

**Washoe County BCC Meeting Press Release for meeting held on January 26, 2016**

The Second Judicial District Court's Specialty Courts are expanding. They have received grant funding through a State general fund appropriation for the creation of new Specialty Courts, to enhance existing Specialty Courts, and to increase the number of participants served by the Specialty Courts. These projects include an enhancement to the existing Mental Health Court, a new Medication Assisted Treatment Court, and an expansion of the existing Adult Drug Court.

Chief Judge Flanagan stated, "the Second Judicial District Court is grateful to the Nevada Legislature, the Administrative Office of the Courts, Washoe County, and the numerous stakeholders who participated in awarding these grant funds. The Second Judicial District Court's Specialty Courts provide much needed services to ensure our community is safer and healthier. I look forward to their continued success."

This enhanced funding will allow the Second Judicial District Court's Specialty Courts to continue providing existing and new services that are evidence-based and aligned with the National Association of Drug Court Professional's *Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards* and the Bureau of Justice Assistance *Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components*. There will now be ten Specialty Courts operating in the Second Judicial District Court, designed to create a safer, more secure, and healthier community.