

## Directed Project

In the course of a participant's time in the Nova Scotia Mental Health Court Program or Court Monitored Drug Treatment Program (the "Program"), they may find themselves in a situation where they have not met a particular expectation of the Program. Those expectations are outlined in the following documents:

- Nova Scotia Health Authority Participation Agreement
- Consent and Waiver
- Program Expectations
- Substance Testing Waiver
- Monitoring of Expectations

If the Mental Health Court Program Team (the "Team") is in agreement that a participant has not met an expectation as outlined, then the Team will suggest, and the Mental Health Court will then direct, a participant to complete a Directed Project by a certain time.

A Directed Project is community volunteer work with a specific agency or an agency of the participant's choice, as determined by the Team.

The duration of the Directed Project will be anywhere from 2 to 25 hours. The length of the Directed Project will be determined by the Team, taking into consideration the individual needs of the participant and the reparation that is required.

The Program Probation Officer will assist the participant in finding a place to volunteer if they require assistance. The Program Probation Officer will also ensure that the appropriate releases are signed to allow the participant to contact the volunteer organization to track the time spent with the organization and to get general feedback as to the participant's level of engagement.

Failure to complete the Directed Project within the specified time will be reviewed by the Team and any reasons provided for the failure will be discussed, and appropriate next steps will be taken.