Clinician Information Form for Veterans in Recovery

Please fill out the following questions so that we can work together to give your patient the best possible care!

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center's mission is to help veterans recovering from homelessness and serious mental illness overcome legal barriers to housing, healthcare, and income. We think legal services work best when they support the recovery process rather than acting in isolation in a client's life. In order for your patient to get the best possible legal assistance, we ask our clients to sign VA releases so that their clinicians and case managers can assist in the resolution of their legal issues. This form is to confirm that the veteran is in a mental health program before we provide legal assistance. ***Please note that this referral form does not indicate representation from an attorney!***

Date: ______________________________

Clinician Name: ______________________________

Title: ______________________________

Phone Number: ____________________ Fax Number: ____________________

Email Address: ______________________________

Office Location: ______________________________

What (VA) Program(s) do you work in? eg: CRT, CTI, HPACT ______________________________

Veteran Name: ______________________________

Veteran Phone Number: ______________________________

Veteran's Current Diagnoses from Problem List: ______________________________

Do you see this client at the (circle all that apply):

West Haven VA Hospital Newington VA Hospital

Other ______________________________

Briefly Describe the Veteran's Legal Issue:

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What other VA programs is this veteran involved in? eg: CRT, CTI, HPACT

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How long have you worked with this veteran? From ____________________ To ____________________

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Legal Problems Screening Form
Connecticut Veterans Legal Center

Name: ________________________________

Date: _________________________________

Conflict Check Information

Names of ALL opposing people involved in your current legal issues:

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Names of ALL veterans in CT who you are, or were related to:

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Authorization for Use/Disclosure of Information:

I voluntarily authorize Connecticut Veterans Legal Center to discuss the information provided during the intake and screening processes for this referral with my referring clinician ______________________
<name of clinician>

____ ____________________
Signature Date

Personal History

1. Last year of education completed _______________
2. What years were you in the military _________________
3. Have you ever been diagnosed with a mental health/substance abuse condition? If so, please check all that apply: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Schizophrenia/Schizoaffective	☐ Bipolar Disorder	☐ Major Depression
☐ Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	☐ Other Anxiety Disorder	☐ Alcohol Abuse/Dependence
☐ Drug Abuse/Dependence	☐ Other, specify_____________	

4. In the past year, have you had thoughts of killing yourself? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Have you ever attempted to kill yourself? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Demographic Information

CVLC collects demographic information for internal use related to fundraising. CVLC does no discriminate based on any demographic information.

6. Marital Status ❑ Single ❑ Married ❑ Separated ❑ Divorced ❑ Widowed

7. Gender ❑ Male ❑ Female ❑ Non-Binary ❑ Other

8. Race/Ethnicity (select all that apply)

❑ White ❑ Black or African American ❑ Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin
❑ Asian ❑ American Indian or Alaskan Native ❑ Middle Eastern or Northern African
❑ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

9. Do you identify as LGBTQ+? ❑ Yes ❑ No

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10. Which of the following legal problems apply to you? (please mark all that apply)

Past problems	**Current problems**
❑ Alimony	❑ Alimony
❑ Bankruptcy	❑ Bankruptcy
❑ Drug charges	❑ Drug charges
❑ Child support	❑ Child support
❑ Credit rating/Consumer debt	❑ Credit rating/Consumer debt
❑ Child Custody/Visitation	❑ Child Custody/Visitation
❑ Criminal	❑ Criminal
❑ DCF	❑ DCF
❑ Discharge upgrade	❑ Discharge upgrade
❑ Divorce	❑ Divorce
❑ Driver’s License Restoration/ID	❑ Driver’s License Restoration/ID
❑ Estate/Probate	❑ Estate/Probate
❑ Foreclosure/Mortgage	❑ Foreclosure/Mortgage
❑ Housing/Eviction	❑ Housing/Eviction
❑ Immigration	❑ Immigration
❑ Social Security/Public Benefits/Food Stamps	❑ Social Security/Public Benefits/Food Stamps
❑ Taxes	❑ Taxes
❑ VA Benefits/VA Overpayment	❑ VA Benefits/VA Overpayment
❑ Unemployment	❑ Unemployment
❑ Other, specify______________	❑ Other, specify______________

Regarding your current legal problems, please answer the following question using the scale below:

0	1	2	3	4	5
Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Considerably	Extremely	N/A

10. How serious do you feel your present legal problems are? ________

11. How *stressful* do you feel your present legal problems are? ________

12. Do you have a lawyer representing you for any of your legal problems? ❑ Yes ❑ No

Any questions regarding the content of this form please contact the Screening Team at the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center: intakes@ctveteranslegal.org, or call or txt (203) 479-0375.

Department of Veterans Affairs

REQUEST FOR AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE HEALTH INFORMATION

PRIVACY ACT AND PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to notify you that this information collection is in accordance with the clearance requirements of section 3507 of the Act. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless is displays a valid OMB number. We anticipate that the time expended by all individuals who must complete this form will average 2 minutes. This includes the time it will take to read the instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out this form. The execution of this form does not authorize the release of information other than that specifically described below.

The information requested on this form is solicited under Title 38 U.S.C. The form authorizes release of information in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164; 5 U.S.C. 552a; and 38 U.S.C. 5701 and 7332 that you specify. Your disclosure of the information requested on this form is voluntary. However, if information needed to locate records for release is not furnished completely and accurately, VA will be unable to comply with the request. The Veterans Health Administration may not condition the provision of treatment, payment, enrollment in the VA Health Care Program, or eligibility for benefits on the signing of an authorization, except for research-related treatment where an authorization for the use or disclosure of individually-identifiable health information for such research is required. VA may disclose the information that you put on the form as permitted by law. VA may make a "routine use" disclosure of the information as outlined in the Privacy Act system of records notices identified as 24VA10A7 "Patient Medical Record - VA", 08VA05 "Employee Medical File System Records (Title 38)-VA" and in accordance with the Notice of Privacy Practices. VA may also use this information to identify Veterans and person claiming or receiving VA benefits and their records, and for other purposes authorized or required by law.

TO: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS *(Name and Location of the VA Health Care Facility)*

CT VA Medical Centers Newington and West Haven & Errera Community Care Center

LAST NAME- FIRST NAME- MIDDLE NAME	DATE OF BIRTH *(mm/dd/yyyy)*

PATIENT'S MAILING ADDRESS (*including City, State and Zip Code*)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION, INDIVIDUAL, OR TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM INFORMATION IS TO BE RELEASED

CDonaldson/MCFisher/DPruslow/SFialkovich/EPuoro/BMurphy/COppenheimer/APinkham/JWolf & assigned agents CT Veterans Legal Ctr, 114 Boston Post Rd., Gr. Fl.,West Haven, CT 06516

PURPOSE(S) OR NEED: Information is to be used by the requestor for:

☐ TREATMENT ☒ BENEFITS ☐ LEGAL ☐ EMPLOYMENT ☒ OTHER *(Please specify below)*:

VA Benefits Claim

INFORMATION REQUESTED: Check applicable box(es) and state the extent or nature of information to be provided:

- ☐ HEALTH SUMMARY *(Prior 2 Years)*
- ☐ PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS *(Dates)*: ______
- ☐ INPATIENT DISCHARGE SUMMARY *(Dates)*: ______
- ☐ PROGRESS NOTES:
  - ☐ SPECIFIC CLINICS *(Name & Date Range)*: ______
  - ☐ SPECIFIC PROVIDERS *(Name & Date Range)*: ______
  - ☐ DATE RANGE: ______
- ☐ OPERATIVE/CLINICAL PROCEDURES *(Name & Date)*: ______
- ☐ LAB RESULTS:
  - ☐ SPECIFIC TESTS *(Name & Date)*: ______
  - ☐ DATE RANGE: ______
- ☐ RADIOLOGY REPORTS *(Name & Date)*: ______
- ☐ LIST OF ACTIVE MEDICATIONS: ______
- ☐ VACCINATION *(Dose, Lot Number, Date & Location)*: ______
- ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS: ______
- ☒ OTHER *(Describe)*: Information pertaining to legal issue/VA benefits, not medical records

LAST NAME- FIRST NAME- MIDDLE NAME	DATE OF BIRTH *(mm/dd/yyyy)*

SENSITIVE DIAGNOSES: REVIEW AND, IF APPROPRIATE, COMPLETE WHEN RELEASE IS FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN TREATMENT.

I request and authorize Department of Veterans Affairs to release the information pertaining to the condition(s) below for the non-treatment purpose(s) listed in this authorization.

☒ DRUG ABUSE ☒ ALCOHOLISM OR ALCOHOL ABUSE ☒ SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

☒ HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS *(HIV)*

I understand that information on these sensitive diagnoses may be released for treatment purposes without me checking the above boxes, and will be released even if the boxes are unchecked unless I indicate by checking the box below that I do not want this information released for this specific disclosure.

☐ **I do not want sensitive diagnoses released for treatment purposes under this specific authorization. I realize this does not impact other future requests unrelated to this authorization.**

AUTHORIZATION: I certify that this request has been made freely, voluntarily and without coercion and that the information given above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I will receive a copy of this form after I sign it. I may revoke this authorization in writing, at any time except to the extent that action has already been taken to comply with it. Written revocation is effective upon receipt by the Release of Information Unit at the facility housing records. Any disclosure of information carries with it the potential for unauthorized redisclosure, and the information may not be protected by federal confidentiality rules.

I understand that the VA health care provider's opinions and statements are not official VA decisions regarding whether I will receive other VA benefits or, if I receive VA benefits, their amount. They may, however, be considered with other evidence when these decisions are made at a VA Regional Office that specializes in benefit decisions.

EXPIRATION: Without my express revocation, the authorization will automatically expire *(select one of the following)*:

☐ AFTER ONE-TIME DISCLOSURE, IF ALL NEEDS ARE SATISFIED

☐ ON *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ________________ *(enter a future date other than date signed by patient)*

☐ UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITION(S): ____

PATIENT SIGNATURE *(Sign in ink)*	DATE *(mm/dd/yyyy)*
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE (*if applicable) (Sign in ink*)	DATE *(mm/dd/yyyy)*
PRINT NAME OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE	RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT

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TYPE AND EXTENT OF MATERIAL RELEASED

DATE RELEASED *(mm/dd/yyyy)*	RELEASED BY: