



# JUDICIARY OF GUAM

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May 13, 2013

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Chairman, Guam Judicial Council  
Members, Guam Judicial Council

**From:** Administrator of the Courts

**Subject:** **Petition for Above Step Recruitment - Mental Health Court Coordinator**  
**Re: William J. Brandshagen**

Pursuant to 4GCA Subsection 6205, I am requesting your approval for an Above Step Recruitment for Mr. William J. Brandshagen as the Mental Health Court Coordinator on the basis of his exceptional qualifications as enumerated below. This petition must be posted for ten days on the Judiciary of Guam website and a notice of the postings provided to the media pursuant to 4GCA Subsection 6205 and 6303.1.

On February 2, 2009, Mr. Brandshagen accepted the Limited Term Appointment as the first Mental Health Court Coordinator for the Judiciary. He has been in this position for four years and has represented the Judiciary and the Mental Health Court (MHC) with sincere professionalism and dedication. He is primarily responsible for the development, implementation and coordination of the program. The quality of his performance is indicative in the success of the MHC.

With Mr. Brandshagen at the helm, the MHC launched on April 27, 2009 under the organizational umbrella of the Probation Services Division. The primary role is to provide defendants with close supervision, and guidance ensuring maximum compliance to a therapeutic treatment regimen outlined by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse within the framework and authority of the Judicial System. The clientele are adults, diagnosed with a variety of Axis I mental disorders, developmental disabilities, or other problem behaviors the Mental Health Court assists people arrested for a variety of crimes. The majority of cases accepted into the MHC are misdemeanors, however, on a case by case basis persons accused of committing third and second degree felonies may also be accepted into the program.

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The objective of MHC is to economically reduce recidivism and provide for the safety and wellbeing of the community. The fact that none of the participants enrolled in the MHC program have been re-arrested is proof of its success.

Mr. Brandshagen's formal educational and professional qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, fifteen years of work experience as a Social Worker with the Department of Public Health and twenty years of military service with the U.S. Navy.

Since the inception of the MHC, Mr. Brandshagen continues to successfully manage and perform the following duties:

- Recommends, plans, develops and coordinates the implementation of mental health court programs or projects under the auspices of the Judiciary;
- Monitors, evaluates, analyzes and implements existing and new mental health court programs;
- Serves as liaison/public relations officer and facilitator in establishing relationships between mental health court programs, mental health court team members, judicial employees, inter/intra agency network communications, the media and the public (federal and local); and
- Responsible for the supervision of day to day operations of mental health court and case managers; and
- Manages a case load of 67 clients.

Mr. Brandshagen's continued employment with the Judiciary is vital to the ongoing success and management of the MHC. His professional expertise and contributions to the Judiciary should not go unrecognized.

In light of the above and considering the job responsibilities and requirements expected of him, I believe the Above-Step Recruitment at Pay Grade P-4, \$43,759.00 which grants three (3) additional steps based on his accomplishments is fair and commensurate with his exceptional skills and abilities.

Submitted for your review and disposition.

  
PERRY C. TAITANO

**Attachment**