



Virginia Board of Veteran Services
Point of Contact Report
Veterans Treatment Dockets

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VVFS Veteran Justice Specialists role

- Serve as a key member of docket teams
- Provide input and support to docket team members
- Assist veteran participants with resource connections and services
- Collaborate with VA Justice Outreach Specialists to provide services to docket participants



COVID-19 Impacts and Challenges

- Treatment courts suspended or delayed due to court shutdowns
- Virtual court meetings in lieu of in-person meetings
- Participant issues with access to community resources

Veterans Treatment Docket Challenges:

- Lack of veteran identification in multiple points in the criminal justice system
- Increased need for veterans treatment dockets in Virginia
- Veterans treatment docket information void for Judges, Commonwealth Attorneys (CAs), and Defense Attorneys (DAs)
- Need for increased veterans treatment docket education/marketing
- Limited veterans treatment docket data



Future Strategic Opportunities

- Virginia Veterans Treatment Court Statewide Strategic Planning team
- Identification of veterans at multiple intercept points in the criminal justice system via training, outreach, marketing, VA's Veteran Reentry Search Services (VRSS) implementation
- Legislation related to veteran identification (i.e. mandatory VRSS in jails)
- Pre-adjudication veteran treatment courts (misdemeanor courts)
- VDVS training and marketing to Judges, CAs and Das
- Peer-to-peer training for Judges, CAs, and DAs to address information void
- Outreach to specific Judges, CAs and Das
- Address equity, diversity, and inclusion in veterans treatment court dockets



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