

# Healing to Wellness Court Good Governance



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# What is Governance?

- ▶ Includes decision making and implementation process
- ▶ Can apply to local, national, international and even corporate environments
  - ▶ United Nations



# What is Good Governance?

- ▶ Comparison model – “know it when you see it”
- ▶ No one “specific” definition
- ▶ Centered on responsibility of government to meet the needs of the people

# United Nations Description

- ▶ “Good governance is ensuring respect for human rights and the rule of law; strengthening democracy; promoting transparency and capacity in public administration.”
  - ▶ UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan
- ▶ 8 characteristics
  - ▶ Consensus oriented
  - ▶ Participatory
  - ▶ Rule of Law
  - ▶ Effective and Efficient
  - ▶ Accountable
  - ▶ Transparent
  - ▶ Responsive
  - ▶ Equitable and Inclusive

# What is Good Governance?

- ▶ Purpose of government?
  - ▶ Serves people and protects rights
  - ▶ Checks and balances
  - ▶ Laws that set boundaries

# Good Governance in Your Community

- ▶ What does your culture tell you about good governance?



# Role of Healing to Wellness Court

## What is it?

- ▶ Community based, judicially supervised, intensive out-patient treatment and rehabilitation program

## Why?

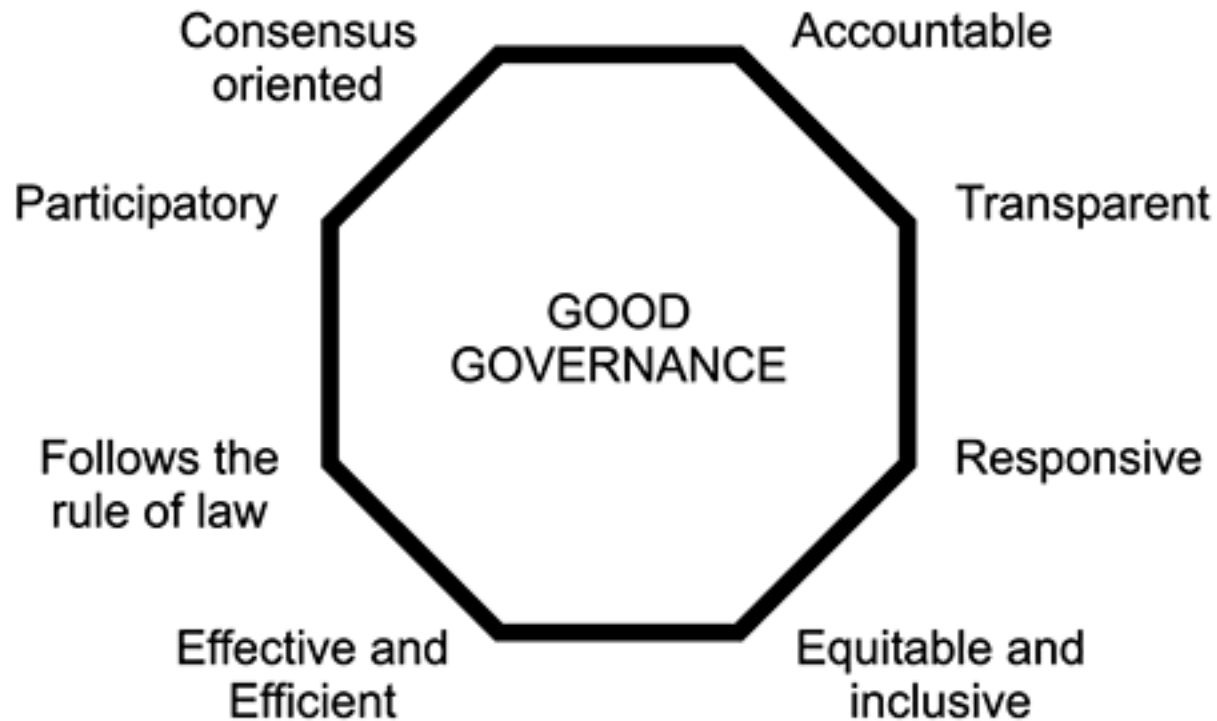
- ▶ Criminal consequences to addiction-related crime are unsuccessful
- ▶ Addiction is expensive
- ▶ Focus on root of the problem - addiction

## But Is this Good Governance?

- ▶ Good governance problem solves
- ▶ Good governance is based on your culture, breaks down long standing silos, and uses a team approach



# Remember the 8 Characteristics



# Consensus Oriented

- ▶ Team approach
- ▶ Disciplines that would be involved in treatment and rehabilitation are brought together to focus on treatment (healing) and rehabilitation (wellness)
- ▶ Breaks down the “silo effect”

# Participatory

- ▶ Who is involved?
  - ▶ Community
  - ▶ Government
  - ▶ Team
  - ▶ Defendant/Participant

# Rule of Law

- ▶ Constitutions – written and oral
- ▶ Tribal Codes
- ▶ Customs and Traditions
- ▶ Due Process Protections
- ▶ Policies and Procedures
- ▶ Participant Rights

# Effective and Efficient

- ▶ Jail is not effective
- ▶ Use research based Best Practices
- ▶ Shape behavior with consideration for distal and proximal behaviors
- ▶ Reduction in recidivism

# Accountable

- ▶ Exercise of sovereignty - meeting the needs of people
- ▶ Behavior modification – healing and wellness
- ▶ Monitoring behavior – frequent and random testing
- ▶ Programmatic Evaluations
- ▶ Interdisciplinary and Community Evaluations

# Transparent

- ▶ Constitution and Laws
- ▶ MOUs or MOAs
- ▶ Policies and Procedures
- ▶ Client/Participant Handbook
- ▶ Consent forms
- ▶ Program description
  - ▶ Phases and requirements
  - ▶ Sanctions and Incentives

# Responsive

- ▶ Phases and requirements
- ▶ Rules and Expectations
- ▶ Sanctions and Incentives
- ▶ Open to programmatic changes
  - ▶ Data collection
  - ▶ Evaluation



# Equitable and Inclusive

- ▶ Target population
  - ▶ Fairness
  - ▶ Appropriate use of resources
- ▶ Procedural Due Process/Fairness
- ▶ Policies and Procedures
- ▶ Rules and expectations
- ▶ Incentives and Sanctions

# Goals

- ▶ Healthy individuals
- ▶ Healthy community
- ▶ Improved sovereignty
- ▶ Better future for generations

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