a participant developed and participant directed recovery wellness plan
- Engages hard-to-reach participants into recovery support group programming and matches those participants to particular support groups or 12-step meetings
- Facilitates small-group discussion with participants
- Accompanies clients to meetings, as directed
- Provides feedback to participants on recovery progress.
- Identifies areas to participants which have presented or may present roadblocks to continued abstinence
- Assists participants with identifying and resolving personal and environmental obstacles to recovery
- Is knowledgeable of links for participants to sources of sober housing, recovery-conducive employment, health and social services, and recovery support.
- Attends Treatment Team meetings and status review hearings
- Informs the Treatment Team regarding participants' behaviors and attitudes
- Participates in Treatment Team meetings and discussions about incentives, sanctions, phase advancement, successful completion and termination

Substance Abuse Counselors – Oriana House, Inc.

- Anyone providing treatment for the Turning Point Program must be appropriately licensed and trained to deliver services
- Conducts diagnostic assessments, provides the clinical diagnosis, and develops the treatment plan
- Initiates referrals for chemical dependency treatment programming
- Provides documentation on a participant's progress in treatment and compliance with treatment plans, including treatment attendance and results of alcohol and drug tests
- Attends Treatment Team meetings and status review hearings
- During Treatment Team meetings, gives treatment updates and makes recommendations regarding treatment needs
- Participates in discussions regarding incentives, sanctions, phase advancement, successful completion, and termination
- Participates in team meetings in which potential participants are reviewed for eligibility

Prosecutor

- Pursue justice and protect public safety and victim's rights
- Participates in the Advisory Committee meeting
- Participates in team meetings in which potential participants are reviewed for eligibility
- Attends Treatment Team meetings and status review hearings in a non-adversarial manner
- During Treatment Team meetings, discusses progress reports with the Treatment Team

- Participates in discussions about incentives, sanctions, phase advancement, successful completion, and termination
- Prepares legal documents for the program such as but not limited to time extensions and waiver of counsel

Law Enforcement

- Participates in the Advisory Committee meeting
- Participates in team meetings in which potential participants are reviewed for eligibility
- Attends Treatment Team meetings and status review hearings in a non-adversarial manner
- During Treatment Team meetings, discusses progress reports with the Treatment Team
- Participates in discussions about incentives, sanctions, phase advancement, successful completion, and termination
- Provides knowledge of street level drug trends
- Assists in the apprehension of Turning Point Program absconders
- Accompanies the Turning Point Probation Officer in field visits

CHAPTER 5: PARTICIPANT MONITORING

Treatment Team Meetings and Status Review Hearings

The Turning Point Program will monitor each participant's performance and progress during weekly Treatment Team meetings held every Monday prior to the status review hearings, commencing at 8:00 AM at the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, 209 South High Street, Akron Ohio 44308

Required attendees include: Turning Point Program Judge, Turning Point Program Probation Officer, Turning Point Program Coordinator, Turning Point Program Caseworkers, an Oriana House Inc. Substance Abuse Counselor, Assistant Prosecutor, Defense Counsel, Law Enforcement Officer(s), Cognitive Skills Specialist and a Recovery Coach.

The Participant has the right to request the attendance of defense counsel during the portion of the specialized docket Treatment Team meeting concerning themselves if they chose not to use the defense counsel provided by the program.

The Turning Point Program Probation Officer prepares and distributes weekly Treatment Team schedule, and provides copies of the status report (*Appendix G*) and alcohol and drug screen results.

Status Review Hearings

The Turning Point Program incorporates ongoing judicial interaction with each participant as an essential component of the Turning Point Program. All Turning Point Program participants are expected to appear at status review hearings as required per program phase so the participant is educated as to the benefits of complying with the Turning Point Program rules and consequences for noncompliance. In addition, having a significant number of participants appear at a single court session gives the opportunity to educate all the participants as to the benefits of court compliance and consequences of noncompliance. Frequent status review hearings establish and reinforce Turning Point Program policies and ensure effective and efficient supervision of the participant.

Note: Not all participants are required to appear at each status review hearing depending on their progress in the Turning Point Program. In the initial phase the Turning Point Program participant shall appear before the Turning Point Program Judge weekly or bi-weekly. Participants in a residential facility may appear monthly, regardless of Phase, until they are discharged into the community, and will then comply within their particular Phase. Thereafter, the Turning Point Program participant regularly appears before the Turning Point Program Judge to review their progress through the Turning Point Program. Review hearing frequency is determined by phase participation:

Phase I: Weekly to Bi-Weekly review hearings

Phase II: Weekly to every three weeks

Phase III: Monthly review hearings

Phase IV: Four to six-week review hearings

Status review hearings will take place before the Turning Point Program Judge every Monday at 9:00 AM until conclusion at the Summit County Common Pleas 209 South High Street, Akron Ohio 44308.

Summary of Treatment

The Turning Point Program adopted the following policies and procedures in reference to treatment services provided to Turning Point Program participants:

1. Turning Point Program participants are promptly assessed and placed as soon as possible in appropriate treatment services and programs.
2. Turning Point Program participants will receive a treatment plan & Individual Program Plan (IPP) based on their individual needs and provided services will incorporate evidenced-based strategies and address co-occurring disorders.
3. Turning Point Program treatment plans & IPP's take into consideration services that are gender responsive, culturally appropriate, and effectively address co-occurring disorders.
4. Provided services including case plans are appropriate and clinically necessary to the degree that available resources allow.

5. Turning Point Program participants shall have prompt access to a continuum of approved treatment and rehabilitation services.
6. The Turning Point Program treatment providers maintain a current treatment plan. The Turning Point Program case management staff maintain a current individual program plan (IPP) and a record of activities. Case plans continue to be developed throughout the specialized docket to reflect the participant's changing needs based on program progress.
7. All treatment and programming will be provided by appropriately licensed and trained programs or persons to deliver such services according to the standards of their profession.

The Summit County Turning Point Program has partnered with Oriana House, Inc., to provide the on-going case management services as well as to serve as the primary provider of chemical dependency treatment services. The Turning Point Program also utilizes an array of community agencies, including, but not limited to, the following, to provide services to Turning Point Program participants:

Community Health Center: Provides registration/intake, assessment, development of treatment plan, group therapies, individual treatment sessions, relapse prevention plans, aftercare plans and gender-specific programming to address those who have been diagnosed with co-occurring disorders. Medication-assisted treatment as well as an array of ancillary services including housing assistance and psychiatric services are provided. Residential treatment services for males and females are also available through the Community Health Center's RAMAR facility.

Edwin Shaw – Dobkin Center: Provides registration/intake, assessment, development of treatment plans, group therapies, individual treatment sessions, relapse prevention plans, aftercare plans and programming including medication-assisted treatment.

Interval Brotherhood Home: Provides residential treatment services to males and females, development of treatment plan, group therapies, individual treatment sessions, relapse prevention plans, aftercare plans and programming

Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Services (UMADAOP): Provides culturally specific programming, registration/intake, assessment, development of treatment plans, group therapies, individual treatment sessions, relapse prevention plans, aftercare plans and programming

Mature Services – Avenues to Recovery Program: Serves a specific target population of older adults struggling with addiction. Services provided include: assessment, individual counseling, group counseling, case management, transportation assistance, specialized women's programming, outreach, family support and anxiety/grief/depression counseling to address those who have been diagnosed with co-occurring disorders.

Northeast Ohio Applied Health (NOAH): A private, OMHAS certified substance abuse treatment program in Macedonia, Ohio. NOAH serves adults in Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark, Wayne and surrounding counties, who are struggling with alcohol and drug addictions. Services provided include several adult out-patient group treatment programs for women and men and two assisted sober living environments in Akron, Ohio. NOAH also offers free door to door transportation to and from the treatment center, a free child activity center for infants and toddlers, group counseling, individual counseling and individual case management.

The LCADA Way: A private, non-profit organization provides addiction and mental health treatment, education, prevention and recovery support services for residents in Lorain, Medina and surrounding counties. LCADA offers over 40 different types of alcohol, drug and gambling addiction treatment and prevention services, as well as mental health services.

Portage Path Behavioral Health: A professional health care company that exists to provide outpatient, inpatient, emergency, and other specialized behavioral health services to individuals of Summit County, Ohio, on a sliding fee scale. Services available include: outpatient groups, individual counseling, psychiatric services, medication clinics, intensive treatment services, 24-hour access to residential Psychiatric Emergency Services and a support hotline.

Oriana House, Inc., case management staff will also collaborate with other Oriana House departments as well as available community agencies to provide ancillary services including, but not limited to:

- Educational and vocational training;
- Employment;
- Transportation;
- Housing;
- Cognitive Skills programming
- Trauma-informed programming
- Physical, mental, and dental health
- Mental health counseling & medication monitoring
- Family programming

Prior to placement in to the Turning Point Program, an appropriately credentialed chemical dependency counselor from Oriana House, Inc., Central Assessment (or other appropriate substance abuse treatment agency) will conduct an evaluation of each participant's drug and/or alcohol issues, and only those individuals with a diagnosis of substance dependence will qualify for admission.

As a condition of participation in the program, each participant agrees to enter into and complete the recommended treatment curriculum contained in the written evaluation submitted to the Turning Point Probation Officer and Turning Point Coordinator by the

treatment agency, and to pay the treatment provider for costs not paid by governmental or other sources.

Treatment will be provided by a licensed treatment provider. Examples of treatment consist of but are not limited to intensive outpatient treatment, residential programming at a chemical dependency inpatient facility, a Community-Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) or Halfway House, or in some instances, inpatient medical detoxification in a facility such as the ADM Crisis Center - Detox.

Some form of outpatient aftercare treatment will typically be required as an extension of the programming received by those individuals completing inpatient/residential treatment, and will include individual counseling sessions and attendance at self-help or other programs.

All Turning Point Program participants are required to comply with the instructions of the staff of Oriana House Inc. or other appropriate treatment agency. Participants must report as scheduled for all treatment sessions, and participate in all activities of the treatment program.

Treatment team members will make a reasonable effort to observe Turning Point Program service provider programs to gain confidence in the services provided and to better understand the treatment and programming process.

The following is a brief description of the possible treatment options for Turning Point Program participants:

Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP) – several agencies, including Oriana House, Inc, Edwin Shaw Hospital, Community Health Center, Mature Services and UMADAOP provide outpatient treatment and counseling for any participant referred to their agency, and has each outpatient facilities. Each facility is staffed with credentialed treatment counselors whose goal is to assist the participant in recognizing and coping with his or her substance abuse problem, and in making the lifestyle changes necessary to avoid future criminal activity.

The Oriana House, Inc., Treatment Readiness Program is a gender-specific group-counseling program for adult males and females who have been diagnosed with a substance dependence and are found in need of an intensive outpatient (IOP) level of care. The Treatment Readiness Group serves to prepare these individuals for the IOP treatment which will follow. This group consists of a minimum of four sessions. It can also continue until the participant is able to meet basic criteria for advancement to the next IOP phase of treatment. The University of Cincinnati Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse is the curriculum used and sessions focus on Reasons People Use, Rethinking Objections, and Weighing the Pros and Cons.

*****An enhanced, gender-specific Oriana House, Inc., Opiate Treatment Readiness Program utilizing the same curriculum is also offered to participants who meet diagnostic criteria for opioid dependence.***

The Oriana House, Inc., Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program (IOP) & Aftercare Programs are gender-specific intensive group counseling for participants who

have been diagnosed as substance dependent. The IOP group meets for three days per week for 180 minute sessions for a consecutive six-week period. This group is followed by the Oriana House, Inc., Aftercare Program which provides on-going outpatient group counseling for 90 minutes weekly for 6, 9 or 12 weeks based on risk level and clinical judgment. The curriculum utilized is The University of Cincinnati Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse emphasizing skill building activities to assist with cognitive, social, emotional, and coping skill development. Aftercare sessions to practice relapse prevention skills; individual, conjoint, and multi-family sessions are included.

*****An enhanced gender-specific Oriana House, Inc., Opiate Treatment IOP and Aftercare Program is also offered to participants who meet diagnostic criteria for opioid dependence. When appropriate, medication-assisted treatment utilizing Suboxone is available as an adjunct to treatment programming.***

Residential Treatment varies in length, depending upon the specific facility's programming but typically is designed to be completed in two to six months, followed by a period of outpatient treatment as designated by the participant's individual treatment plan.

Male participants who are found to be in need of a residential level of care may also be referred to Interval Brotherhood Home, RAMAR operated by Community Health Center. Male participants who are determined to be appropriate candidates for placement into a community-based correctional facility will be referred to the Summit County Community Based Correctional Facility in Akron, Ohio.

Female participants who are found to be in need of a residential level of care may also be referred to Interval Brotherhood Home or RAMAR operated by Community Health Center. Female participants placed into a CBCF will be referred to the Cliff Skeen Community Based Correctional Facility for Women in Akron, Ohio.

The length of the programming at a community-based correctional facility (CBCF) is between three and six months, and participants are given jail time credit for any time served in a CBCF program. During the initial 30 days, a CBCF participant is usually on "house restriction" status, and unable to leave the premises, except under specific circumstances.

The primary halfway house/work release facilities of the Turning Point Program are those of the Oriana House, Inc., specifically the Terrance Mann Residential Center (TMRC) and the Residential Institutional Probation Program (RIPP) for males and the Residential Corrections Center (RCC) for females.

Participants in a halfway house/work release program may be restricted to the premises of the facility but may also be permitted to attend certain outside obligations and appointments as well as to maintain employment and earn pass time away from the facility.

Although a participant's initial treatment plan may not include residential or inpatient programming, more intensive treatment may be ordered at any time during the Turning Point Program, based upon the recommendation of the Turning Point Program Treatment Team.

If a participant fails to comply with the treatment program, the court may utilize a review hearing to impose appropriate sanctions from a wide range of enforcement and treatment tools, which are addressed more completely later in this chapter under the heading of "Sanctions".

Phases

The Turning Point Program is comprised of an orientation phase and Four (4) treatment phases. Phases are the steps in which a participant's performance and progress through the specialized docket are monitored.

1. Progression through the Turning Point Program is based on the participant's performance in the treatment plan and compliance with the Turning Point Program phases.
2. Phase advancement is not solely based on preset timelines.
3. At a minimum, the participant shall appear before the Turning Point Program judge at least weekly or bi-weekly in the initial phase.
4. Utilizing risk assessments, high need, high-risk participants appear at status review hearings weekly or bi-weekly in the specialized dockets initial phase.
5. In subsequent phases the participant shall appear as follows:
Orientation Phase: Week One
Phase I & II: Weekly to Bi-weekly
Phase III: Monthly
Phase IV: Four to Six weeks
6. Time between status review hearings are increased or decreased based upon compliance with treatment protocols and observed progress.
7. Participants in a residential facility may appear monthly, regardless of Phase, until they are discharged into the community, and will then comply within their particular Phase.

General criteria for phase advancement may include a participant's sobriety, mental health, progress in treatment, compliance with court orders, demonstrated financial responsibility towards Court obligations, and team recommendation.

The phases of the Turning Point Program are outlined below (*Appendix D*):

Orientation Phase- Week One

- Meeting with the participant to review and complete the participation agreement and release of information forms
- Review the participant handbook

- Attend initialized specialized docket status review hearing
- Introducing the participant to the members of the Treatment Team
- Complete and review your individualized treatment plan/assessment
- Address any issues with your transportation
- Contact with coordinator/probation officer as instructed

Compliance Phase (Phase 1) - A minimum of four (4) consecutive weeks with total compliance

- Attend status review hearings every other week before the Turning Point Program Judge
 - Higher risk/higher need clients may be required to appear more frequently
- Meet with caseworker as instructed
- Attend self-help meetings as directed
- Attend treatment sessions and activities
- Report for substance abuse testing (Random and routine urine drug screens with a minimum of two per week);
 - Report for random drug testing as directed
- Comply with referral to substance abuse treatment
- Negotiate terms of an Individual Program Plan (IPP) with Turning Point Program Caseworker
- Abide by rules of the Turning Point Program, probation, and obey all laws
- Submit verification of employment or school enrollment/GED class enrollment
- Remain Drug and alcohol free for four consecutive weeks
- Remain sanction free for four consecutive weeks

Program Engagement Phase (Phase 2) - A minimum of six (6) consecutive weeks with total compliance

- Continue status review hearings before the Turning Point Program Judge every other week
 - Higher risk/higher need clients may be required to appear more frequently
- Meet with caseworker as instructed
- Attend self-help meetings as directed
- Report for substance abuse testing (Random and routine with a minimum of one per week)
 - Report for random drug testing as directed
- Continue to attend treatment sessions and activities
- Continue to abide by rules of the Turning Point Program, probation, and obey all laws
- Engage with housing, educational, vocational, employment, driver's license intervention, and parenting class referrals, as needed
- Establish sober support
- Establish pro-social activities
- Remain Drug and alcohol free for six consecutive weeks
- Remain sanction free for six consecutive weeks
- Demonstrated commitment towards paying restitution, court costs, probation fees

Growth and Development (Phase 3) - A minimum of eight (8) consecutive weeks with total compliance

- Attend monthly status review hearings before the Turning Point Program Judge;
- Meet with caseworker as instructed
- Attend self-help meetings as directed
- Report for Substance abuse testing (Random and routine with a minimum of one per month)
 - Report for random drug testing as directed
- Continue to abide by rules of the Turning Point Program, probation, and obey all laws
- Continue to attend treatment sessions & activities
- Maintain sober support
- Attend pro-social activities
- Remain Drug and alcohol free for eight consecutive weeks
- Remain sanction free for eight consecutive weeks
- Follow through with results of ancillary Phase II referral

Maintenance Phase (Phase 4) - A minimum of eight (8) consecutive weeks with total compliance

- Attend monthly status review hearings before the Turning Point Program Judge
- Random substance abuse testing (no less than one time per month)
 - Report for random drug testing as directed
- Continue to attend treatment programming sessions and activities
- Continue to abide by rules of the Turning Point Program, probation, and obey all laws
- Continue to participate in sober support community
- Obtain and/or maintain employment or consistently participate in other vocational activities
- Meet with Turning Point Program Caseworker as instructed
- Demonstrate a good faith effort to pay court costs and program fees by making consistent regular payments or complete community service hours
- Demonstrate stability in housing, educational, vocational or employment referrals, and driver's license
- Remain sanction free for eight consecutive weeks
- Complete a participant authored statement regarding why they should graduate and changes that have been made
- Complete a community plan on action indicating what his/her plan will be after graduation to remain successful
- In Track 1: Twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety and six (6) months crime free
- In Track 2: Six (6) or more consecutive months of (1) sobriety and (2) crime free

Incentives

The Turning Point Program utilizes individual rewards and incentives as an important component for success in making lasting changes in behavior. These incentives and rewards recognize that the participant is doing well in the Turning Point Program, that the participant is following the rules and making difficult changes in his or her life. Incentives are provided on a case-by-case basis.

Examples of rewards may include:

- Judicial praise in court
- Certificate of achievement
- Certificate of completion
- Tangible rewards (ie: gift cards & sobriety-related tokens)
- Reduction of your program requirements
- Advancement to next phase in program
- Reduction of Community Control term

Incentives are awarded according to your progress in the phases of the program and are designed to encourage and reward your positive behavior.

Sanctions

The Turning Point Program uses sanctions to help a participant conform behavior to program requirements. Entry into the Turning Point Program requires more of a participant than if he or she were on regular probation, and is not an easy way out of one's legal problems.

All participants are subject to the imposition of sanctions by the Court, as a result of non-compliance or rule violations by the participant. Sanctions range in severity, depending on the seriousness of the participant's non-compliance or rule violation. Immediate, graduated and individualized sanctions shall govern the Turning Point Program's response to participant's non-compliance.

The imposition of sanctions is at the sole discretion of the Turning Point Program Judge, and sanctions may be modified based upon the facts of the individual situation and/or the recommendation of the Turning Point Program Treatment Team. Judgment on any sanctionable behavior is guided by an overriding consideration of whether the participant should continue in the program.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- More frequent review hearings before the Court;
- More frequent case management sessions;
- Increased testing of breath or urine for drugs or alcohol;
- Verbal reprimand by the Judge;
- Written essay reports;
- Community Service;

- Incarceration;
- Placement into a residential community correctional program;
- Courtroom observation;
- Electronic Monitoring;
- Returning to previous phase of the program.

The failure of the participant to attend any scheduled court appearance, treatment related appointment, or scheduled office visit with his or her caseworker may result in the issuance of a warrant for the participant's arrest, if he or she does not get prior approval by a member of the Turning Point team.

Examples of rule violations which may result in sanctions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Missed Review Hearing with Judge – Unexcused
- Missed Treatment Session – Unexcused
- Missed Appointment with Probation Officer or Caseworker
- Missed or Positive Substance Abuse Testing
- Improper Use of Prescribed Medication/Use of Prescribed Medication without Doctor's Verification
- New misdemeanor conviction
- New felony conviction
- Failure to notify Caseworker of current place of residence, employment/source of income, or violation of any conditions of supervision not specifically addressed by program requirements
- Failure to attend case management session or referral meeting
- Failure to provide verification of self-help attendance
- Falsification of self-help meeting attendance sheet
- Late to Turning Point court hearing or meeting
- Failure to comply with counselor's treatment recommendation(s)
- Tampering with urine drug screen
- Refusal to submit to a urine drug screen as instructed
- Failure to adhere to your Individual Program Plan.

Note: If while in Phase II, III or IV a participant is returned to a previous phase due to a rule violation the participant may be required to restart that phase.

Therapeutic adjustments refer to alterations to participants' treatment requirements that are intended to address unmet clinical or social service needs, and are not intended as an incentive or sanction, although may coincide with the imposition of either.

General therapeutic adjustments which may be used include, but are not limited to increased support group requirements, additional referrals to treatment, residential treatment placement, treatment plan review, and increased AA/NA meetings.

CHAPTER 6: PROGRAM COMPLETION

Criteria for Successful Completion-Standard 3(B)

Graduation criteria are the guidelines used to identify how participants can successfully complete the Turning Point Program. Criteria for successful completion of the Turning Point Program demonstrating acceptable behavior and compliance include, but are not limited to the following:

Compliant Behavior:

- Demonstrated period of abstinence from alcohol and drugs;
- Track 1: Twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety and six (6) months crime free;
- Track 2: Six (6) or more consecutive months of sobriety, and six (6) months crime free;
- Attended sober support group meetings;
- Display a change in thinking, attitude, and beliefs;
- Successfully completed treatment or programming;
- Obtain and/or maintain consistent employment;
- Demonstrated ability to identify and eliminate criminal thinking patterns;
- Good faith effort to pay all financial sanctions demonstrated by regular payment history or complete community service, and treatment costs; and

Accomplishments:

- Demonstrated abstinence from alcohol and drugs as evidenced by negative screens;
- Completion of treatment;
- Involvement in Pro-social activities;
- Completed Turning Point Program requirements;
- Paid in full restitution, fines and court costs, unless otherwise determined;
- Display responsibility for his or her behavior and
- Demonstrated stability in the community.

The Judge has the discretion to determine when the participant will successfully complete the program.

The process for determining when a participant has successfully completed the program includes:

- The Turning Point Program caseworker recommends the participant for successful completion;
- The Treatment Team reviews the compliant behavior and accomplishments of the participant;
- The Turning Point Program Judge makes the final decision to allow the participant to successfully complete the Turning Point Program and;
- The participant is awarded a certificate of completion at the graduation ceremony.

Track 2 participants will be released from Community Control upon successful completion of the Turning Point Program.

Termination Classification

Unsuccessful Termination-Standard 3(B)

The Judge on an on-going basis provides an explanation of responses to compliance and noncompliance including the criteria for termination. The Turning Point Program Judge has discretion to decide termination from the Turning Point Program in accordance with the following Turning Point Program written criteria.

- Ongoing non-compliance with treatment or resistance to treatment;
- New criminal conviction;
- Any Turning Point Program rule infraction or series of infractions;
- A Community Control violation or series of Community Control violations.

If a participant is unsuccessfully terminated from the Turning Point Program, they are subject to the following actions:

- A Community Control Violation and/or;
- The imposition of other penalties and incarceration and/or;
- Track 1 participants will be sentenced, resulting in a felony conviction.

Neutral Discharge-Standard 3(B)

Participants of the Turning Point Program may receive a neutral discharge if they meet one or all of the following criteria:

- Diagnosed with a serious medical condition, which will prohibit them from participating in the Turning Point Program;
- Diagnosed with a serious mental health condition and/or mental deficit, which prevents them from effectively participating in the program;
- The participant relocates to other jurisdiction;
- Death; or
- Other factors that may keep the participant from meeting the requirements for successful completion.

If a participant receives a neutral discharge for the Turning Point Program, they are subject to the following actions:

- The case will be assigned to the appropriate probation officer to continue with standard community control supervision;
- In the event of death, the case will be dismissed or terminated;
- If the participant relocates their community control may be transferred to the supervising authority in the appropriate jurisdiction.

Inactive or Suspension Status

If any of the following criteria apply the participant may be placed on inactive or suspension status:

- Placed in a residential facility and cannot be transported for status review hearings;
- In need of further assessment or evaluations to determine if the Turning Point Program is beneficial to the participant and the program; and
- Has an outstanding warrant for non-compliance from the specialized docket and the issue has not been resolved.

CHAPTER 7 SUBSTANCE ABUSE MONITORING-Standard 8

Upon initially entering the Turning Point Program, each participant shall divulge all recent drug and/or alcohol use, including the date and approximate time of use, the amount and type of substance used, method of ingestion, and any other relevant information required by staff. They will also be required to sign a release of information allowing case management staff at Oriana House, Inc., to share all test results with the Summit County Turning Point Program.

At their case management intake appointment, the participant shall submit a full screen urine sample for testing to establish a baseline for the presence of drug metabolites in his or her system, and will not be sanctioned based upon the results of the initial urinalysis. Testing includes the participant's primary substance of dependence, as well as sufficient range of other common substances.

Due to the nature of cannabinoids and the time period sometimes required for THC elimination from the body, a participant will be considered to be "clean" after two consecutive urine samples test negative for marijuana use. In addition, consistent positive urine drug screens for cannabinoids will be deemed a new use after positive results exceed a 5 week residual period. Residual timeframes for other drugs will be determined by the guidelines outlined in the Oriana House, Inc., Policy #8043 – *Detection Period of Drugs (Appendix H)*.

As a condition of the Turning Point Program, each participant must agree to voluntarily report to the Court, Caseworker, and treatment agency staff, any violations of the Turning Point Program rules, including the use of alcohol, illegal or non-prescribed drugs, including, but not limited to, synthetic cannabinoids such as "K2" and "Spice", inhaling or "huffing" of chemical vapors, and the abuse of otherwise properly prescribed medications such as Percocet, Vicodin, Adderall and Xanax, which contain a controlled substance.

Turning Point Program participants must report any and all prescribed medications to their treatment provider and assigned Caseworker. They must agree to provide verification of any prescription from their doctor, including signing a release for Turning Point Program personnel to contact their doctor. See prescription drug policy # (Appendix I)

If a participant tests positive for a controlled substance and has not adhered to the prescription drug policy, they shall be sanctioned immediately. A participant must take all prescribed medications strictly as directed.

Participants must also inform their Turning Point Program Caseworker and counselor of any “over-the-counter” (OTC) medications he or she may be using.

Inappropriate use of any medication, irrespective of whether it was prescribed or purchased over-the-counter, could result in termination from the Turning Point Program. If necessary, the Probation Officer will utilize the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) report to track a participant’s prescription medications and identify any areas of concern, such as drug-seeking behaviors.

Turning Point Program participants are required to submit to random urinalysis and breath tests, as well as any additional testing that may be necessary. Substance testing shall be random, frequent and observed. All urine will be collected in accordance with the following Oriana House, Inc., policies and procedures: **#8035 – On-Site Instrument Based Testing, #8036 – Methodologies and #8041 – Instructions to Clients (Appendix J)**. All urine drug screen specimens are tracked by bar code and are sent to the Oriana House, Inc., testing lab, which is a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certified lab. The lab also participates in accredited proficiency testing with the American Association of Bioanalysts. The transport of specimens follows a documented Chain of Custody procedure as outlined in Oriana House, Inc., Policy **#8044 – Chain of Custody (Appendix K)**. Following testing of the sample, results are entered in the Oriana House, Inc., Client Management Information System (CMIS) database and are immediately accessible to case management staff. Random test selection is incorporated into individual alcohol and drug testing plans for participants taking in to account their drug of choice and drug detection periods. Participants will be tested sufficient to include their primary substance of dependence, as well as a sufficient range of common substances.

Frequency of testing

Phase I: Minimum 2 times per week

Phase II: Minimum 1 time per week

Phase III: Minimum 1 time per month

Phase IV: Minimum 1 times per month

Each participant will be given a card with a Personal Identification Number (PIN), call-in window and phone number for a random call in system. Participants will be given a four (4) hour window to call in (7:00 am – 11:00 am) and find out if they have been selected to report to submit that day. It is the participant’s responsibility to report to the designated location within the timeframe stated in the automated message, if selected.

Substance testing shall be random, frequent and observed. Turning Point Program participants are responsible for providing case management staff with a valid phone number and an emergency contact number.

Each sample will be observed by Oriana House, Inc., staff and must register the correct temperature. If the collector has concerns regarding the validity of the specimen, creatinine concentration and specific gravity will be tested to ensure that the sample is an undiluted, correctly submitted urine specimen. The participant may then be asked to submit another sample for testing. All sample collection shall be random, frequent and observed.

If a participant fails to submit a urine specimen, tampers with or dilutes a urine specimen, or if the participant fails to produce a sufficient quantity of urine needed for analysis, the participant shall be sanctioned immediately as if he or she submitted a urine sample that tested positive for substance abuse.

Should a participant deny any use when confronted with a positive drug test result, the participant may request the sample be sent to an outside laboratory (Redwood Laboratory) for Gas Chromatography - Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) confirmation/validation testing in accordance with Oriana House, Inc., **Policy #8045 – Confirmations (Appendix L)**. The participant will not be sanctioned while waiting for the laboratory results. If the confirmation test result is negative for the substance tested, the confirmation fee may be credited towards your Oriana House, Inc. program fees or you may be reimbursed. However, if the confirmations test result is positive for drug use, the cost of the test will be assessed to the participant as an additional program fee and a more severe sanction may be issued for the deception in addition to the use.

Program participants are also required to undergo testing to detect alcohol consumption in accordance with Oriana House, Inc., **Policy #8050 – Alcohol Testing Protocol (Appendix M)**. If a participant submits an initial positive alcohol breath test on the AlcoMonitor, a confirmation test will be administered after a 15 minutes. A participant may also be ordered to submit to enhanced monitoring for alcohol consumption by wearing a Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) device, and will be responsible for any fees associated with such a device, including the installation of a landline telephone in their residence, if necessary.

The court will immediately be notified when a participant tests positive, fails to submit to testing, submits an adulterated sample or the sample of another individual, or dilutes the sample. Failure to submit, submitting an adulterated sample, the sample of another individual, or a diluted sample will be treated as a positive test. Positive tests will result in a court appearance where an appropriate sanction as determined with input from the Treatment Team will be administered by the Turning Point Program Judge immediately. Tampering with a urine drug screen will result in an enhanced sanction of jail. The treatment provider will be notified immediately of the participant's positive test result by the assigned Turning Point Program Caseworker to allow for adjustment to treatment

plans if necessary. Detox or an increased level of treatment will be facilitated when appropriate.

CHAPTER 8: PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION-Standard 11

The Turning Point Program assures continuing interdisciplinary education of Treatment Team members to promote effective specialized docket planning, implementation and operations. Treatment team members are responsible for attending ongoing continuing education on a variety of topics such as:

- The specialized docket model;
- Specialized docket processes;
- Best practices in substance abuse and mental health services;
- Drug trends and alcohol and drug testing; and
- Training on community resources.

Treatment team members are encouraged to attend the Supreme Court of Ohio's Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network Annual Conference where training on several of the required topics is provided. While grant funding exists, several Turning Point Program team will attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) National Conference. All Treatment Team members will receive the Specialized Docket Newsletter and agree to keep all contact information provided to the Supreme Court of Ohio Specialized Docket Section current.

New Treatment Team Members – Standard 11

Treatment team members agree to serve for a minimum of one (1) year. At a minimum of once every two (2) years, an assessment of the Turning Point Program Treatment Team functionality, as well as a review of the policies and procedures and overall functionality of the Turning Point Program will be conducted. The Turning Point Program has prepared procedures to compensate for the transition of team members. New additions to the team are invited to observe the Turning Point Program status review hearings to provide familiarity with the operations of the aspect of the program. New team members are provided detailed information outlining their roles and responsibilities, as well as a program description and participant handbook.

CHAPTER NINE: EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION

The Turning Point Program Judge will evaluate the effectiveness of the program by measuring the program goals and objectives as stated in chapter one, page two of the program description. The data will be collected and recorded by the Turning Point Program Probation Officer and Turning Point Coordinator. A report will be presented and reviewed by the Advisory Committee during its annual meeting to evaluate the effectiveness and functionality of the Turning Point Program, Treatment Team, policies

and procedures and whether the Turning Point Program is meeting its goals and objectives.

Supreme Court Reporting Data-Standard 12(A)

The Turning Point Program will comply with reporting data as required by the Supreme Court. The data will be collected and maintained by the Turning Point Program coordinator. The data collected will include, but is not limited to the following:

- Number of participants referred;
- Number of participants accepted;
- Number of cases terminated;
- Number of cases neutrally discharged; and
- Number of cases successfully discharged

Participant identifiers will be precluded in the collection of data to protect the confidentiality of Turning Point Program participants.

On-going Data Collection-Standard 12(B)

The Turning Point Program shall engage in on-going data collection in order to evaluate whether or not the program is meeting its goals and objectives. In order to protect the confidentiality of the participants identifying information will be precluded. The goals and objectives of the Turning Point Program are as follows:

Goal 1: To have a successful impact on the number of track 2 successful completions.

Objective: Within 12-18 months 50% of track 2 participations will successfully complete Turning Point

Goal 2: Maintain the number of track 1 successful completions.

Objectives: Within 12-18 months 60% of track 1 participants will successfully complete Turning Point.

Goal 3: Track success beyond graduation

Objectives: Reduce recidivism so that 60% of Turning Point graduates will remain conviction free three years following graduation.

Appendix

- A. Advisory Committee Roster and Agreement
- B. Participant Handbook Track 1 (IILC Track)
- C. Application Screening Form
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