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By 

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN RE APPLICATIONS FOR
MENTAL HEALTH COURT

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2010-01

WHEREAS individuals applying to Mental Health Court are required "to complete a diagnosis/eligibility evaluation by the Mental Health ACT team Clinician and the Mental Health Court Coordinator"; and

WHEREAS the current budgetary environment has impacted the timeliness of the evaluations provided by the Mental Health ACT team; and

WHEREAS the budgetary limitations upon state agencies make the requirement for a state-prepared evaluation in every case impractical; and

WHEREAS individual defendants may, on occasion, obtain mental health evaluations from qualified evaluators of their own accord.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an applicant may supplant the standard application's requirement that he/she be evaluated by the Mental Health ACT team Clinician by providing a current (less than 90 days old) mental health

evaluation by a qualified evaluator. Such evaluation will be entitled to full consideration by the Mental Health Court team, just as if the Mental Health Act team Clinician had performed the evaluation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 13 day of January, 2010.



G. RICHARD BEVAN
Administrative District Judge

C: District Judges, Fifth Judicial District
County Prosecutors and Public Defenders, Fifth Judicial District.
Mental Health ACT supervisor
Mental Health Court Coordinator