

APPLICATION FOR A **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DOCKET**

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Office of the Executive Secretary
Supreme Court of Virginia

Submitted by:

Signature of **Judge**

Signature of **Coordinator**

of

Name of Court

Date

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Supreme Court of Virginia has established a standardized review process to use in evaluating requests from any locality seeking permission to establish a behavioral health docket. The application should be completed by the local planning committee created to plan the docket. Applications should be submitted to the Supreme Court of Virginia. All application packages should be sent to:

Supreme Court of Virginia
Office of the Executive Secretary
100 North 9th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
E-mail: apowers@vacourts.gov

In order to evaluate the quality, efficiency and fairness of dockets requesting approval to establish a behavioral health docket, the following information should be submitted by the requesting local advisory committee.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DOCKET APPLICATION

Jurisdiction Name: _____

Court Level: _____ Circuit _____ District

Supervising Judge:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Program Coordinator:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Target Population (list all that apply):

Proposed Start Date: / /

Approved Planning Training:

Date Location

Developing a Mental Health Court: An Interdisciplinary Curriculum (CSG)

****Required to be completed prior to docket implementation.**

Date Location

Optional: Veterans Treatment Court Planning Initiative (VTCPI) by Justice for Vets

Date Location

Other: _____

Date Location

Other: _____

Application Contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please submit your Operations Manual, all forms and the following information as attachments to this application. If any of the information described in an attachment is included in the docket's Operations Manual, please reference its location in the Operations Manual on the application form.

Attachment A: PROJECT ABSTRACT AND THE TEN ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DOCKETS

This attachment must include the project abstract and how it will implement and comply with the Ten Essential Elements of Behavioral Health Dockets as well as incorporate evidence-based practices into the daily operations of the behavioral health docket.

Attachment B: STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Attachment C: DOCKET GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This attachment must include a description of the behavioral health docket goals and objectives. Each docket goal should include measurable objectives and should reflect the docket's proposed operations.

Attachment D: DESCRIPTION OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DOCKET

This attachment must include an organizational chart and a description of the docket's operational and administrative structure to include:

1. Screening and eligibility
2. Structure of the docket
3. Length of stay
4. Graduation requirements
5. Expulsion criteria

This attachment should also include a detailed description of the legal eligibility for behavioral health docket program participation as well as any other factors taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

Attachment E: OPERATIONS MANUAL

This attachment must include a current copy of the behavioral health docket Operations Manual. The Operations Manual should incorporate the principles of problem-solving courts, the ten (10) essential elements of behavioral health dockets, and include information related to participant eligibility, the screening and referral process, docket services and requirements, graduation criteria, case management procedures, judicial interaction, team meetings and court session schedule, incentives and sanctions, compliance monitoring, confidentiality policies and termination procedures. It should indicate that this docket has a recruitment strategy to ensure persons of low socioeconomic status or those with limited access to stable housing, transportation, or

payment of program or treatment costs are not excluded. Monetary conditions, if required, are imposed on a sliding scale in accordance with participants' demonstrable ability to pay and at amounts that are unlikely to impose undue stress on participants, which may impede treatment progress. The Operations Manual should also include all docket forms, such as the participation agreement, consent for release of confidential information, orientation information, and referral agreements.

Attachment F: PARTICIPANT'S HANDBOOK

The local Behavioral Health Docket Advisory Committee shall also establish a Participant's Handbook to align with the Operations Manual. The Participant's Handbook should include all information the participants need to know about the program operations in an easy-to-read format. The Specialty Dockets Division can provide a sample Participant's Handbook upon request.

Attachment G: ESTIMATED BUDGET

This attachment must include the estimated behavioral health docket budget including all projected income (participant fees, grants, county general funds) and expenses. All fees must be assessed and collected in compliance with financial management general principles.

Attachment H: ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN

This attachment must include an organizational chart and a description of the docket's operational and administrative structure to include:

- 1. Behavioral Health Docket Staff Requirements** (For each staff position include the person's name, agency, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address.) This attachment must include documentation that the behavioral health docket coordinator, each case manager and any volunteer who performs one or more job functions for the docket is appropriately trained and credentialed.
- 2. Treatment provider information**, including name, agency, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address for each treatment agency providing services to participants.
- 3. Referring courts/dockets:** names of other courts referring or transferring cases to the behavioral health docket program.
- 4. Monitoring and evaluation**
- 5. Ongoing interdisciplinary education and training**
- 6. Ongoing collaboration/sustainability**

Attachment I: MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

This attachment must include information on each partner and a copy of their MOU with the court. If the docket is not using contractors, this attachment does not apply.

Attachment J: CERTIFICATION AND ASSURANCES

Attachment K: APPLICANT DISCLOSURE OF PENDING APPLICATIONS