IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. C-2012-36

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING PARTICIPATION FEES IN THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT AND THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM IN CITRUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 394, Florida Statutes (2007), the Legislature encouraged the creation of Mental Health Court programs;

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court in and for Citrus County created the Mental Health Court and the Mental Health Court Diversion Program pursuant to Administrative Order No. C-2008-05;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a procedure for handling payments made by participants in the Mental Health Court and the Mental Health Court Diversion Program; it is thereupon,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

- 1. The fees for mental health court participants shall be set by the Citrus County Board of County Commission Court Alternatives Program in cooperation with the Administrative Judge of Citrus County.
- 2. Defendants who begin participation in the Citrus County Mental Health Court after the effective date of this order shall be required to pay a \$25.00 monthly fee for each month that they are a participant in the Citrus County Mental Health Court. No refund policy for any amounts paid by, or on behalf of, any defendant participating in the Citrus County Mental Health Court will be made. The \$25.00 monthly participation fee for Citrus County Mental Health Court shall be paid on or before the fourth day of every month.
- 3. The Citrus County Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or Citrus County Mental Health Court Program Assistant are authorized to accept payment of the participation fees.
- 4. This Order shall be effective immediately upon signing and shall apply to all pending and future cases before the Circuit Court in and for Citrus County.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, this

PATRICIA V. THOMAS Administrative Judge

Citrus County, Fifth Judicial Circuit