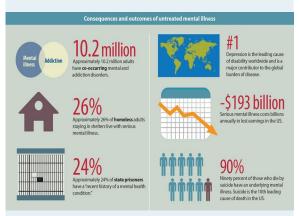
General Eligibility Criteria

Specific eligibility criteria are determined by the local Behavioral Health Docket Advisory Committee.

Who is Eligible?

Participants:

- Must be voluntary with capacity to consent
- Assessed medium to high risk of recidivism using a validated risk-needs assessment.
- Assessed using a validated clinical-assessment tool that produces a mental health diagnosis.
- Mental illness is related to their current offense.
- Local resources must meet participants' identified needs.



<u>Mainstream Mental Health Awareness - New Roads Behavioral</u> <u>Health (newroadstreatment.org)</u>

Behavioral Health Docket Standards

Standard 1: Administration

Standard 2: Behavioral Health Docket Team

A dedicated multidisciplinary team of professionals manages the day-to-day operations of the Behavioral Health Docket, which integrates mental health treatment services with adjudication of the case(s) before the court. The docket should establish and adhere to practices that are evidence-based and outcome-driven and should be able to articulate the research basis for the practices it uses.

Standard 3: Target Population, Eligibility Criteria, and Equity and Inclusion

Standard 4: Mental Health Treatment

All docket participants should be provided with a clear explanation of the docket process. Participation in the docket must be completely voluntary. Participants must have the capacity to consent to participation in the docket.

Standard 5: Complementary Services and Recovery Capital

The criteria should focus on defendants whose mental illness is related to their current offenses.

Standard 6: Participant Compliance

A behavioral health docket program should be structured so the participants progress through phases followed by successful completion and transition out of the program.

Standard 7: Testing

Behavioral health dockets must provide prompt admission to continuous, comprehensive, evidencebased treatment and rehabilitation services to participants.

Standard 8: Role of the Judge

Standard 9: Evaluation and Monitoring

Standard 10: Education and Training



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Behavioral Health Docket Program Structure

A Behavioral Health Docket program should be structured so that participants progress through phases which may include:

- orientation
- stabilization
- community reintegration
- maintenance
- successful completion and transition out of the program

Required Training

Approval to establish a behavioral health docket follows the required Virginia Behavioral Health Docket application process. This includes completing the required training, Developing a Mental Health Court: An Interdisciplinary Curriculum (CSG) facilitated by request. https://youtu.be/nSy-uy8iMFo



How does it work, and what are the benefits?

Through voluntary admission, eligible defendants are invited to participate in the Behavioral Health Dockets following a specialized screening and assessment. For those who submit to the terms and conditions of community-based supervision, a team of program and treatment professionals work together to develop service plans and supervise participants.

Preliminary research demonstrates that Behavioral Health Docket participants tend to have lower rates of criminal activity and increased linkages to treatment services when compared to defendants with mental illness who go through the traditional court system.

Key Statistics

<u>Percent of people in state and federal prisons who</u> <u>have been diagnosed with a mental illness: 37% +</u> <u>In locally-run jails: 44% +</u>

Number of people experiencing "serious psychological distress" in jails: 1 in 4 +

Percent of people in federal prisons who reported not receiving any mental health care while incarcerated: 66% +

Portion of people jailed 3+ times within a year who report having a moderate or serious mental illness: 27% +

Application Process

According to Rule 1:25 Specialty Dockets 1:

These are specialized court dockets within the existing structure of Virginia's circuit and district court system offering judicial monitoring of intensive treatment, supervision, and remediation integral to case disposition.

Authorization Process - A circuit or district court which intends to establish one or more types of these recognized specialty dockets must petition the Supreme Court of Virginia for authorization before beginning operation of a specialty docket, or in the instance of an existing specialty docket, continuing its operation.

Application

https://www.vacourts.gov/courtadmin/aoc/djs/programs/sds/programs/bhd/forms/bhd application.pdf

More Information

More information about Behavioral Health Dockets can be found at the following link, including:

- BHD Standards
- Application Review Checklist
- Behavioral Health Docket Directory
- Behavioral Health Docket Reports

https://www.vacourts.gov/courtadmin/aoc/djs/programs/sds/programs/bhd/home.html