



## Behavioral Health Steering Committee

### 530 Fund Sub-Committee

July 8, 2020

#### Attendees

Laura Edmonds, **Shenna Oriabure**, **Judge Kristin Wade**, **Julie Turnbull**, **Audrey Garnett**, Kimberly Duran, **Trina Crosby**, **Judge La'Donna Harlan**, Dr. Jill Johansson-Love, **Judge Lela Mays**, **Serena McNair**, Charlene Randolph, **Vickie Rice**, Keta Dickerson, **Judge Nancy Kennedy**, **Judge Dominique Collins**, **Bryan Smith**, **Teresa Saulsberry** (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

#### Review/Approval of Minutes

Laura Edmonds called the meeting to order at 9:00am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Audrey Garnett made a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Harlan seconded the motion and the group accepted the minutes.

#### 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 \$5,947.10 which leaves a balance of \$9,052.90. Utilization of drug patch: 27% were no shows and 73% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 29% positive, 21% results pending, 21% negative, 29% unable to test (no patch intact at removal, did not return for removal).

Laura requested a motion to approve the extension of drug collections with Recovery Monitoring Systems through the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2020. All voting members present voted yes. The motion passed. The larger courts (STAC, AIM, 4C, and DIVERT) are allotted a total of 32 UA collections and observations each through Recovery. The collections are from the beginning of June to the end of September 2020. The smaller courts will continue to have 16 UA collections each, for the same time period.

Laura requested a motion to allow continued utilization of 530 funding for drug patches (which began in April) through the end of the fiscal year. Drug patch services through Recovery will continue for a total of 24 drug patch applications per court. The patches are transferrable with documentation from approving court. All voting members present voted yes **except** PD (representative Vickie Rice) -voted **NO** due to concerns with the patch. The motion passed. Drug patch services through Recovery will continue until the end of the fiscal year and patches will be transferrable with documentation from granting court.

### **530 Fund Balance and Update**

Laura Edmonds provided an update of the 530 Fund Balance. Currently the balance for the Felony account (4020) is \$134,635.59 the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$46,558.53 for a total of \$181,194.12. The total amount of credits/revenue in the account has declined due to the impact of COVID-19. Laura encouraged courts to submit requests for incentive monies. If approval has been received for incentives, purchases must occur on or before September 30, 2020. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2020 expenditures was included in the meeting packet.

### **Transitional Housing**

A written report was provided in the meeting packet. There are 2 specialty court participants in Salvation Army transitional housing. The breakdown is 1 female and 1 male participant. The court utilization breakdown is 1 AIM and 1 STAR. There is capacity but due to COVID-19 the ability to take referrals is limited. Laura advised to continue sending referrals. The referrals will be assessed on a case by case basis. All referrals should present with documentation of a negative COVID-19 test. Tests must be taken within a two-week period before admission. The referring court will need to provide additional case information beyond the referral form. Judge Mays inquired about a list of approved transitional housing vendors. Judge Mays advised God's Truest Miracles is closing. Laura advised Dallas County has an approved quote with Clean Connections, God's Truest Miracles (Rhizomatic), and Rolling Hills Recovery. Laura will touch base with purchasing to see if there is a way to redo or broaden the quote for the next fiscal year to add additional vendors. This is a lengthy process. Bryan Smith advised God's Truest Miracles may actually stay open. Bryan reported he heard Ms. Streat is reworking things and will not close completely. Laura advised grant funding can be used on any CSCD approved or contracted transitional housing providers. Ms. McNair will check with Brad Marshall who is over CSCD's vetting in that area. Serena will forward the information when available. Keta Dickerson advised CSCD vendors cover meals and the pricing is higher than those utilized by 530. Judge Mays again requested the complete list of vendors.

### **Request for Funding**

No funding requests were received.

### **2021 Budget**

The meeting packet contained historical budget information and three budget options. The recommended operating budget for FY2021 is \$150,000. The goal of the discussion is to end the meeting with identification of what budget option to proceed with for FY2021. Each line item does not have to remain as listed but will help identify budgeting priorities. Each option captures the priority levels that were submitted by courts that provided feedback. Option #1 emphasizes Drug Testing and Training, Option #2-Inpatient Treatment, and Option #3-Transitional Housing. After a robust discussion Laura called for a vote. All voting members present voted for Option #2 with the exception of Judge Collins who changed her vote to Option #3. The group requested \$1,000 be moved from training and placed into transportation bringing the training total to \$24,000 and transportation to \$2,000.

Serena McNair advised CSCD will outsource UAs. CSCD is still in the midst of contract negotiations but Serena can report there will be a male and female contracted UA technician on site at Frank

Crowley. There will be some evening and weekend availability for UAs. Serena advised meeting attendees can express concerns and comments directly to her by email or phone. Serena concluded the UA transition is not only about specialty courts but the entire CSCD Department.

Option #2 has \$45,000 budgeted for transitional housing. For transitional housing at Salvation Army, Dallas County is required to execute a contract. Salvation Army holds the beds although payment is only for beds occupied. Each Salvation Army bed costs \$10,220 a year. The committee will have to identify the number of beds to be funded. That decision will inform how the housing line item is divided.

The subcommittee is moving forward with budget Option #2. A final budget vote will occur in August 2020 and Commissioner Courts briefing in September 2020.

**Option #2**

<b>Dept</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>FY 2021 Budget</b>
4031	2920	Drug Testing	\$25,000.00
4020	4210	Training	\$25,000.00
<b>4020</b>	<b>6620</b>	<b>Inpatient Treatment</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
4031	2240	Incentives	\$14,000.00
4020	6620	Transitional Housing	\$45,000.00
4020	5590	Transportation	\$1,000.00
4031	2160	Office Supplies	\$0.00
		<b>Operating Total</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>

**Announcements**

Laura Edmonds advised work continues on policies related to resource distribution. A proposal will be sent next month for review and voted on in September 2020.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 am and will reconvene on 8/12/2020 @9:00am via Teams.