PROGRAM MISSION:

The mission of Hennepin County Criminal Mental Health Court is to address the unmet mental health needs of defendants and to increase public safety through a specialized program that involves intensive supervision by probation, referral and case management services provided by the Criminal Mental Health Court Team and community agencies, frequent appearances before the Criminal Mental Health Court Judge, mandatory chemical health and/or mental health treatment, regular attendance at support groups, and frequent random drug testing.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Reduce recidivism
- Reduce emergency room visits and hospitalizations
- Improve life stability
- Increase compliance with court ordered conditions
- Reduce jail time
- Facilitate access to services

- 58% of participants who exited in 2016 had no new crime
- 77% of participants had zero hospitalizations during program participation
- 47% reduction in unemployment from program start to finish
- 38% of treatment referrals were completed successfully
- 46% of participants spent no time in jail during program participation
- 92% of participants leave the program with health insurance coverage

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

81% of participants surveyed agree they would recommend Mental Health Court to a friend in a similar situation.

“I wouldn’t be where I am without Mental Health Court.”
“I appreciate its services and what it’s done for me.”
“I am really appreciative of everyone here.”

KEY PROGRAM METRICS

- Average age of participants: 37
- Percent people of color: 62
- Mental Health Court referrals in 2018: 263
- Participants in May 2019: 165
- Average months spent in the program: 16
- Average number of review hearings: 14
- Graduation rate: 44%
- Women: 30%
- Men: 70%

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*Data based on participants who exited Mental Health Court during 2018; **Data based on participants who were active in Mental Health Court in May 2019
†Data based on surveys conducted with Mental Health Court participants during August, 2017