



Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Orientation

Presented by the East Tennessee Veterans Treatment Court Committee

Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) Building
2247 Western Ave., Knoxville TN 37921

Agenda

Thursday, April 9, 2015

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Opening Remarks Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, Council
9:00 am – 10:30 am	What is a Veterans Treatment Court? Jack O'Connor
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Role of the Veteran Mentor Jack O'Connor
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Military Culture Patrick Welch, Ph.D.
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Veteran Participants in Veterans Treatment Court Panel Discussion



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Friday, April 10, 2015

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| 8:30 am - 9:45 am | Building Your Veteran Community Coalition
Jack O'Connor and Patrick Welch |
| 9:45 am - 10:15 am | Induction Ceremony
Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder, Representative John Ragan, Jack O'Connor and Patrick Welch |
| 10:15 am - 10:30 am | Break |
| 10:30 am - 11:15 am | Veteran Service Officers/Veteran Benefit Representatives
Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder |
| 11:15 am - 12:00 pm | Developing a Veterans Treatment Court
Honorable Chuck Cerny |
| 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Role of VHA Justice Outreach Specialist - Vet Center Services
Amy Montgomery, Rudy Ragnauth and Emily B. Feedback |
| 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm | Veteran Community Organizations/Veteran Service Organizations
Melanie Cordell, Carla Kimble, Jim Parker and Barry Rice |
| 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm | Closing |



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Honored Guest

Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder

Tennessee State Representative John Ragan

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett

Sixth Judicial Recovery/Veterans Treatment Court Honorable Chuck Cerny

Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court Jack O'Connor

Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court Patrick W. Welch, Ph.D.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator
Sean C. Clark Dave Hansard, M.Ed.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Tennessee Valley Healthcare System Network
Homeless Coordinator, VISN 9 David Hansard, M.Ed.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Veterans
Justice Outreach/HCRV Amy Montgomery, LCSW

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Peer Support
Specialist Rudy Ragnauth

Knoxville Vet Center, Station #0720, Supervisory Social Worker / Team Leader Emily B.
Feedback, LCSW

State of TN Department of Labor & Workforce Development Veterans Outreach
Specialist, Workforce Services Jim Parker

Tennessee State Council, Vietnam Veterans of America Secretary Cris Moorehouse

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless, Chief Executive Officer Melanie Cordell

Volunteers of America Program Manager Carla Kimble



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Tennessee Veterans Treatment Court Mentor's Creed

"In the long and honored tradition of Tennessee Volunteers, knowing all we can do is help, this is my creed:

- I humbly ask for God's help, realizing I am ever in need of His Guidance in this work, praying for my Veteran's success.
- In the spirit of "leave no one behind", I will constantly encourage my fellow Veteran to refuse to lose, but to choose life, liberty, and service to others.
- Should my Veteran relapse, I will encourage him or her back on the path to recovery.
- I will keep confidences entrusted to me.
- I will uphold the honor and dignity of the Court.
- I will do my best to inspire my Veteran to the highest and best standards, and return to their rightful place of dignity, honor, and respect in our society."