



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
COLLABORATIVE COURTS OFFICE
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Mental Health Diversion (MHDA) Referral Packet

Mental Health Diversion is based on AB 1810 (PC 1001.35 & PC 1001.36). This legislation gives discretionary diversion of qualified persons who have committed a crime because of mental health disorder. Diversion may be granted during pretrial stage at any time after the filing of an accusatory pleading. The following criteria is considered for eligibility.

Eligibility Criteria

Clients must:

- ❖ Have a recent mental health diagnosis from a “qualified mental health provider”
- ❖ Mental health was a significant factor in charged offense
- ❖ Not pose “an unreasonable risk of danger to public safety” as defined in Section 1170.1, if treated in the community
- ❖ Be able to respond to treatment goals
- ❖ Waive their right to a speedy trial
- ❖ Agree to comply with treatment goals
- ❖ Agree with treatment goals developed by a treating provider

Exclusionary Factors

- ❖ Offence of murder or voluntary manslaughter
- ❖ Any 290 offence except PC 314
- ❖ Offence of PC 11418, weapon of mass destruction
- ❖ Diagnosis of Antisocial Personality Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, and Pedophilia

Mental Health Diversion Process

- ❖ Fill out *Contact Information Form* (Enclosed, Page 2)
- ❖ Client completes and signs all *Releases of Information (ROI)* (Enclosed, Pages 3 - 10)
- ❖ Request the court conduct a *Collaborative Court Clinician Assessment (CCCA)*
- ❖ If client has any additional mental health records including, out of Santa Cruz County records, please include that documentation with this referral packet.

Return referral packet to the collaborative courts box located in the Judge’s Chambers Office or email to collaborativecourts@santacruzcourt.org. If you have questions email collaborativecourts@santacruzcourt.org

Please allow anywhere from one to three weeks to complete the screening assessment.