

**RULES FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE
FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

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SECTION .4000 - TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES TO STREET CRIMES (TASC)

10 NCAC 14V .4001 SCOPE

(a) Treatment Alternatives to Street Crimes (TASC) is a service designed to offer a supervised community-based alternative to incarceration or potential incarceration primarily to individuals who are alcohol or other drug abusers, but also to individuals who are mentally ill or developmentally disabled and who are involved in crimes of a non-violent nature.

(b) This service provides a liaison between the criminal justice system and alcohol and other drug treatment and educational services. It provides screening, identification, evaluation, referral and monitoring of alcohol or other drug abusers for the criminal justice system.

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10 NCAC 14V .4002 STAFF

(a) Each TASC staff member shall have a baccalaureate degree in either criminal justice or human service related fields or an associate of arts degree with four years experience in criminal justice or human service related fields.

(b) TASC personnel shall receive continuing education in the following areas:

- (1) the physiological, sociological and psychological correlates of substance abuse;
- (2) substance abuse treatment;
- (3) judicial and political issues related to substance abuse; and
- (4) substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation resources.

(c) Each TASC program shall provide its staff with:

- (1) a revised and documented training plan, completed annually;
- (2) a schedule for implementation of the plan;
- (3) documentation of at least 32 hours annually of TASC relevant training which shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (A) TASC mission and philosophy;
- (B) pharmacology;
- (C) sentencing practices;
- (D) assessment of drug dependency;
- (E) substance abuse treatment modalities and expectations; and
- (F) case management.

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10 NCAC 14V .4003 OPERATIONS

(a) Population Served. Each TASC program shall be designed to serve individuals who have a documented substance abuse problem and who are involved with the criminal justice system.

(b) Screening and Identification. Each TASC program shall:

(1) provide to potential referral sources a process by which identification, screening and referrals may be accomplished. The process shall include:

- (A) procedures which delineate the method for identifying TASC-eligible clients;
- (B) documented evidence that the program is seeking to have clients referred to it through the justice system. This evidence shall be in the form of a written agreement that shall be signed by the appropriate local judicial official;
- (C) eligibility criteria for TASC client participation; and
- (D) written evidence that cooperating justice system component and treatment agencies are aware of, and have a clear understanding of, who is eligible to receive TASC services.

(2) maintain a listing of community-based treatment, education, and other referral services that includes admission and referral criteria.

(c) Evaluation. Each TASC program shall conduct or secure an assessment or evaluation for each prospective client referred from the criminal justice system which shall include:

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(1) documentation that a standardized TASC assessment process is utilized to ensure that all eligibility criteria

are met and that standardized TASC assessment instruments and procedures are used to confirm:

(A) a substance abuse dysfunction;

(B) current criminal charges; and

(C) client criminal history.

(2) a face to face assessment interview.

(d) Referral. Each TASC program shall ensure that:

(1) each client is referred to an appropriate level of care, including treatment for mental illness or services for a

developmental disability, within 48 hours of the TASC assessment. In the event that immediate placement is unavailable, office monitoring shall be provided.

(2) documentation in the signed agreement indicates that the potential TASC client has been informed and understands program requirements.

(e) Monitoring/Reporting. Each TASC program shall develop and implement a monitoring and reporting procedure for each

client, which shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) notification to the criminal justice system component and treatment provider of each client's TASC acceptance;

(2) an approved individual TASC case management plan completed by the TASC program and the client within

30 days of admission;

(3) documentation requirements for monthly progress reports from the TASC program to the referring agency;

(4) notification, within 24 hours, of any client's TASC termination; and

(5) documentation in the TASC file of progress for each TASC client from admission to discharge.

(f) Success/Failure Criteria:

(1) Each TASC program shall develop and implement procedures to measure client success or failure, including readmission criteria.

(2) All cooperating justice system components and treatment agencies shall be aware of this criteria as documented in a signed agreement.

(g) Management Information System. Each TASC program shall report, monthly, to the DWI/Criminal Justice Branch, TASC

program data using the standardized data form approved by the DMH/DD/SAS.

(h) TASC Unit Organization:

(1) Each area program or contract agency shall ensure that TASC is recognized as a distinct service and include

it on the organizational chart.

(2) The area program and/or contract agency shall appoint a qualified TASC administrator with a specific job

description.

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