

AGENDA

ROUNDTABLE: Domestic Violence, Military Service and the Courts July 18-20, 2010

Windblown Hill Libertyville, Illinois

Sunday, July 18th

5:00 Welcome Reception and Dinner
Introductions and Review of Agenda

Monday, July 19th

8:15 Breakfast

9:00 **Opening Question / Framing the Issue**
Debby Tucker & Joe Butler

What is the intersection of domestic violence and veteran's courts?

Elements:

- How do we differentiate among offenders to identify entirely new conduct resulting from a medical condition vs. well-established attitude-based use of violence?
- What screening strategies are in place to make that kind of determination objectively?
- How is victim input obtained?
- If treatment is offered for the underlying condition how do we create a pathway for restitution to those harmed and restoration of family trust?

10:30 Coffee and chatting

11:00 **Correlation between War Trauma and Family Violence: The approaches of the VA**
Casey Taft & Mike McClain

- 12:00 Picnic lunch by the pond
- 1:30 **Hearing Domestic Violence in Veterans Court: The experience of the Judiciary**
Hon. Robert Russell, Hon. Grace Dickler and Hon. John Kirby
- 2:30 Cookies and conversation
- 3:00 **The Movement to End Domestic Violence: What We've Learned**
Debby Tucker & Vickie Smith
- 4:00 **Discussion: Are Veterans Courts an Appropriate Forum for Dealing with Domestic Violence?**
Debby Tucker & Joseph Butler

Considerations:

- Since most Veterans Courts statutes exclude acts of violence, how is it possible to consider domestic violence cases?
- When a Veterans Court decides to take domestic violence cases, what would be recommended guidelines for those courts?
- How should the court assess the risk of the offender and who should do it?
- What do we know about screening to differentiate between prior offenders and those who have no history of domestic violence?
- What should be the relationship between a domestic violence court and a veterans' court? What happens if there is no specialized domestic violence court in the jurisdiction?
- If treatment is ordered for an underlying condition, what do we know about the capacity of those programs to address violent behavior?
- What is the VA's role in these issues?
- What is the capacity of existing Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPPs) to provide programming specifically to address military/veteran needs *after* they've received help for underlying conditions?
- Does the newly passed law in Illinois exclude domestic violence cases from Veterans Courts?
- Are there other state statutes we need to review?

5:30 Reception

6:30 Dinner

Tuesday, July 20th

8:15 Pancake Breakfast

9:00 **Recap and Consensus Points: What do we agree on from yesterday?**

Do we have a consensus on our original question?

Restate the original question framed Monday morning and adjust as needed.

10:15 Hobnobbing

10:45 **How do we communicate our findings from this meeting to the larger community of interested parties?**

11:30 **Putting these ideas into practice: Cook County Initiative**
Mark Kammerer

12:00 Lunch, Goodbyes, Thanks and Departures