

Through comprehensive assessment, supervision, and treatment services, the Mental Health Docket works to:

- Promote public safety
- Reduce jail crowding
- Decrease recidivism
- Provide rehabilitation opportunities for individuals with mental health diagnoses



Questions?

Want to make a referral?

Need additional information?

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If you are experiencing a  
psychiatric emergency,  
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at 804-819-4100

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**Treatment**  
*vs*  
**Incarceration**  
*There are options.*

A GUIDE TO THE  
CITY OF RICHMOND  
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT  
MENTAL HEALTH DOCKET

## MENTAL HEALTH DOCKET PARTNERING AGENCIES

City of Richmond

Commonwealth's Attorney  
804-646-3500

Office of the Public Defender  
804-225-4330

Richmond Behavioral Health Authority  
804-819-4000

Division of Adult Programs  
Department of Justice Services  
804-646-8955

Marsh/Manchester General District Courts  
804-646-6677



Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) is a community health agency committed to bringing essential care to the people we serve through crisis intervention, mental health services, developmental support, and substance use prevention and treatment.

## City of Richmond General District Court Mental Health Docket

### ELIGIBILITY

Participation in the Mental Health Docket (MHD) is at the discretion of the Commonwealth Attorney and based on the following criteria:

- Participants must have a **pending** charge in Richmond City General District Court
- Participants must have a mental health diagnosis determined by a mental health assessment (conducted by RBHA)
- Participants must present at least a medium criminogenic risk determined by a risk assessment (conducted by the Division of Adult Programs)
- Participants must be safely manageable in the community

### SERVICES OFFERED

Based on the clinical assessment and individual need, participants may be referred for the following services:

- Psychiatric Care
- Medication Management
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment - residential or outpatient
- Mental Health Case Management
- Individual Therapy
- Peer Recovery Support Groups
- Trauma Therapy Groups
- Assistance with applying for benefits (i.e., SNAP, TANF, SSI/SSDI)
- Assistance with obtaining housing, employment, and other resources

### PROGRAM BASICS

- The Mental Health Docket (MHD) is a 6-12 month voluntary program based in Richmond General District Court
- Cases on the MHD are managed with consideration of the participant's mental health status
- Participants must stipulate that the facts are sufficient for a finding of guilt
- Participants meet regularly with a Probation Officer to monitor adherence to supervision requirements - including drug and alcohol screenings
- Participants meet regularly with an RBHA Clinician to facilitate participation in mental health and substance use treatment
- **Participants will attend court review hearings every 45-60 days - Hearings are scheduled on Mondays at 2:00pm at the Marsh/Manchester Courthouse**

### OUTCOMES/DISPOSITIONS

Upon successful completion of all MHD requirements, an individual's charges may be dismissed, nolle prossed, reduced, or jail time can be suspended. This happens during the sentencing phase of the case. The outcome of a case is directly related to:

- Compliance with mental health treatment
- Compliance with substance use treatment (if clinically indicated)
- Maintaining abstinence from drugs and alcohol
- Compliance with probation requirements