

Terms & Definitions

Term	Definition
12-Step Programs	Peer support programs utilizing Twelve Steps of recovery. Includes programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Smokers Anonymous.
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous. Peer support program for men and women. Primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.
ACH	Akron City Hospital (Summa) general hospital
ADA	Americans with Disability Act- provides protection (in the areas of employment, public accommodations, government, services and telecommunications) to individuals with disabilities. (Also abbreviation for American Dietetic Association and American Diabetic Association.)
ADD or ADHD	Attention-Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Neurological disability characterized by inattention, hyperactivity, impulsivity.
Addiction (Alcohol and Other Drugs)	Style of living characterized by compulsive use and overwhelming involvement with a drug – may occur in the absence of physical dependence. Addiction also implies the risk of harm and the need to stop drug use.
ADM Board	County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. Provides program planning and evaluation and funding for alcohol, drug and mental health treatment agencies in Summit County.
ADM Crisis Center	A building housing Portage Path Emergency Services, Crisis Stabilization Unit and Oriana Central Assessment, Detox, and Drop-In Center.
Advance Directives	A legal document expressing a person’s wishes regarding medical or mental health treatment in the event the individual is not able to make those decisions.
AFD	Akron Fire Department - Fire and Emergency Medical Services for the City of Akron
Affect	A pattern of observable behaviors (facial expressions indicating emotion).
AGMC	Akron General Medical Center - general hospital, has psychiatric unit
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome – a disease of the human immune system that is characterized by reduction in T cells, rendering the subject highly vulnerable to life-threatening conditions.
AKA	Also known as or alias
Akathisia	Uncontrollable motor restlessness - unable to sit even when directed. Caused by use (usually long-term) of some antipsychotic medications.
Al-Anon	A fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics.
AMA	Against Medical Advice
AMHA	Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority - provides housing assistance for low income persons.

Term	Definition
Antisocial Personality Disorder	Pervasive pattern of disregard for, and violation of, the rights of others occurring since age 15, including: legal charges, repeated lying or conning others, impulsivity.
Anxiety	Fear, apprehension
AoD	Alcohol and other Drugs
APA	Adult Parole Authority - provides community control/supervision for some persons released from prison (also abbreviation for American Psychiatric Association and American Psychological Association).
APD	Akron Police Department Provides - law enforcement for the City of Akron.
Arraignment	Initial steps in the Criminal Court process wherein the defendant is formally charged with an offense.
Aspergers	Usually diagnosed in childhood or adolescence. Impairment in social interaction, restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests and activities.
Assistive Technology	Any item or piece of equipment used to maintain or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.
Atypical Antipsychotic	Also called novel antipsychotics or new generation antipsychotics. A new generation of medication for the treatment of psychotic disorders, which started with the introduction of clozapine. Atypical antipsychotics have fewer neurologic side-effects and in some cases may be more effective than the older antipsychotic medications, which are usually called conventional antipsychotics. Includes: clozapine (Clozaril) , risperidone (Risperdal), quetiapine (Seroquel), ziprasidone (Zeldox), and olanzapine (Zyprexa).
Augmentative Communication	Supplementation or replacement of speech through the use of aided or unaided techniques. Sign language, gestures and finger-spelling are example of unaided communication, whereas aided communication is associated with technology.
Autism	Developmental Disability that appears before age 3. Impairment in social interaction, impairments in communication, restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests and activities, delays in social interaction, language or imaginative play.
AWOL	Absent without leave
AXIS I	Clinical Disorders, including Delirium, Dementia, Mental Disorders due to a medical condition, Substance-Related Disorders, Schizophrenia, Mood Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, Dissociative Disorders, Gender Identity Disorders, Eating and Sleep Disorders.
AXIS II	Personality Disorders and Mental Retardation.
AXIS III	Medical Conditions.
AXIS IV	Psychosocial and environmental problems, including, problems with support, social environment, educational, occupational, legal, health care, economic, housing.
AXIS V	Global Assessment of Functioning.
BCH	Barberton Citizen's Hospital - general hospital, has psychiatric unit

Term	Definition
Benzo	Benzodiazepine - includes CNS depressants such as Valium, Librium. Addicting, commonly abused whether by prescription or illegal sale.
bid	Twice a day.
Bipolar	Includes Bipolar I (one or more Manic Episodes or Mixed Episodes), Bipolar II (Recurrent Major Depressive Episodes with Hypomanic Episodes), Cyclothymia (Chronic, fluctuating mood disturbance involving numerous periods of hypomanic and depressive symptoms – not to the extent or severity of Manic or Major Depressive), and Bipolar NOS (disorders with bipolar features, which do not meet criteria for any specific Bipolar Disorder).
Blackout	A drug induced loss of memory. Not to be confused with loss of consciousness.
Blunt	Street name for a cigar loaded with marijuana, also used for a “joint” laced with Formaldehyde. <i>The meaning of any “street name” should be explored with the user as meanings can vary drastically from location to location.</i>
Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD)	Pervasive pattern of instability of interpersonal relationships, marked impulsivity, including the following criteria: frantic efforts to avoid real or imagined abandonment, pattern of unstable and intense interpersonal relationships, identity disturbance, impulsivity, recurrent suicidal behavior, gestures, threats or self-mutilating behavior, affective instability, chronic feelings of emptiness, inappropriate, intense anger, transient, stress-related paranoid ideation.
Brain Chemistry	Chemical messengers which cause the electrical transmission of signals needed for normal brain function. A number of psychiatric disorders are thought to be associated with disordered brain chemistry. Common chemical messengers in the brain (neurotransmitters) include dopamine, serotonin, neurepinephrine and acetylcholine.
BVR	Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation
CA	Cocaine Anonymous (sometimes used as an abbreviation for Cancer)
CABG	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
CAGE	Alcohol assessment - “Have you ever tried to Cut Down on your drinking? Has anyone ever been Angry about your drinking? Have you ever felt Guilty because of the drinking? Have you ever had an Eye Opener ?”
CAM	Chief of Addiction Medicine
Cannabis	Marijuana
Capias	An arrest warrant.
CBCF	Community Based Correctional Facility - a 50-200 bed facility funded by the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections and utilized by Common Pleas Courts as a sentencing option for offenders in lieu of incarceration in the state prison system for those convicted of non-violent felonies. Akron area CBCF is managed by Oriana House.
CCO	Chief Clinical Officer
CCOE	Coordinating Center of Excellence. Centers designated by ODMHAS as resources in specific areas of mental health treatment. Summit County ADM Board and NEOMED jointly are a Center of Excellence in Jail Diversion Programs.

Term	Definition
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television. Initial court appearances from Summit County Jail are held via CCTV.
CDB	Community Drug Board - <i>See Community Health Center.</i>
Cerebral Palsy	Functional disorder caused by damage to the brain during pregnancy, delivery or shortly after birth. Characterized by movement disorders. May also include seizures, abnormal speech, hearing and visual impairments and mental retardation.
CFGH	Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital – NOW Summa Western Reserve - general hospital.
CHC	Community Health Center, formerly called Community Drug Board. Provides comprehensive alcohol and other drug treatment programs, including medical care and residential treatment.
Childhood Disintegrative Disorder	Usually first diagnosed in infancy or childhood. Apparently normal development for at least the first 2 years after birth, followed by significant loss of previously acquired skills and abnormalities of functioning in social interaction, communication and behaviors.
CIT	Crisis Intervention Team. Law Enforcement Officers who have received training in mental illness, mental retardation and alcohol and other drug abuse.
Civil Commitment	An order of Probate Court stating that the client is a mentally ill person subject to hospitalization. The least restrictive environment may be a hospital or the community. <i>See also Outpatient Commitment.</i>
CLS	Community Living Specialist (Case Manager at Community Support Services).
Club Drug	Drugs commonly used at a “rave” or party. <i>See: “Ecstasy or Rohypnol or Rave, etc.”</i>
CNS	Central Nervous System or Clinical Nurse Specialist.
Co-Dependent	A person close to the alcoholic who feels a responsibility for his condition and unwittingly aids in the progression of the disease.
Cognitive	Conscious intellectual activity (thinking, reasoning, remembering).
Common Pleas Court	County court, criminal (felonies) and civil cases.
Communication Disabilities	Visual, hearing or speech impairments that limit a person’s ability to communicate.
Community Control	Formerly called “probation.” Sentencing court retains some level of control over the offender, ordinarily suspending a jail or prison sentence and placing the person under the control of a probation officer - with a variety of possible restrictions on movement and requirements for activities such as employment, education, etc. Maximum period of Community Control is 5 years.
Competency	Capacity or decision-making capacity. (1) Competency to stand trial addresses an individual’s ability to assist an attorney in his/her own defense, ability to understand the nature of the legal charge(s) and the consequences of those charge(s). (2) Competency to handle one’s own affairs, i.e. financial, addresses an individual’s ability to make decisions about care of self and/or financial matters.

Term	Definition
Confidentiality	<p>Those receiving treatment for mental illness and/or substance abuse have the right to privacy in communications and personal identifying information as governed by state and federal regulations. This means that information (except for specific exclusions regulated by law) may not be revealed without express permission of the client or the client's legal guardian.</p> <p>Criminal Justice organizations are not bound by the same confidentiality. Those records are generally public record.</p>
Co-occurring	The presence of two or more conditions, e.g. mental illness and substance abuse or mental retardation.
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder.
Court Order	An order issued and signed by a Judge. <i>See also Journal Entry.</i>
CR	Conditional Release - See NGRI-CR.
CSDD or Summit DD Board	County of Summit Developmental Disabilities Board. Provides assessment and coordinates care of persons who are mentally retarded and/or developmentally disabled. <i>See also Developmental Disability.</i>
CSP	Community Support Programs. Services provided to assist a person in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational and other services essential to meeting basic human needs.
CSS	Community Support Services. Outpatient mental health agency providing comprehensive case management, psychiatric care, vocational, financial and residential services for the severely mentally ill of Summit County.
CSU	Crisis Stabilization Unit. A 16-bed unit managed by Portage Path Behavioral Health. Provides brief, comprehensive treatment for persons who are too ill to remain at home, but not in need of hospitalization.
Definite Sentence	Specific sentence, e.g. 5 years as opposed to indefinite sentence, e.g. 3-7 years.
Delirium	Disturbance of consciousness and a change in cognition that develops over a short period of time - very often with a specific known cause, e.g. fever or medication reaction.
Delusion	A firmly held false belief or belief system. Types of delusional systems include: erotomanic (another person, usually of higher status, is in love with the individual), grandiose (inflated worth, power, knowledge, identity), persecutory (being attacked, harassed, cheated, persecuted or conspired against), somatic (pertaining to the appearance or functioning of one's body), thought insertion (one's thoughts are not one's own, but rather are inserted into one's mind), thought broadcasting (one's thoughts are being broadcast out loud so that they can be perceived by others).
Dementia	Multiple cognitive deficits that include impairment in memory. Includes dementia caused by Alzheimer's, head trauma, Parkinson's.

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Dependence	Physical Dependence - development of tolerance and manifested by a withdrawal syndrome. Psychological Dependence: feelings of satisfaction and a desire to repeat the administration of the drug to produce pleasure or avoid discomfort. DSM-IV Criteria for Dependence: tolerance, withdrawal, substance taken in larger amounts or over a longer period than was intended, persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control use, great deal of time is spent in activities necessary to obtain the substance, important social, occupational or recreational activities are given up or reduced, substance use is continued despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological problem.
Depression, Major	Depressed mood, diminished interest, significant weight loss, insomnia, psychomotor agitation or retardation, fatigue, feelings of worthlessness, diminished ability to concentrate, recurrent thoughts of death. Symptoms persist for at least 2 weeks and represent a change from previous functioning.
Detoxification	To free from an intoxicating or addictive substance. Detoxification from Central Nervous System depressants in particular, should be medically supervised.
Developmental Disability	Severe, chronic disability that is characterized by: manifested before age 22, attributable to a mental or physical impairment (other than an impairment solely caused by mental illness), likely to continue indefinitely, for persons age 6 or older results in a substantial functional limitation in at least 3 area of major life activity (e.g. language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, capacity for economic self-sufficiency. And causes the person to need a combination of special interdisciplinary or other type of care, treatment or provision of services for an extended period of time.
Direct Indictment	“Prosecution by information” or “Bill of Information” – information filed in common pleas court by the prosecuting attorney, if the defendant waives indictment. (This in effect skips the grand jury process.)
Dissociation	Process whereby specific internal mental contents (memories, ideas, feelings, perceptions) are lost to conscious awareness and become unavailable to voluntary recall.
DKA	Diabetic ketoacidosis. A condition normally caused by lack of insulin for those who are insulin-dependent diabetics or previously undiagnosed diabetics; could lead to coma. Symptoms include high blood sugars and ketones and glucose in the urine.
DOB	Date of Birth
Down Syndrome	Chromosomal condition caused by the presence of one extra chromosome. Individuals with Down syndrome experience slow physical and mental development, usually function in the mild to moderate range of mental retardation and may experience health problems.
DRC	Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections – includes Ohio prisons, Parole Authority. ODRC also used.
Dry Drunk	A person is sober, but still living a defensive life style. Often characterized by rigid defiance, self-hatred and a continuation of destructive patterns in social relationships.
DSM IV or DSM 5	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders- 4 th Edition or 5 th Edition (newest). Includes diagnostic criteria for mental illness and substance abuse

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DT's	Delirium Tremens - Withdrawal from a central nervous system depressant (most commonly alcohol) when use has been prolonged. Symptoms include: Tremors, insomnia, nausea/vomiting, transient visual, tactile or auditory hallucinations, psychomotor agitation, anxiety, grand mal seizures, increased pulse, respiration and temperature.
Dual Diagnosis	The presence of more than one disorder e.g. mental illness and mental retardation or substance abuse
DUI	Driving Under the Influence
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis (blood clot), usually in leg (calf muscle)
DWI	Driving While Intoxicated
Dx	Diagnosis
Dynamic Risk factors	Active conditions or symptoms which would impact on an individual's likelihood to present danger to self or others. Such factors could include: active delusional system, AoD use, noncompliance with treatment.....
DYS	Department of Youth Services
ECF	Extended Care Facility- may include skilled nursing and intermediate level of care
Echolalia	Constant repeating or parroting of what has been said by others.
Ecstasy	Methylenedioxy amphetamine – Called a “Club Drug” or Designer Drug. Causes increased pulse and blood pressure, thus can cause sudden death the first time used. Causes psychiatric disturbances included paranoia and panic. Also called “ XTC, Adam, MDMA” <i>The meaning of any “street name” should be explored with the user as meanings can vary drastically from location to location.</i>
ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy. Of most benefit with severely depressed individuals who have not responded to medications and psychotherapy.
EPS	Extrapyramidal symptoms- includes muscular rigidity, tremors, drooling, shuffling gait, restlessness, peculiar involuntary postures, motor inertia occurring as a reversible side effect of some psychotropic medications
Exacerbation	Change in the severity of symptoms from the usual amount to more severe
Felony	“Serious offense” Sentences range from 6 months to death penalty. Common Pleas Courts hear these cases. Classification of felonies: F5 (least serious) to F1 (most serious) and “Special Felonies” which include Aggravated Murder and Murder.
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	Group of symptoms exhibited by a child resulting from the mother's consumption of alcohol during pregnancy. Symptoms may include mental retardation, low birth weight, small size and underdevelopment of the upper lip.
FIRM	Forensic Interdisciplinary Review Meeting. Bimonthly meeting of representatives of the treatment teams from Northcoast, Community Support Services and the ADM Board. Treatment and discharge plans for forensic clients are discussed and formulated at these meetings.

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FRT	Forensic Review Team. Non-treating clinical staff at a Behavioral Healthcare reviews requests for increased privileges or discharge for forensic patients.
GHB	Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid – also called “Liquid Ecstasy, Grievous Bodily Harm.... Causes seizures, comas, fatal respiratory problems, liver failure..... <i>The meaning of any “street name” should be explored with the user as meanings can vary drastically from location to location.</i>
Grand Jury	A group of citizens who review evidence presented by the prosecution and arrive at a decision as to whether there is sufficient evidence to go to trial. This step in the legal process occurs between Municipal Court and Common Pleas Court. The Grand Jury may return a “True Bill or Indictment” (enough evidence to go to trial) or a “No Bill” (not sufficient evidence to continue to Common Pleas Court and trial)
Group Home	Congregate living- specific definitions may vary depending upon system. Some are supervised 24 hours; others are not.
Guardian	An individual who has been court-appointed to make decisions for a person who has been found to be incompetent to handle their own affairs. The guardian may have authority over financial matters only, over the person or over both.
HA	Often used as an abbreviation for <i>headache</i> - or by some for <i>heart attack</i> .
Habitual Sex Offender	Legal status in Ohio ...”a person who is convicted of a sexually oriented offense and who previously has been convicted of one or more sexually oriented offenses” Must register with the County Sheriff & give notice of change of address.
Halfway House	Residence for those who need daily support as they restructure their lives as chemically free members of society.
Hallucination	Sensory perception that has the compelling sense or reality of a true perception, but that occurs without external stimulation of the relevant sensory organ. Types include: Auditory (involving the perception of sound, most commonly voices), Gustatory (taste, usually unpleasant), Olfactory (smell), Tactile (touch), Visual (sight)
Hepatitis B	HBV- inflammation of the liver - serum hepatitis – transmitted typically by contaminated blood or blood products. Vaccination available.
Hepatitis C	HCV- inflammation of the liver – transmitted typically by contaminated blood or blood products - high likelihood of chronicity even though initial illness is usually mild.
HI	Homicidal ideation (thoughts)
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus. Characterized of reduction of T cells, leaving subject vulnerable to infections and life-threatening conditions. <i>See also “ AIDS”</i>
hs	at the hour of sleep
Hx	History
Hypomania	Elevated, expansive, euphoric, irritable or expansive mood, may include symptoms of hyperactivity, grandiosity, flight of ideas, talkativeness, decreased need for sleep and distractibility --- NOT to the degree that symptoms cause marked impairment in social or occupational functioning.

Term	Definition
IBH	IBH Addiction Recovery Center, formerly known as “Interval Brotherhood Home.” In-patient alcohol and other drug treatment program.
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility (nursing facility providing non-skilled level of care)
ICF/DD	Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled individuals
ID/DD	Intellectual Disability/Developmental Disability.
IDDM	Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
Idiosyncratic	An unusual or unexpected reaction
IM	Intra-muscular (injection)
Indefinite Sentence	Provides for a range of time e.g. 3-7 years. Indefinite sentences imposed prior to July 1, 1996.
Insight	Understanding or awareness of one’s mental or emotional condition
Intellectual Disability	IQ below 70, condition present before age 18, limitations exist in two or more adaptive skill areas (communication, self-care, home-living, social skills, leisure, health and safety, self-direction, functional academics and employment)
IST-R	Incompetent to Stand Trial- Restorable. Restoration to competency will be ordered by the court. Treatment to take place in the least restrictive environment. The time of restoration varies dependent upon the severity of the alleged crime. <i>See also “Competency”</i>
IST-U	Incompetent to Stand Trial- Unrestorable. Unable to be restored to competency within the time permitted by law. When the person is sufficiently stable to be discharged from a hospital or be permitted unsupervised movement, the Prosecuting Attorney must be notified. The Prosecutor may choose to re-indict or re-file charge(s) at that time. <i>See also “Competency”</i>
IST-U-CJ	Incompetent to Stand Trial- Unrestorable- Criminal Jurisdiction. Unable to be restored to competency within the time permitted by law. Criminal Court retains jurisdiction similar to NGRI-CR. <i>See also “Competency” and NGRI-CR”.</i>
IV	Intravenous
Jail	County (or City in some areas) operated correctional facility. Inmates may be pre-trial charged with misdemeanor(s) or felonies or convicted of misdemeanors and sentenced to jail. The County Jail also holds those convicted of felonies until transport to prison. Within Summit County, a few municipalities have small jails where persons may be temporarily held before transfer to the county jail. These include: Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls, Macedonia, Norton, Stow and Twinsburg.
Joint	Street name for a hand rolled marijuana “cigarette”. The meaning of any “street name” should be explored with the user as meanings can vary drastically from location to location.
Journal Entry	An order issued and signed by a Judge.

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Judgment	Mental act of comparing choices between a given set of values in order to select a course of action.
Judicial Release	Reduction of a felony prison sentence by the sentencing court. Ohio law permits under certain situations.
Juvenile Court	County court which has jurisdiction over those under the age of 18.
LAA	Legal Assurance Administrator – RPH staff person designated as responsible for Liaison with criminal justice agencies regarding forensic patients.
LAAM	long acting form of synthetic heroin- used to treat heroin addiction
LOC	Level of Care – usually refers to an assessment for nursing home level of care (i.e. skilled or intermediate level of care) required for Medicaid approval – or Level of Consciousness.
Malingering	Pretend or exaggerate incapacity or illness
Manic Depressive	<i>See Bipolar</i>
Manic Episode	A discrete period of persistently elevated, euphoric, irritable or expansive mood, may include symptoms of hyperactivity, grandiosity, flight of ideas, talkativeness, decreased need for sleep and distractibility. Symptoms significant enough to cause marked impairment in occupational or social functioning.
Mental Illness	May refer to any disorder of emotion or thought including depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, dementia.....
Mental Status Examination	Orientation, Memory, Attention & Calculation, Language, Recall
Methamphetamine	Stimulant, street names include speed, meth, crank, crystal, ice, fire, croak..... <i>The meaning of any “street name” should be explored with the user as meanings can vary drastically from location to location.</i>
MI	Mental Illness <i>or</i> Myocardial Infarct (heart attack)
Misdemeanor	“Lesser offense” – maximum sentence is 6 months and/or fine of \$1000. Cases heard in Municipal Courts. Classification ranges from MM (minor misdemeanor) to M1 (most serious).
MJ	Marijuana
Mood	A pervasive and sustained emotional state
Mood disorder	Abnormally elevated or depressed disturbances of mood
MR	Mental Retardation
MUI	Major Unusual Incident
Municipal Court	City court. Maintains jurisdiction over persons charged with misdemeanors. Those charged with felonies are ordinarily arraigned in municipal court and then transfer to Common Pleas Court.

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MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident
NA	Narcotics Anonymous
NAMI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Consumer and Family support and advocacy program.
Narcan	Medication which is a narcotic antagonist- or reverses the effects of a central nervous system depressant.
Narcissistic Personality Disorder	Pervasive pattern of grandiosity, need for admiration, lack of empathy, includes symptoms such as: arrogance, often envious of others, sense of entitlement, exploitative, lacks empathy, believes that he or she is “special” and unique, preoccupied with fantasies of unlimited success, power..., grandiose sense of self-importance.
Narcotic	Any opiate derivative drug, natural or synthetic that relieves pain or alters mood. May cause addiction. Sometimes <i>inappropriately</i> used to refer to any drug of abuse.
Negative Symptoms	Symptoms of Schizophrenia including: apathy, flat affect, poverty of speech, social isolation and low motivation. <i>See also “Positive Symptoms”.</i>
Neuroleptic	Referring to medications with dopamine-antagonist properties- including typical and atypical antipsychotics
Neurotransmitter	Dopamine, Serotonin,
NGRI	Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity. Defendant, at the time of the offense, as a result of severe mental disease or mental defect or mental retardation, did not know the wrongfulness of his/her acts. Maximum length of time the individual may remain under the jurisdiction of the sentencing court is equal to the maximum sentence which could have been given had the person been found guilty of the legal charge(s).
NGRI-CR	Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity- Conditional Release. Has been found NGRI and has been released to the community with continued treatment and monitoring. Court review at least every two years.
NKA	No known allergies
NKDA	No known drug allergies
NOS	Not Otherwise Specified- ordinarily use as part of a diagnosis e.g. Personality Disorder NOS (does not meet enough criteria for a specific personality disorder, but has some/many symptoms)
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. Either obsessions (recurrent and persistent thoughts or impulses which cause marked anxiety
OD	Overdose <i>or</i> Order of Detention
ODMHAS	Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
ODRC	Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Term	Definition
OPC	Outpatient commitment. An order of Probate Court- stating that the client is a mentally ill person subject to hospitalization, with the least restrictive environment being the community. Mandates treatment in the community. Also called OCC- Outpatient Civil Commitment and IOC- Involuntary Outpatient Commitment
ORC	Ohio Revised Code
Orientation	Aware of name, location (place), date/time. Often abbreviated as Ox3.
OTC	Over the Counter drugs
Ox3	Oriented times three (i.e. name, place, date/time)
Panic Attack	Distinct period of intense fear or discomfort that develops abruptly
Paraplegia	Paralysis of the legs and the lower part of the body.
Parole	Release from prison with continued supervision by the Adult Parole Authority. Parole only applies to persons who have committed felonies prior to July 1, 1996 and subsequently been convicted and sent to prison. <i>See also</i> " Post Release Control"
PASARR	Pre Admission Screening/Annual Resident Review. Area Agency on Aging reviews each person entering a nursing facility in order to assure that severely mentally ill and/or mentally retarded persons are not inappropriately placed in nursing homes.
Personality Disorders	Rigid, inflexible and maladaptive behavior patterns of sufficient severity to cause significant impairment in functioning or internal distress; enduring and persistent styles of behavior and thought
Pervasive Developmental Disorder	Usually diagnosed in infancy, childhood or adolescence. An umbrella term which includes: Autistic Disorder, Rett's Disorder, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder and Asperger's Disorder. Individuals with one of these diagnoses may or may not have any intellectual delays, but do display difficulties in social interaction skills, failure to develop peer relationships appropriate to developmental level, lack of social or emotional reciprocity and possess an inflexible adherence to specific, non-functional routines or rituals.
PES	Portage Path Emergency Services. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for psychiatric emergencies. Psychiatrist, Social Worker and Nurse are available to provide emergency assessments and treatment.
Phobia	A focus of anxiety in which an activity, person or situation is abnormally dreaded, feared and probably avoided
po	By mouth
PO	Parole Officer or Probation Officer
POA	Power of Attorney. Durable Power of Attorney takes effect only when the individual is unable to make decisions for him/herself. Power of Attorney may cover financial matters only (estate) or decisions related to the care of the individual (person)
Positive Symptoms	Symptoms of Schizophrenia which include: delusions, hallucinations, disorganized speech or behavior. <i>See also</i> "Negative Symptoms".

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Post Release Control	A period of community supervision served by offenders after their release from prison- applies to those offenders who committed their crime(s) after July 1, 1996. <i>See also "Parole"</i>
PP or PPBH	Portage Path Behavioral Health. Outpatient mental health agency providing care for Summit County residents. PP is the Intake agency for PP and CSS.
PPD	Tuberculosis skin test
Prevention	Referring to activities or treatment designed to reduce or eliminate exposure or contraction of a disease; to intervene early in the disease process and to minimize disability caused by the disease. Refers to mental illness, physical illness and addictions.
Prison	State operated correctional facility. Inmates have been found guilty of felonies and/or parole violation.
Prn	As needed
Probate Court	Division of Common Pleas Court - has jurisdiction over probating wills, administration of estates, guardianships, and declaring persons mentally unsound or incompetent, including involuntary hospitalization.
Probation	A period of supervision for persons convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. Sentence of probation is in lieu of a jail or prison sentence. The period of probation can be up to five years. If an offender violates the terms of probation, the original jail or prison sentence may be re-imposed.
PSI	Pre-Sentence Investigation. A report compiled by Probation or Parole officers, provided to the Court to assist in sentencing.
Psychotic	Severe mental illness, characterized by loss of contact with reality, including hallucinations or delusions, disorder of thought. Hospitalization is often needed, treatment is often long-term.
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Exposure to an overwhelming environmental stressor- symptoms include re-experiencing trauma, anxiety, hyperalertness, insomnia...
q	each
QA or QI	Quality Assurance or Quality Improvement
qid	four times a day
Quadriplegia	Paralysis of all four limbs
R/O	Rule out
Rave	A party where "club drugs" are used. <i>See also "Club Drugs"</i>
Relapse	A setback in the process of recovery, consisting of one or more episodes of drinking or using drugs or otherwise behaving irresponsibly again after recovery has begun.

Term	Definition
Rett's Disorder	Usually first Diagnosed in Infancy or Childhood: Apparently normal psychomotor development through the first five months after birth, followed by deceleration of head growth, loss of previously acquired hand skills, loss of social engagement, poorly coordinated gait or trunk movements, impaired expressive and receptive language development.
Rohypnol	"Club Drug" often called the "date rape" drug. Causes blackouts with complete loss of memory. Creates a drunken feeling that lasts 2-8 hours. <i>The meaning of any "street name" should be explored with the user as meanings can vary drastically from location to location.</i>
RPH	Regional Psychiatric Hospital = State Psychiatric Hospital
Rx	Prescription
s/p	Status post (after)
SAMI	Substance Abusing Mentally Ill
SASSI	Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory. A standardized assessment tool used to screen for alcohol and other drug abuse.
SCCS	Summit County Children Services. Provides evaluation and care for neglected and/or abused children. Reports of suspected child neglect or abuse go to this agency.
Schizophrenia	Disorder of thought and perception- characterized by some combination of: Delusions, Hallucinations, Disorganized speech, Grossly disorganized or catatonic behavior, negative symptoms; with social/occupational dysfunction, for a duration of at least 6 months.
SCJ	Summit County Jail. County facility, designed to house those charged with misdemeanors or felonies; those convicted of misdemeanors and those convicted of felonies and awaiting transfer to prison.
SCPS	Summit County Psychiatric Survivors. A county wide consumer advocacy group
SCSO	Summit County Sheriff's Office. Law enforcement for the County. Also operates the Summit County Jail; provides security for the Courthouse and Juvenile Court.
SED	Severe Emotional Disturbance. Term used for children and adolescents who are experiencing mental illness.
Sexual Predator	Legal term in Ohio "...a person who has been convicted of committing a sexually oriented offense and is likely to engage in the future in one or more sexually oriented offenses." Criteria are specific and include conviction of a sexually violent offense. Must register with County Sheriff, must give notice of change of address. Specific persons are notified by the Sheriff (including schools, day care centers, children's services, neighbors, ...)
Sexually oriented offender	Convicted of a sexually oriented offense. Must register with County Sheriff, Must give notice of change of address,
SHARP	Special Housing Adjustment Residential Program. Residential program for mentally ill, substance abusing offenders
SI	Suicidal ideation (thoughts)

Term	Definition
SMD	Severely Mentally Disordered
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility. A nursing home that provides a level of care which requires an R.N. or provides Physical Therapy
Special K	Street name for Ketamine Hydrochloride – Also called “Vitamin K, new ecstasy, psychedelic heroin..... Causes delirium, amnesia, impaired motor function, potentially fatal respiratory problems. Commonly used at “Raves” <i>The meaning of any “street name” should be explored with the user as meanings can vary drastically from location to location.</i>
SSD	Social Security Disability. Available for those who have worked sufficient time under Social Security and who are disabled. Also available for those who are diagnosed with a disability prior to the age of 18 whose parent(s) qualify for SS.
SSI	Supplemental Security Income. Income dependent program for those who are disabled and have income under specific guidelines.
SSN	Social Security Number
SSRI	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor. A class of antidepressant medications including Paxil, Prozac, Luvox and Zoloft.
St. T’s	St. Thomas Hospital (Summa) general hospital- has a psychiatric unit
Static risk factors	Conditions or symptoms which are long-standing and not expected to change and would impact on an individual’s likelihood to present danger to self or others. Such factors may include: low level of intelligence, history of multiple incarcerations, history of weapon use, history of AoD abuse, history of violence.....
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
Subpoena	A legal writ requiring appearance in court to give testimony. May be initiated by prosecution or defense attorneys. Records may also be subpoenaed.
Substance Abuse	Unwarranted use of psychoactive drugs to relieve problems or symptoms. DSM-IV criteria: maladaptive pattern of substance use leading to clinically significant impairment or distress as manifested by one or more of: recurrent substance use resulting in failure to fulfill major role obligations at work, school or home, recurrent substance use in situations in which it is physically hazardous, recurrent substance-related legal problems, continued substance use despite having persistent or recurrent social or interpersonal problems caused or exacerbated by the effects of the substance.
Sx	Symptoms
Tardive Dyskenesia	Involuntary movements of the tongue, jaw or extremities developing in association with the use of neuroleptic medication(s) for at least a few months (may be for a shorter period of time in elderly persons)
TASC	Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities. (Previously Treatment Alternatives for Street Crimes) Goals include: increase in communication between criminal justice and addictions treatment agencies, provision of effective assessments of offenders, reduction of incidence of crime and drug use among offenders, provision of quality case management of offenders.
TD	Tardive Dyskenesia

Term	Definition
THC	Active ingredient in marijuana- Tetrahydrocannabinol
Tourette Syndrome	Genetic, neurological disorder characterized by repetitious, involuntary body movements and uncontrollable vocal sounds. Detected before age 18 and most commonly affects males.
Treatment Modalities	Different approaches to treatment such as psychotherapy (talking therapy) and pharmacotherapy (medication)
UDS	Urine Drug Screen

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