



Presiding Judge Recommendation on Specialty Courts

Honorable Manuel Delgado, Jr

Presiding Judge

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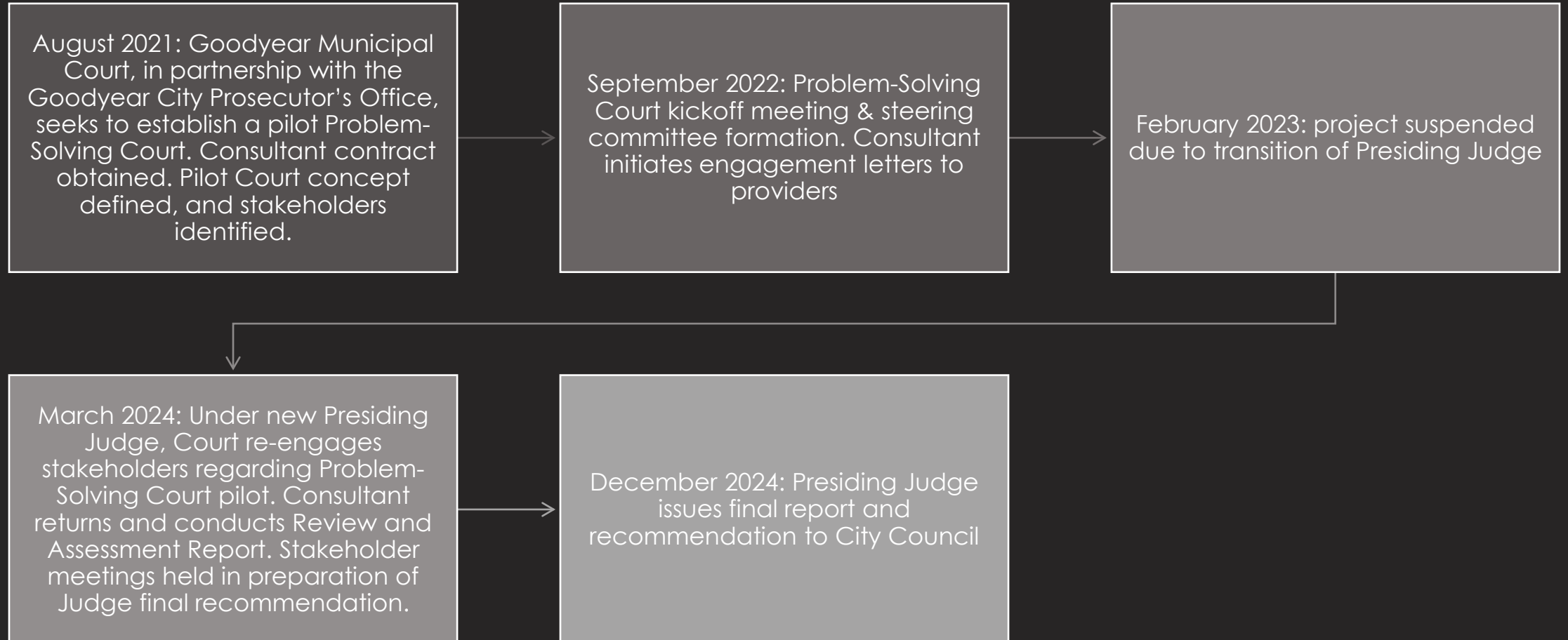


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Purpose of Specialty Courts:

- Specialized Court dockets within the judicial system that often provide treatment rather than punishment
 - Homeless Court
 - Veteran's Court
 - Mental Health Court
- Collaborative partnership of various stakeholders including Prosecutors, defense counsel, Police, counseling providers and/or non-profit organizations

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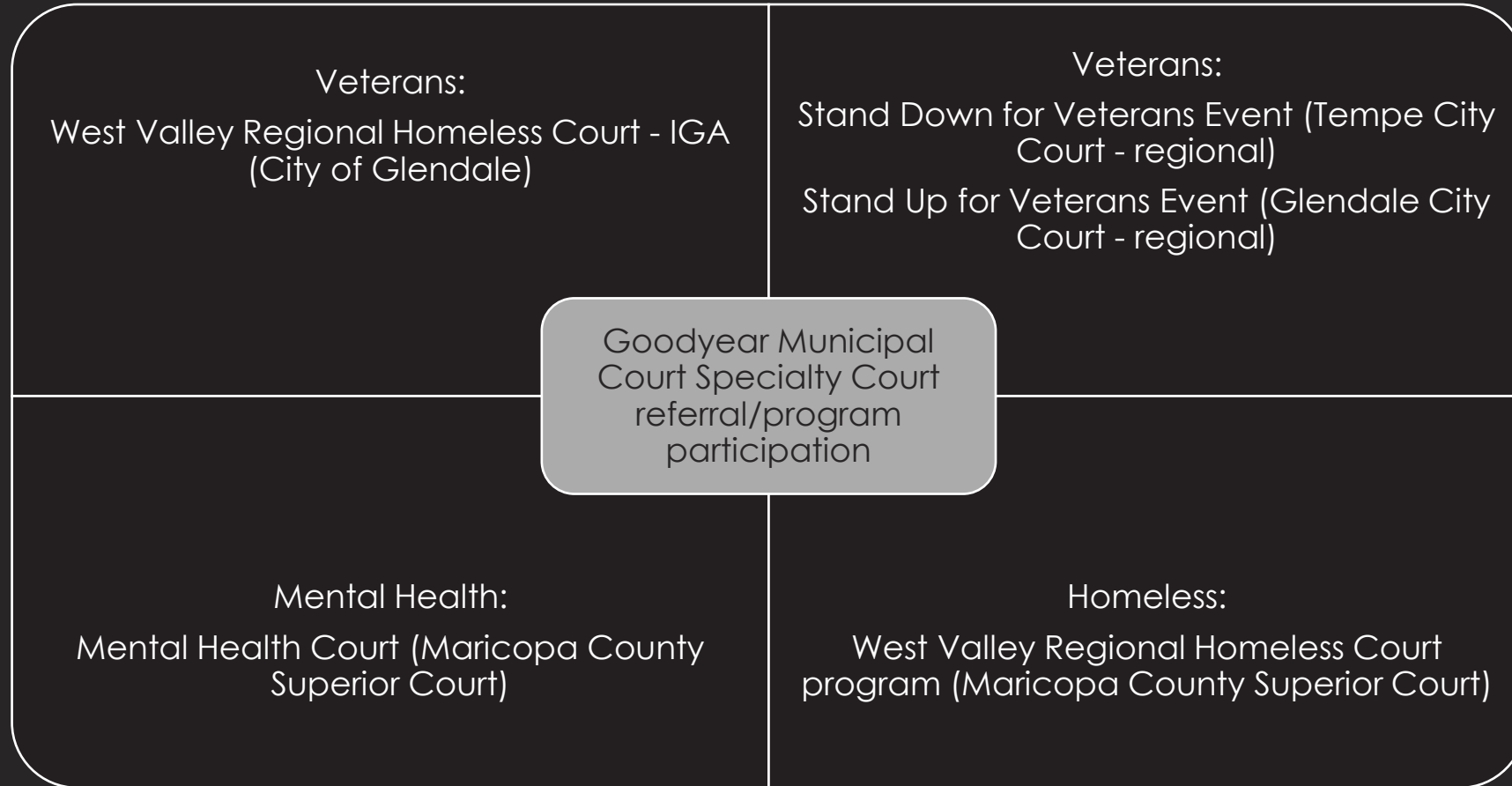
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Program considerations:

- Pilot court concept estimated 20 cases, all case types
- Best practice is to individualize case types
- Consultant outreach yielded minimal to no response rate from providers
- Budgetary considerations



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Additional City of Goodyear Resources:

- City of Goodyear Police Department – Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)
- Goodyear Fire Department – Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

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Final recommendation:

- Suspend establishment of specialized courts until the number of targeted groups increases
- Continue current participation and establish a standing agenda item for justice group meetings (Court/Prosecutor/Police department) to monitor caseloads and the effectiveness of current programs & resources