



VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PLANNING INITIATIVE (VTCPI) AGENDA – DAY ONE

Welcome and Introductions - This session gives an overview of the agenda and the structure for the week. It introduces the consultants, staff, and team members. It defines what is meant by recovery.

Plenary: *Why Have a Veterans Treatment Court?* - This session gives a brief history of veterans treatment courts and reviews the impact that military culture and the needs of the veteran have on the process and treatment.

Plenary: *Know Your Role: What You Do and What You Share* - This session outlines the basic concepts of team development. It offers interactive exercises to demonstrate the different learning styles of team members. This presentation introduces the roles for each team member and explains why to hold a pre-case conference and what can be discussed during that meeting.

Plenary: *Selecting the Right Participants* - This session outlines the importance of creating a veterans treatment court to specifically cater to the offending population that the jurisdiction needs to serve. The presenter will discuss the various methods of establishing and targeting the desired offender population and how to incorporate that into the chosen veterans treatment court model.

Jurisdictional Breakout: *Identifying the VTC Population* - The goal of this jurisdictional breakout is to build the target population and eligibility/disqualification criteria. This breakout will bring team members together to discuss the qualities of those individuals in the community to be targeted for participation in the veterans treatment court. Having all involved disciplines participate will help the team members gain an understanding of the criteria and qualifications for veterans treatment court participation, and the resulting eligibility criteria will truly reflect the needs of the jurisdiction.

Jurisdictional Breakout: *Developing the Entry Process* - In this breakout, participants will discuss the entire entry process from the initial contact with police until the day of admission into the veterans treatment court. Participation by all team members is imperative so that the team can have an adequate discussion and hear all details and processes from the various disciplines to gain an understanding of each practitioner's process.



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Jurisdictional Breakout: *Defining Treatment and Continuum of Care* - In this breakout, team members will brainstorm and discuss all the available resources in their community. This is vital because many team members may be aware of resources unknown to others or have new ideas to share. Teams will identify treatment services available in their community, including clinical and mental health services offered through the Department of Veterans Affairs and community health providers.

Plenary: *Supervising the Veteran* - This session provides critical information related to the monitoring and supervision of the justice-involved veteran. The presenter will discuss the importance of having adequate community supervision in place to keep track of participants, know what is going on in their lives, and hold them accountable if necessary.

Plenary: *A Blueprint for Phases* - This session gives an overview of the necessity of distinct phases for veterans treatment court participants to progress through on their journey toward commencement from the program.

Jurisdictional Breakout: *Defining Phases* - This breakout session will enable team members to decide exactly how many phases will be necessary for their veterans' treatment court, as well as to determine the requirements and criteria required for progression through the phases.



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Plenary: *Responses to Client Behavior* - This session outlines the basic behavior modification principles and their applicability in the delivery of incentives and sanctions in veterans treatment courts. The presenter will discuss the importance of incentives, both formal and informal, and their application in the program.

Plenary & Breakout: *Mission Statement* - In this session, you will learn what a mission statement is in relation to the treatment court. The session will briefly review the content of a mission statement and its importance to the court itself and the community. The exercise will allow the teams a chance to work together to determine a mission statement, goals, and objectives that accurately apply to their specific jurisdiction. By taking into account each team member's opinions and ideas as to what these should entail, a comprehensive mission statement, achievable goals, and applicable objectives will be created. This is imperative for inclusion in policy and procedure manuals and grant applications.

Plenary: *Funding Opportunities* - This session will discuss the various types of funding available to veterans treatment courts. Sustainability is a major concern, and having a plan from the beginning is vital to ensure long-term survival.

Developing Your Action Plan and Follow-Up Scheduling - In this session, you will develop a jurisdictional action plan, designed to outline the strategy for implementing the veterans' treatment court model and the development of each jurisdiction's written policy and procedures manual.