Probation Psychiatric Evaluation Referral

Minor's Name: ID #: Minor's DOB: Probation Officer: Telephone: Date of Court Order: Report Due: Accepting Evaluator: Date Accepted:

Guidelines for Ordering Probation Psychiatric Evaluations

- **Psychiatric Evaluations** are indicated when the Court desires a written opinion concerning the minor's need for psychiatric medications. This type of evaluation would address the psychiatric and/or medical condition(s) related to the delinquency issues.
- Psychiatric evaluations are completed by evaluators with a MD or DO. Evaluators with an MD or DO and who are approved to conduct psychiatric evaluations are not to accept psychological or neuropsychological evaluations.

Referral Questions for Psychiatric Evaluations: (Select Relevant Questions Only)

- 1. What is the minor's current cognitive functioning in terms of judgment, insight, and reality orientation?
- o 2. What is the minor's current behavioral and emotional functioning?
- 3. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the minor's interpersonal relationships?
- o 4. What impact has the minor's childhood/family experiences had on his/her current behavior?
- o 5. Does the minor have a mental health diagnosis? If so, please identify.
- 6. Does the minor have a substance abuse and/or dependence diagnosis? If so, please identify.
- 7. What risk factors are present related to the minor's commitment to a delinquent lifestyle? Does the minor participate in a gang, "crew,"or other antisocial group?
- 8. What interventions and treatment services are recommended to address the identified mental health/substance abuse problems? {If the minor has had long term residential treatment services, clarify if further residential treatment is indicated.} Does the minor have a mental health diagnosis amenable to psychiatric treatment? Are psychiatric medications advised? What other interventions are recommended to reduce the probability of re-offending?
- o 10. Medication Recommendations.
- \circ 11. What is the minor's potential to be victimized within a correctional institution?
- o 12. Other: Please talk with the PO for discussion of other possible concerns: