

RICHLAND COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT REFERRAL INFORMATION

**There are 6 basic referrals used in Mental Health Court.
The information required of the referring party varies depending upon the
source of the referral.**

1. GENERAL SESSIONS REFERRAL FORM

A referral to Mental Health Court for General Sessions cases requires the agreement of the Solicitor and the Public Defender / Attorney handling the case. [A referral can be submitted with only one signature BUT we cannot proceed until the other party agrees]
If the defendant is on probation, the name of the Probation Agent must be provided.
Copies of Warrant(s) / Rap Sheet / Incident Report / Victim Impact statement / restitution requirements will be required before we can proceed.

2. MAGISTRATE REFERRAL FORM

A referral to Mental Health Court from a Magistrate's office can be mailed / faxed / delivered. Copies of Warrant(s) / Rap Sheet / Incident Report / Victim Impact statement / restitution requirements are requested but not always available to the magistrate at the time of the referral. At a minimum, the warrant(s) are required with the referral.

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT REFERRAL FORM

A referral to Mental Health Court from law enforcement can be mailed / faxed / delivered. Copies of Warrant(s) / Rap Sheet / Incident Report / Victim Impact statement / restitution requirements are requested but not always available to the officer at the time of the referral. At a minimum, the warrant(s) are required with the referral.

4. GENERAL USE REFERRAL FORM [used by mental health professionals]

A referral from a mental health professional and/or the public is designed to gather as much information as possible about the defendant's legal and mental health related issues. The information provided is used to contact Magistrates / Solicitors / Public Defenders, etc.

5. DRUG COURT REFERRAL FORM

A referral to Mental Health Court from law enforcement can be mailed / faxed / delivered. Copies of Warrant(s) / Rap Sheet / Incident Report / Victim Impact statement / restitution requirements are requested but not always available to Drug Court at the time of the referral. The information provided is used to contact Magistrates / Solicitors / Public Defenders, etc.

6. BOND COURT REFERRAL FORM

A referral to Mental Health Court from law enforcement can be mailed / faxed / delivered. Copies of Warrant(s) are requested but not always available to Bond Court at the time of the referral. The information provided is used to contact Magistrates / Solicitors / Public Defenders, etc.