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Third Circuit Mental Health Court Marks 6th Graduation

DETROIT, MI. September 26, 2016— On Friday, September 23, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Detroit, Michigan, Third Circuit Court hosted its 6th Mental Health Court graduation. Twelve participants were given their certificate of completion in a ceremony hosted by Michigan State University-Detroit Center. Tamela Aikens, Director of Adult Community Corrections Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans, and Community Wellness delivered the keynote address.

As one of 28 programs in the state, the concept of Mental Health Court is to reduce recidivism, reduce the length of stay in jail, and improve the treatment services for those who are severely and persistently mentally ill.

The treatment court program, led by Judge Timothy M. Kenny, Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division, is a success because of the collaborative efforts of our community partners. All team members stress independence to participants and that tomorrow is a vision of hope. Services offered include judicial interaction, mental health treatment, residential treatment, relapse prevention, employment and housing assistance.

For more information regarding our (Adult) Mental Health Court Program, please Contact Program Coordinator, Deborah Price, at (313) 224-2269.



The Third Judicial Circuit is the largest circuit court in Michigan with three operating divisions. The Third Circuit Court has jurisdiction over Civil, Criminal, and Family matters arising in the County of Wayne. The National Center for State Courts has cited the Third Circuit Court as one of the model urban courts in the United States for case flow management and the timely disposition of the Court's docket. For more information, visit www.3rdcc.org.