



Veterans' Treatment Court

INFORMED CONSENT FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION AND PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

The goals of the Ellis County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) are consistent with **Texas Health and Safety Code 617.001**, to provide diversion of Justice-Involved Veterans, whose military service resulted in a brain injury, mental illness, or mental disorder, including post-traumatic stress disorder, TBI and/or sexual trauma. The VTC will identify eligible veterans and link them to needed services as an alternative to subjecting those defendants to the traditional criminal justice system. By completing the program successfully, charges will be dismissed and eligible for expunction.

I, _____ (print), the undersigned understand that I am applying to the Ellis County VTC, and all information collected will help determine if I meet the criteria for admission into the Ellis County VTC. I understand that submission of my application and DD214 does not mean I am accepted into the program and as such, I am required to follow all current bonds, pretrial, or court-ordered conditions.

I hereby consent as described above and give my permission for information gathered during this application process to be shared with the members of the VTC Team which includes but is not limited to other mental health professionals for consultation, Department of Veterans Affairs, criminal defense attorneys, prosecutors, and other criminal justice/court staff and personnel as outlined in **Texas Health and Safety Code Sec. 611.004**. By signing this document, I understand I am waiving my legal rights to confidentiality to allow judicial efficiency due to my current pending case(s).

I agree to meet with my attorney and thoroughly discuss the conditions of the program, to ensure I am making an informed decision to enter the program before I sign any required legal documents. I understand that admission to this program is voluntary and that the final approval for admission will be determined by a representative of the District Attorney's Office and/or the Judge of the Ellis County VTC.

YOU SHALL INFORM THE VTC STAFF OF ANY PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES AS OF THE DATE OF APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM, TO INCLUDE ANY DEFERRED OR STRAIGHT PROBATIONS, ARRESTS, OR CONVICTIONS OTHER THAN TRAFFIC CITATIONS. FAILURE TO DISCLOSE ARRESTS OR CONVICTIONS MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR APPLICATION OR TERMINATION FROM THE VTC.

Veteran's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attorney Signature: _____ Date: _____