

Goals For The Mental Health Docket

Reduce the contact of persons with mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders with the criminal justice system.

Ensure that persons with mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders do not languish in jail because of lack of available treatment.

Enhance effective interactions between the criminal justice and mental health systems.

Increase public safety by ensuring that program participants are engaged in community treatment and follow-up services, thus reducing the potential for re-offending.

Who To Contact?

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Mental Health Docket Norfolk Circuit Court



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Program Description

The Norfolk Mental Health Docket is a collaborative effort between the Norfolk Circuit Court; Norfolk Commonwealth Attorney's Office; Norfolk Probation and Parole Office; Norfolk Public Defender's Office; Norfolk Sheriff's Department; and the Norfolk Community Services Board to address the unique needs of persons with mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders who are involved in the criminal justice system. Each of these agencies provides key roles that define this specialized docket

Target Population: non-violent felony offenders

Eligibility

Must be pre-diagnosed for Serious Mental Illness (i.e., PTSD, Bipolar Disorder, Schizoaffective disorder)

Applicant must be Norfolk resident

Applicant cannot be on probation in another jurisdiction unless sentencing courts allows participation

~~Applicant cannot have charges pending in another jurisdiction~~

Program Purpose

The Norfolk Mental Health Docket is an 18-month program composed of 5 phases. As the participant moves from one phase to the next, the level of supervision and required involvement decreases.

⇒ **Phase I — Orientation Phase (minimum of 3 months)**

Meetings with case manager and probation officer, random urine screens, Addiction Awareness meetings, and WEEKLY court appearances

⇒ **Phase II — Action Phase (minimum of 3 months)**

Meetings with case manager and probation officer, random urine screens, Addiction Awareness meetings, and BI-WEEKLY court appearances

⇒ **Phase III — Stabilization Phase (minimum of 3 months)**

Meetings with case manager and probation officer, random urine screens, Addiction Awareness meetings, and MONTHLY court appearances

⇒ **Phase IV — Maintenance Phase (minimum of 3 months)**

Meetings with case manager and probation officer, random urines screens, Addiction Awareness meetings, BI-MONTHLY court appearances, and Aftercare group

⇒ **Phase V — Graduation Phase (6 months)**

Meetings with case manager and probation officer, random urines screens, and Aftercare group

Disqualifying Factors

Automatic disqualifying crimes of violence

- Murder, manslaughter, malicious & unlawful wounding
- Robbery
- Firearm offenses that carry a mandatory minimum sentence
- Sex offenses and/or Registered Sex Offenders
- Burglary
- No DUI conviction within the past 5 years.

Mental Health Dockets in Virginia

- Norfolk Circuit Court Mental Health Docket
- Norfolk General District Court Mental Health Docket
- Petersburg General District Court Mental Health Docket
- Richmond General District Court Mental Health Docket