



# Mental Health Diversion Court

## INFORMED CONSENT FOR INTERVIEW AND PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

The goals of the Tarrant County Mental Health Diversion Court (MHDC) are consistent with the Texas Government Code § 125.001, to provide diversion of potentially mentally ill or intellectual and developmentally disabled defendants to needed services as an alternative to subjecting those defendants to the criminal justice system. If you successfully complete the program your charges will be dismissed.

I, the undersigned understand that a mental health professional is interviewing me to help determine if I preliminarily meet the clinical criteria for admission into the Mental Health Diversion Court. I understand that this interview does not mean I am accepted into the program and as such, I am required to follow all current bonds, pretrial or court ordered conditions. I hereby consent to the interview as described above and give my permission for information gathered during this interview, and other sources to be shared with the members of the Mental Health Diversion Court Team which includes but is not limited to: other mental health professionals for consultation and training purposes, criminal defense attorneys, prosecutors and other criminal justice/court staff and personnel as outlined in Sec. 125.003. By signing this document, I understand I am waiving my legal rights to confidentiality to allow judicial efficiency due to my current pending case(s).

I agree to meet with my attorney to discuss the conditions of the MHDC to ensure I am making an informed decision to enter the program before I sign any required legal documents. I understand that admission to this program is voluntary and that the final approval for admission will be determined by a representative of the District Attorney's office and the Judge of the Mental Health Diversion Court.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_