



# Council of Accountability Court Judges

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Accountability Court Judges and Coordinators  
**FROM:** Ms. Taylor Jones, CACJ Executive Director  
**RE:** DBHDD Funding Source for Accountability Courts  
**DATE:** May 19, 2021

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The purpose of this memorandum is to communicate a funding change for the upcoming state fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2021. CACJ has entered into an agreement with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) that results in a change to how your court will continue to receive DBHDD funding for accountability courts.

Historically, your treatment provider or county commission (hereinafter “provider”) has received this funding directly from DBHDD to help support your accountability court program. **In the coming days, you will receive an additional grant award from CJCC for state fiscal year 2022. This award will be separate from the state fiscal year 2022 accountability court grant.** While separate, it will be subject to the same special conditions as the accountability court grant award. However, there are two additional requirements related to receiving/accepting this funding source. Those two requirements are: completing and submitting a DBHDD accountability court funded service plan (a template will be provided) and agreeing to continue services with your provider that has historically been in receipt of this funding source.

The purpose of this change is to ensure continuity of care for accountability court participants. CACJ, in partnership with DBHDD and CJCC, believe this methodology will allow the courts and providers the flexibility needed to continue to support accountability court programs. **You are invited to participate in a virtual meeting on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:00 pm to further review this change and to ask any questions that you may have. You will receive meeting details closer to the meeting date.** Further, DBHDD is communicating with the impacted providers to ensure the information is delivered in a consistent manner. They will also host a meeting for the providers to answer questions they have.

After the virtual meeting is held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, should you have any additional questions please contact me at [taylor.jones@georgiacourts.gov](mailto:taylor.jones@georgiacourts.gov) or at 404-821-8504.