



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

October 13, 2021

Attendees

Deborah Hill, Shenna Oriabure, Dr. Marta King, **Trina Crosby, Lynn Richardson, Teresa Saulsberry, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Judge Audrey Moorehead, Bryan Smith,** Crystal Garland, LaShonda Jefferson, **Julie Turnbull, Judge Kristin Wade,** Laura Edmonds, Keta Dickerson, Kimberly Duran, Nathaniel Clark Jr., Jerry Barker, **Serena McNair, Ashley "Nicole" Horne, Charlene Randolph,** (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Deborah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:01am. Deborah asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Wade made a motion to approve the minutes. Chief Lynn Richardson seconded the motion and the group accepted the minutes.

530 Fund Balance and Update

Deborah Hill provided an update of the 530 Fund Balance. Funding is located in two accounts, an escrow account and General Fund 120. Some funds are still being collected under the drug and intoxication fee structure; those funds are applied to the escrow account. Currently the balance for the Felony account (4020) is \$121,394.06 the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$12,397.17 for a total of \$133,791.23. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$166,923.84. No funds have been expensed out of Account 120 because the account has not been set up to do so. The funds in Account 120 will be transferred to the escrow account for FY2022. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2021 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 300 bus passes remaining.

Drug Testing

Deborah Hill provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY21. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$11,652.35 which leaves a balance of \$13,347.65. A total of 112 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 1% were no shows and 99% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 20% positive, 7% results pending, 51% negative, 22% unable to test (no patch intact at removal, did not return for removal).

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 male participants and 2 female participants. The court utilization breakdown is 2 STAC, 1 STAR, and 1 MHJD. There is 1 female on the waitlist. Referred individuals are no longer required to present proof of a negative COVID-19 test. The Salvation Army has secured onsite rapid COVID testing. Please send referrals to specialtycourts@dallascounty.org and clients will be added to waitlist. Housing is for participants who are chronically homeless. The benefit is participants can stay in the transitional housing for up to 6 months. Salvation Army representatives are currently reviewing the FY2022 contracts.

Request for Funding

A resubmission of a funding request was received from ATLAS for \$945.13 for training via the CMIT Mental Health Conference. The breakdown is as follows: \$213.50 per diem, \$471.63 Lodging, and \$260.00 registration. The request increased the lodging amount to cover taxes. The request was unanimously approved. A funding request was received from Competency for \$1,760 for training of two court team members via the Texas Forensic Mental Health Conference. The breakdown per person is as follows: \$250.00 per diem, \$480.00 Lodging, and \$150.00 registration. The request was unanimously approved. Keta Dickerson inquired if the criteria for utilizing the conference travel changed. Keta stated the funds were previously only utilized for TASC. Shenna Oriabure clarified funds may be utilized for any in-state training approved by the subcommittee. Historically, the funds have been used primarily for TASC.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson advised the Specialty Court Advisory Council (SCAC) will have a Fall meeting later this month. Kimberly Duran inquired about the status of the open clinical position on SCAC. Keta is not privy to that information. The in-house OOG grant application training is forth coming. The training needs to be completed prior to the February 2022 application deadline for FY2023.

TASC Board Update

Kimberly Duran advised TASC stipend applications were sent on September 1, 2021 and are due on October 15, 2021. The Board met for an annual retreat in August. TASC wants to form an education and outreach committee to spearhead education on specialty courts. The purpose of the subcommittee is to seek opportunities to teach about specialty courts and best practices. Potential outreach opportunities may include judicial conferences or law schools. The Board discussed issues around marijuana legalization. The next TASC conference may include a plenary on the issue. Kimberly encouraged attendees to check emails for updates from TASC.

Specialty Court Video Production

The purpose of the video production is to present information on each individual specialty court. The long form video is an overview of specialty courts in Dallas County. Specialty court video production was approved in the FY2020 budget but production was delayed due to COVID-19. Permission has been received to extend the production and contract into FY2022 if necessary. Filming began with DA Creuzot and Chief Richardson. The project needs 12-15 successful

specialty court graduates willing to be filmed. The project is seeking graduates diverse in race, age, court, and socioeconomic background. Each court is asked to identify graduates to film a testimonial and gauge their interest. If interested, provide contact information to Shenna Oriabure. Shenna will contact interested graduates to sign a release and schedule filming. The video talking points were included in the meeting packet.

Communication/Information Sharing

Deborah Hill requested feedback on methods to achieve more effective communication. Sharing information is vital for the success of specialty courts in Dallas County. Deborah encouraged courts to report staffing changes or transitions that may impact subcommittee participation. Effective communication will prevent eligible courts from missing out on opportunities and benefits.

Announcements

The 4th Annual Judicial Summit on Mental Health is scheduled for October 14-15, 2021. Salvation Army is conducting an open house for the Addiction Recovery Program. The open house will occur on October 22, 2021 beginning at 11:30am. The 8th Annual Mental Health Conference in Galveston, Texas is October 25-28, 2021. 2022 TASC Conference is scheduled for April 11-13, 2022. Kimberly Duran reported on the new CCIF electronic process for expenses. Serena McNair should be distributing debit cards to the certified courts within the next 2 weeks. The balances are for the end of the 2021 calendar year. Email Serena availability to coordinate debit card distribution. Chief Richardson gave kudos to Vickie Rice and the Mental Health team that gave a webinar to the Black Psychologist Association-DFW. The presentation included Judge Lela Lawrence Mays, Showanda Fountain, Clayton Cox, Michaela Himes, and Judge Amber Givens.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 am and will reconvene on 11/10/2021 @9:00am via Teams.