WHAT IS THE MENTAL HEALTH DOCKET?

The Mental Health Docket is a special part of the Delaware Municipal Court. It is a court-supervised program for Delaware County residents who face criminal charges and who also have a mental illness. Mental Health Docket is a voluntary program that includes regular court appearances before a Judge.

The Delaware Municipal Court Mental Health Docket will not consider your ability to pay fees and/or other financial obligations in determining eligibility for the docket, progress while on the docket, and/or graduation from the docket. The Mental Health Docket will make reasonable accommodations based on your financial ability.

I WANT TO JOIN THE MENTAL HEALTH DOCKET. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

- ⇒ Talk to your attorney. Have your attorney submit a referral for the mental health docket.
- ⇒ Schedule your mental health docket screening with the office of community control.
- ⇒ Obtain a mental health assessment. Check with the office of community control to see if your diagnosis qualifies you for the mental health docket.

All participants must meet the legal and clinical criteria for admission into the docket. The Mental Health Docket Judge has the discretion to decide who participates in the Mental Health Docket.

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MENTAL HEALTH DOCKET OVERVIEW

PHASE 1 ORIENTATION

- Report to Community Control weekly
- Status review hearing every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:00pm
- Participate in mental health counseling and treatment
- Submit to drug/alcohol testing

PHASE 2 STABILIZATION

- Report to Community Control bi-weekly
- Status review hearing every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:00pm
- Attend pro-social activities
- Continue mental health counseling and treatment
- Submit to drug/alcohol testing

PHASE 3 COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

- Report to Community Control monthly
- Status review hearing every 1st Wednesday at 3:00pm
- Complete mental health counseling and treatment, and attend pro-social activities
- Submit to drug/alcohol testing

PHASE 4 MAINTENANCE

- Report to Community Control monthly
- Status review hearing every 1st Wednesday on even months at 3:00pm
- Complete mental health counseling and treatment, and attend pro-social activities
- Submit to drug/alcohol testing

DISQUALIFICATION FACTORS

Not every offender will be eligible to participate in the Docket, even if the offender meets the legal and clinical criteria. The following items are disqualification factors to be considered:

- History of violent offenses
- Highly resistant to changing behavior in spite of previous interventions and/or punishments
- Lack of transportation
- Lives outside of Delaware County
- The offender's criminal history will be reviewed as part of the acceptance process. There are some prior offenses which categorically may exclude someone from the program if they pose a potential risk to court staff and the community.
- Legal issues regarding competency to stand trial or insanity defenses must be resolved before the offender can enter the Mental Health Docket.



LEGAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must have a mental health diagnosis;
- Misdemeanor charges pending in Delaware Municipal Court;
- The offender has legal counsel;
- The offender does not have a current sexual offender status;
- The offender may be appropriately treated in the community and is receptive to treatment for mental health;
- The offender does not pose a significant risk of harm to court staff, treatment providers, or other persons working with the docket.

CLINICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The offender's mental health disorder was a factor in the behavior that resulted in the pending charge(s) and, unless treated, the defendant's disorder is likely to contribute to future criminal behavior;
- The offender must be receptive to behavioral health treatment;
- The offender agrees to maintain any psychiatric medication, psychotherapy, and/or other counseling;
- The offender has a primary diagnosis DSM-IV Axis I, mental illness;
- The offender agrees to actively participate and cooperate with the mental health docket coordinator and community providers.

Legal and clinical eligibility alone do not create a right to participate in the specialized docket.