

Virginia Mental Health Docket Matrix

Court	Eligibility Criteria	Pre/Post-Adjudication	Team Composition	Frequency of Team Meetings	Frequency of Court Appearances	Length of Docket Participation	Outcome for Successful or Unsuccessful Completion	Motivation to Participate
<p>Norfolk Circuit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All participants must be approved by the Commonwealth's Attorney ▪ Defendants all have non-violent felony charges or misdemeanor appeals and are diagnosed with a serious mental illness. ▪ Must have a link between mental illness and the arrest). ▪ Sex offenses or DUIs not eligible, as well as persons with prior violent charges or sex offenses. 	<p><u>Post-Adjudication:</u> All participants plead guilty to charges as a condition of participation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Judge ▪ Commonwealth's Attorney ▪ CSB Staff ▪ Probation & Parole Staff ▪ Defendant's Attorney can participate if desired, but this generally only happens if the defendant is facing penalties or expulsion from the MH Court. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Court scheduled weekly. ▪ Weekly pre-docket interdisciplinary team meeting to go over cases scheduled that day and any progress/issues. ▪ The judge comes in at the end of the meeting to hear brief summaries of recommendations on each case (i.e., continue court, graduate to next phase, or sanctions if necessary). ▪ Meetings run by the Commonwealth's Attorney. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants have weekly court appearances that eventually reduce to every other month over the course of the 5 phases of the program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The court has 5 phases, each 90 days with different expectations at each (in terms of frequency of court hearings, visits with p.o., drug screens, etc.). ▪ After graduation (following the 4th phase), the defendant enters the 5th phase, where they remain on supervised probation for 6 months then return to court for disposition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charges are reviewed for reduction or dismissal if defendants successfully complete the program, or the sentence is reduced. ▪ Defendants face jail time and return to the original court of jurisdiction if unsuccessful. ▪ Sanctions are reviewed individually and imposed only if efforts to redesign the treatment interventions are unsuccessful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charges may be reduced or dismissed if defendants successfully complete the program, or the sentence is reduced.

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Norfolk General District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants with Misdemeanor or pre-trial felony charges are accepted. ▪ Must be seriously mentally ill and the illness contributed to the arrest. ▪ Also used as a monitoring docket to keep track of cases referred for competency evaluation and restoration. 	<p><u>Pre-Adjudication:</u> Defendants are seen pre-trial.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Judge ▪ Public Defender ▪ CSB Staff ▪ Jail social worker ▪ Sheriff's office (jail administrator) ▪ Pre-Trial Officer ▪ Commonwealth's Attorney can participate if desired, but this generally only happens if the case is a pre-trial felony. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Court scheduled weekly. ▪ Weekly pre-docket interdisciplinary team meeting to go over cases scheduled that day and any progress/issues. ▪ Judge participates in the entire meeting. ▪ Meetings run by the Public Defender. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Docket meets weekly, defendants attend as ordered by the judge, varies by individual. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No structured phases, defendants are monitored for varying lengths of time depending on charges and compliance with conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Typically, if successful the charges will be dismissed, pled down to a less serious charge, or result in time served/no additional jail time. ▪ Sanctions are case by case, but non-compliance may result in a return to the original court for traditional case processing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If successful the charges will be dismissed, pled down to a less serious charge, or result in time served/no additional jail time.
Petersburg General District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants with Misdemeanor or pre-trial felony charges are accepted. ▪ Must be seriously mentally ill and the illness contributed to the arrest. 	<p><u>Pre-Adjudication:</u> Charges are held under advisement until completion of the docket program. Defendants sign agreement and are placed under pre-trial supervision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Judge ▪ Public Defender ▪ CSB Staff ▪ Pre-Trial Officer ▪ Commonwealth's Attorney ▪ Docket Coordinator (vacant at this time) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Court scheduled every other week. ▪ Pre-docket interdisciplinary team meeting to go over cases scheduled that day and any progress/issues. ▪ Judge participates in the entire meeting. ▪ Meetings run by the docket coordinator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants have twice monthly court appearances that eventually reduce to once monthly then less frequently over the course of the 3 phases of the program (each approximately 60 days). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The court has 3 phases, each 60 days with different expectations at each (in terms of frequency of court hearings, visits with p.o., drug screens, etc.). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charges are reviewed for reduction or dismissal if defendants successfully complete the program. ▪ Defendants face jail time and return to the original court of jurisdiction if unsuccessful. ▪ Sanctions are reviewed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charges are reviewed for reduction or dismissal if defendants successfully complete the program.

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Prince William General District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Prince William DIVERT Docket received DBHDS funding in September 2015. They are currently in the early phases of implementation . ▪ Individuals must have charges currently in GDC. Pretrial misdemeanor and felony charges are eligible during the pre-trial phase. ▪ Appropriateness for the docket is assessed case by case, and there are no exclusionary charges at this time ▪ Must be SMI, determined by assessment by 	<p>The Docket allows for both pre- and post-adjudication cases. It has three tracks: 1) for individuals who are ordered for mental health eval or restoration (monitoring track only – defendant returns to regular court docket after eval/restoration is complete); 2) pre-trial track for individuals with pending misdemeanor or felony charges; 3) post-trial track for defendants with felony charges who were placed on the docket pre-trial and then had charges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commonwealth’s Attorney ▪ Public Defender ▪ CSB Staff ▪ Jail administrator ▪ Pre-Trial Services staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently the docket meets monthly. ▪ Pre-docket interdisciplinary team meeting to go over cases that day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants return to monthly court appearances for the duration of their time on the docket. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Varies by defendant. This will become more clear as the docket develops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dismissal of charges (for misdemeanor cases), or time served/probation for felony cases. ▪ Varies by defendant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dismissal of charges (for misdemeanor cases), or time served/probation for felony cases.

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Richmond General District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants with a serious mental illness who have misdemeanor charges or felonies that can be reduced. ▪ No violent charges or history of such allowed. 	<p><u>Pre-Adjudication or Post-Adjudication:</u> Depending on the case and the charges, this is determined by the Commonwealth's Attorney.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Defender ▪ CSB Staff (CSB docket coordinator and CSB staff who work with alternative sentencing program) ▪ Pre-Trial & Probation Officers ▪ Commonwealth's Attorney 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Docket held weekly. ▪ Weekly pre-docket interdisciplinary team meeting to go over cases and review new referrals. ▪ Judge does not participate. ▪ Commonwealth's Attorney runs the meetings and makes final decisions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants attend court weekly. ▪ There are two tracks for defendants – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Alternative Sentencing Program run through pre-trial. Defendants meet with pre-trial officers and clinicians based out of pre-trial. That program is for med/high risk consumers. This option would be pre-adjudication . 2) The other option is where clients accept a guilty plea and work with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No defined duration. Cases are adjusted on a case by case basis depending on progress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the pre-adjudication track, defendants may have their charges dismissed or reduced after successful completion. ▪ In the post-adjudication track, defendants may receive reduced sentences. ▪ Unsuccessful completion will result in a return to the court of origin and traditional case processing. ▪ Sanctions are reviewed individually and imposed only if efforts to redesign the treatment interventions are unsuccessful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the pre-adjudication track, defendants may have their charges dismissed or reduced after successful completion. ▪ In the post-adjudication track, defendants may receive reduced sentences.

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Roanoke & Salem General District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants with misdemeanor charges or felonies that are pled down to misdemeanors. ▪ Must be diagnosed with a serious mental illness. 	<p><u>Post-Adjudication:</u> All defendants accept guilty pleas as a condition of participation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Judge ▪ CSB staff ▪ Probation Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Docket meets every other week in Salem, Roanoke County, and the City of Roanoke General District Courts. ▪ The same judge presides over the Salem/Roanoke County dockets and a separate judge oversees the City of Roanoke docket. The same CSB and probation staff attend all. ▪ Pre-docket interdisciplinary team meeting to go over cases and review new referrals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants attend as ordered by the judge, varies by individual. ▪ Begins more intensive and as progress is made court appearances are required less frequently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 12-month program, no formal phases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upon successful completion, sentences are reduced or are given time-served. ▪ Defendants face jail time if unsuccessful. ▪ Sanctions are reviewed individually and imposed only if efforts to redesign the treatment interventions are unsuccessful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sentences are reduced or are given time-served.
Staunton & Augusta General District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants with misdemeanor charges. ▪ Must be diagnosed with a serious mental illness. 	<p><u>Pre-Adjudication:</u> All defendants agree to community supervision with local pre-trial services as a condition of participation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Judge ▪ CSB staff ▪ Pre-Trial Officer ▪ Commonwealth's Attorney ▪ Defense Attorney 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Docket meets every other week. ▪ Pre-docket interdisciplinary team meeting to go over cases and review new referrals. ▪ The Pre-Trial officer coordinates the docket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defendants attend as ordered by the judge, varies by individual. ▪ Begins more intensive and as progress is made court appearances are required less frequently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Length and frequency of court appearances vary. Typically a 12-month program, no formal phases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upon successful completion, charges are reviewed for possible dismissal or reduced. ▪ Defendants face jail time if unsuccessful. ▪ Sanctions are reviewed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upon successful completion, charges are reviewed for possible dismissal or reduced.

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