

*Question #1: Does the application have to be unanimous? Does everyone listed in the application have to sign it?*

A: Supreme Court Rule 1:25 (c) provides that it is the Court's application, no one else's, and the Court only has to "demonstrate sufficient local support." Unanimity is not required. The application must have signatures from all signatories on the Memorandum of Understanding. If a key signatory will not sign it then there will need to be discussion about how to move forward to ensure success of the program.

*Question #2: Who will review the application? Who determines whether the court has demonstrated "sufficient local support"?*

A: Under Rule 1:25 (e) and (f) the Chief Justice of Virginia has appointed a Behavioral Health Docket Advisory Committee to establish the standards and to review the applications. "Sufficient local support" has never been a concept specifically discussed in any of the application reviews and is not quantified in the application process. The Committee is comprised of judges and content experts throughout the Commonwealth. Leslie Weisman from the Arlington CSB has served on this committee and has reviewed a number of docket applications from other jurisdictions. She will not be part of this Committee as of September 3, 2019, and will not be involved in the Arlington application review.

The attached document, *Virginia Behavioral/Mental Health Dockets* (October 1, 2018), submitted by the Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia, has some additional information which can be useful for background and reference purposes.