



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

May 13, 2020

Attendees

Laura Edmonds, Shenna Oriabure, Ruth Kaiser, **Judge Kristin Wade, Julie Turnbull, Audrey Garnett, Kimberly Duran, Trina Crosby, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Bryan Smith, Lynn Richardson,** Keta Dickerson (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Laura Edmonds called the meeting to order at 9:02am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Lynn Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Harlan seconded the motion and the group accepted the minutes.

530 Fund Balance and Update

Laura Edmonds provided an update of the 530 Fund Balance. Currently the balance for the Felony account (4020) is \$139,525.67 the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$47,627.35 for a total of \$187,153.02. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2020 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. Laura advised of reduced spending due to cancellation of the Texas Association of Specialty Courts annual conference. Laura stated the monthly 530 Fund revenue averages around \$6,300; in April 2020 the fund revenue was approximately \$2,400. A reduction in revenue can be attributed to the impact of COVID-19. The current revenue trend should be referenced while planning the upcoming budget. Laura reminded attendees to request funds for incentives before the end of the fiscal year. In June 2020 the subcommittee will begin preparations for development of the FY21 budget. A budget only meeting will be held in July 2020 and a final budget vote held in August 2020.

Drug Testing

Laura Edmonds provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY20. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$2,111.10 which leaves a balance of \$12,888.90 Utilization of drug patch: 27% were no shows and 73% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 37.5% positive, 37.5% results pending, 12.5% negative, 12.5% unable to test (no patch intact at removal, did not return for removal). Laura requested feedback on drug patch utilization. There was no response. The subcommittee will continue to vote monthly on the additional drug testing services under adjusted practices during the

pandemic. Laura requested a motion to approve the extension of drug patch services for an additional month, until the next committee meeting in June. Laura recommended these scarce resources not be utilized on clients who have a high probability of absconding. Laura called for a vote to continue funding drug patches until June 10, 2020 for 4 patch applications per certified court. All voting members present voted yes **except** PD (Lynn Richardson) -voted NO and Bryan Smith did not register a vote. The motion passed. Drug patch services through Recovery will continue for another month. Audrey Garnett inquired if there was a contract for a third party to collect UAs. Laura advised current contracts do not have a provision for UA collection. Judge Wade asked if participants can fund their own drug testing. Keta suggested Laura reach out to Recovery Monitoring Solutions to see if Purchasing can do a special "quote" to allow for UA observation funding. Julie Turnbull asked if Trina Crosby had any update with purchasing regarding DIVERT's contract with Recovery. Trina advised clients are self-pay and the current contract does not have UAs as an available service. Laura will reach out to purchasing regarding both contract and quote options. The issue is not the lab testing of the urine specimen but the facilitating the specimen collection. Judge Wade asked about the capability of pretrial and CSCD to conduct UAs. Audrey advised AIM has utilized Sentinel to for UAs but clients must be escorted into Frank Crowley.

Julie expressed concern that CSCD is not represented at the meeting and was not present during the April 2020 meeting. Julie requested someone reach out to ensure a CSCD representative will be present at future subcommittee meetings. Laura will reach out to CSCD regarding a representative for regular meeting attendance.

Transitional Housing

A written report was provided in the meeting packet. There are 4 specialty court participants in Salvation Army transitional housing. The breakdown is 2 female and 2 male participants. The court utilization breakdown is 1 STAC, 1 AIM, 1 DIVERT, and 1 STAR. Laura advised Salvation Army has been limited on admission but has provided updated information on additional screening question needed to process referrals. Laura advised to continue sending referrals and the referrals will be assessed on a case by case basis. Shenna clarified referrals are not being accepted from the community or the jail but only facility transfers like (Homeward Bound, Nexus, The Bridge)

Request for Funding

No funding requests were received.

Training

Laura Edmonds advised there were only two registrants requesting 530 funding for RISE20, NADCP's virtual conference. There will be follow-up with those attending to get key points from sessions attended. Laura solicit topics for future trainings. Training topic requests can be sent to Shenna and Laura. The subcommittee will continue to explore in-house training options.

National Drug Court Month Activities

Laura Edmonds advised National Drug Court Month is in May 2020. Laura stated the committee will sponsor an official resolution at Commissioners Court (CCT) and encouraged everyone to attend. The date for the Resolution has changed to May 19, the second Commissioners Courts meeting of the month. Laura asked if any Judges wanted to speak at CCT. The District Attorney and Chief Public Defender will provide comments on the resolution. Judge Wade expressed a willingness to speak. Judge Mays is available to speak on the resolution as well. Laura will provide the call-in information to those speaking. Everyone is encouraged to tune in.

The previously discussed art expo is proceeding digitally. Attendees were encouraged to inform program participants about the Digital Art Expo. The submitted artwork will be compiled and presented in a county-wide broadcast. The 2020 National Drug Court Month theme is *Stories Worth Telling*. Artwork should be submitted no later than May 22, 2020.

Texas State Office of the Governor Update

Keta Dickerson advised there is a call on 5/15/20 to discuss grants for fiscal year 2021.

Meeting Time and Date

Laura advised a concern was raised again regarding the subcommittee meeting time. Laura requested people send in requested date and times that are best and a vote will be taken at a later date. Information will be put on the Teams Channel as well.

Innovative Practice During Pandemic

Laura opened discussion for the group to share ideas or problems experienced during the current pandemic. Julie Turnbull voiced a concern on obtaining accurate and updated information on inpatient treatment availability and accessibility. Julie suggested partners collaborate to obtain reliable information on what facilities are open, who is taking people, and waitlist. Laura advised Nexus is accepting jail referrals now. Laura advised the Criminal Justice Department will gather the requested information and distribute. Laura will follow-up on specific cases at the request of a court team member. Julie suggested we have a point of contact for each service provider. Julie recommended we consolidate our efforts. Judge Wade reported problems with clients calling in and utilizing telehealth services specifically with IPS. Judge Harlan advised they are having the same problem and clients are getting stuck in the waiting room for extended periods of time. Laura will contact IPS regarding reported telehealth issues.

Announcements

Laura Edmonds thanked everyone for their continued hard work. Judge Wade requested feedback regarding if the Behavioral Health Steering Committee meeting should proceed for the month of May via Teams.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am and will reconvene on 6/10/2020 @9:00am via Teams.