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Patty Baker, Clerk of Superior Court Cherokee Cty, GA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY IN THE STATE COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In the matter of:

Cherokee County Treatment Accountability Court

Administration and Procedure

INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE

WHEREAS the Judges of the Superior and State Courts of Cherokee County, recognizing the increasing need for alternative means of addressing the needs of the mentally ill within the justice system, have agreed to the establishment of the Cherokee County Treatment Accountability Court (CCTAC); and

WHEREAS the Chief Judges of the Superior and State Court of Cherokee County are desirous of providing for the manner in which cases considered for inclusion in the Treatment Accountability Court are most efficiently managed,

The following operating procedure is adopted:

All decisions regarding the acceptance of cases referred into the CCTAC program shall be made by the Treatment Accountability Court Team which will consist of the Presiding Judge, one Superior Court Judge, Court Coordinator, Defense Attorney, Treatment Provider and representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Solicitor General's Office, Sheriff's Office, State Probate Court Office and Georgia Probation Management.

Upon determination by the Treatment Accountability Court Team that a defendant is appropriate for admission to the Treatment Accountability Court Program and that defendant is willing to enter said program, an order transferring that matter to the presiding judge of the

CCTAC shall be entered and shall be signed by the Judge that the matter is currently assigned to, the Presiding Judge of the CCTAC, the prosecutor, and the probation officer (if applicable).

Following transfer, the Presiding Judge of the CCTAC shall be responsible for all further dispositions in the matter; including termination from the Treatment Accountability Court Program, except as may otherwise be agreed.

This Order supersedes the Order entered on November 23, 2015 in Minute Book 199, Page 2993.

SO ORDERED this 2 day of January

Cherokee County Superior Count Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit

State Court of Cherokee County Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit