MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
Battle Ground Municipal Court - Community Court Program
And
Washington State Department of Social and Health Services- Columbia River Community Services Office

This Memorandum of Understanding (the "Agreement") is entered into this 16th day of May 2025 between the Battle Ground Municipal Court - Community Court Program and the above-stated collaborating parties.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to establish the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of the parties and for the parties to endorse the mission, goals, objectives, and best practice standards of the Battle Ground Municipal Court, Community Court Program;

WHEREAS, the Battle Ground Municipal Court Community, Court Program is able to provide an alternative to traditional criminal justice system case processing with appropriate support services;

WHEREAS, Battle Ground Municipal Court, Community Court Program reallocates resources to provide an effective alternative to traditional prosecution and incarceration of non-serious crimes;

WHEREAS, Battle Ground Municipal Court, Community Court Program and the collaborating parties state above work in partnership to provide community data to inform policy and program development in the City of Battle Ground in and for Battle Ground Municipal Court.

The Battle Ground Municipal Court, Community Court Program and collaborating parties mutually agree as follows:

I. ***The Clark County District Court Community Court Program will:***
   a. Provide a dedicated Municipal Court Judicial Officer with the Community Court Program knowledge.
   b. Provide a dedicated courtroom and separate calendar for weekly status review hearings.
   c. Provide dedicated space at the community court facility for service providers to conduct business.
   d. Provide leadership in promoting the community's principles of the Community Court Model.
   e. Provide verbal and written reports as needed.

II. ***Washington State Department of Social and Health Services will:***

a. Provide a dedicated staff member to attend weekly community court staffing and hearings (Mondays at 12:00 pm).
b. Provide the Battle Ground Municipal Community Court team information on client progress, including confidential information with a signed ROI.
c. Provide verbal and written reports as needed.

Battle Ground Municipal Court Judge — Date: 5/22/25

Battle Ground Municipal Court Administrator — Date: 5-22-25

Washington DSHS — Date: 5-16-2025