

The Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services Targeted Case Management Unit (DBHIDS/TCMU)

Individuals who are eligible for the FJDMHC program will be reviewed for targeted case management and may be assigned to one of three levels of care:

Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

Blended Enhanced Case Management (BECM)

Blended Case Management (BCM)

Eligibility criteria for each level of care will be based on diagnosis and mental health history. Individuals ineligible for the levels mentioned above may be eligible for the following:

Forensic Alternative Services Track (FAST)

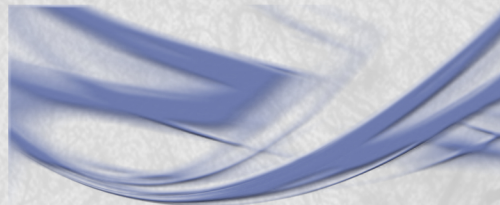
Veteran's Evaluation Track (VET)

"Good for the individual, good for the justice system, and good for our entire Philadelphia Community."

Lynn A Marks, Executive Director of Pennsylvania for Modern Court- The Philadelphia Inquirer July 8, 2009

"I am doing the right thing today as a result of the help that I am getting from Mental Health Court, Community Treatment Teams, NA, AA and my recovery house."

Mental Health Court Participant



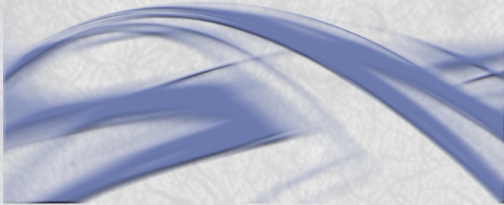
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Pennsylvania's First Re-Entry Mental Health Court





## Program Overview

The First Judicial District Mental Health Court (FJDMHC) provides an alternative to incarceration for carefully screened offenders with mental illness and co-occurring disorders by preparing individuals for re-entry into more effective treatment modalities in supervised community settings. The FJDMHC aims to reduce the jail population and criminal justice costs by balancing justice, treatment and public safety. The following offices and departments have joined forces to address these needs as a collective team:

- ◆ The Office of the Deputy Mayor of Public Safety
- ◆ Defender Association of Philadelphia
- ◆ Court of Common Pleas
- ◆ Prison System (PPS)
- ◆ District Attorney's Office
- ◆ Adult Probation/Parole Department (APPD)
- ◆ Department of Behavioral Health & Intellectual disAbility Services(DBH/IDS)

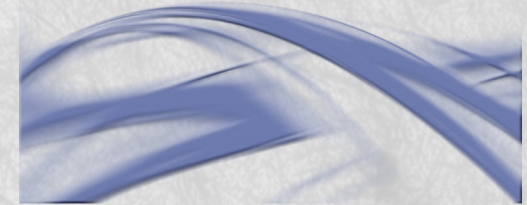
## Program Goals

- ◆ Facilitate the re-entry of offenders with mental illness from incarceration into supervised community treatment settings
- ◆ Provide treatment, housing, benefits, and community support for defendants with mental illness
- ◆ Reduce recidivism by defendants with mental illness
- ◆ Support effective communication between the criminal justice and mental health systems
- ◆ Preserve public safety



## Participant Requirements

- ◆ Participants are required to follow the conditions required by the Philadelphia Adult Probation and Parole Department and the conditions of an individualized treatment plan, designed to coordinate mental health treatment and services under the supervision of the criminal court
- ◆ Participation will include individual and/or group counseling, medication management, community support services and DBH/IDS case management
- ◆ Participants will be required to make court appearances to monitor the status of their compliance
- ◆ Participants must follow any rules the court may impose



## Eligibility Requirements

- ◆ Defendant is currently serving a sentence, and/or is awaiting sentencing or willing to accept a plea into FJDMHC
- ◆ Defendant's criminal history, charges and convictions enable the imposition of a probation or a county sentence with a probation term rather than a sentence of state incarceration. While number and severity of criminal charges and/or convictions will largely dictate the sentence, they will not, by themselves, exclude a defendant's participation in the FJDMHC
- ◆ Defendant is diagnosed with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and meets other medical necessity criteria for health choices for intensive case management services established by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
- ◆ Defendant is a Philadelphia County resident
- ◆ Defendant is Medicaid eligible.
- ◆ Defendant has at least 18 months of court supervision remaining from the time of formal admission into the FJDMHC
- ◆ Defendant agrees to comply with court supervision and treatment services