Supreme Court of Kentucky

ORDER

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE LOCAL RULES FOR THER HEART/MRRT PROGRAM FOR THE 16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND CIRCUIT COURTS, KENTON COUNTY

Upon recommendation of the Chief Circuit and District Judges of the 16th Judicial Circuit and District, and being otherwise sufficiently advised,

The Local Rules for the HEART/MRRT Program for the 16th Judicial Circuit and District Courts, Kenton County, are hereby approved. This order shall be effective as of the date of this Order, and shall remain in effect until further order of this court.

Entered this the 27th day of October 2020.

CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN D. MINTON, JR.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

KENTON CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS

GENERAL ORDER

WHEREAS, the Kenton County Circuit and District Courts, with the cooperation and agreement of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Kenton County Public Defender's Office, Kenton County Detention Center, North Key Community Care, Transitions, 10/10 Program, The Life Learning Center and other community partners had established the "HEART/MRRT PROGRAM" to have class D felony inmates screened, released from custody and transported to IOP and Inpatient treatment programs depending on the screening recommendation as a condition of their bond.

WHEREAS, the Kenton County Circuit and District Courts and the above Community Partners have invested a lot of time, personnel and financial resources including federal grants obtained by various partners to establish and assist in the HEART/MRRT program.

WHEREAS, the HEART/MRRT program resulted in individuals receiving treatment immediately upon their release thereby reducing recidivism and resulting in many individuals receiving reduced charges, felony diversion and/or suspended sentences.

WHEREAS, due to Kentucky Supreme Court's Administrative Release Order, those assessments were no longer being conducted due to the inmate being released before it could be completed. As a result, the number of individuals being released and reoffending with pending charges has increased significantly in Kenton County.

WHEREAS, to adapt to above it was agreed to by the Kenton Circuit and District Courts and the HEART/MRRT team that the qualifying Class D inmates should and would be referred to the Life Learning Center to complete a Drug Treatment Screening as a condition of their release and requested Pretrial to indicate that as a condition of their release.

AS SUCH, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT THE KENTON COUNTY PRETRIAL OFFICE SHALL include as a condition of **Administrative Release** of any inmate released pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order of Administrative Release on a Kenton County Charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class D felony, that they contact the LIFE LEARING CENTER within 24 hours of their release to schedule a screening for Drug Treatment. Additionally, a written Notice to Contact Pre-trial and Life Learning Center to schedule drug treatment screening with appropriate contact information shall be provided to the defendant by Pretrial Services and/or Detention Center Staff upon release.

2. That this Order shall become effective upon the approval of the Kentucky Supreme Court.

SO ORDERED THIS 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

Judge Patricia Summe
Chief Kenton Circuit Court Judge

Judge Ann Ruttle
Chief Kenton District Judge

Prepared By:

Judge Douglas Grothaus
Kenton District Court