



## **Behavioral Health Steering Committee**

### **530 Fund Sub-Committee**

**November 10, 2021**

#### **Attendees**

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

#### **Review/Approval of Minutes**

Deborah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:01am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Audrey Garnett made a motion to approve the minutes. Julie Turnbull 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 \$218,733.51 the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$71,161.08 for a total of \$289,894.59. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$11,541.42. Deborah asked the subcommittee if incentive funds should automatically be granted to all certified courts without the completion of a memo request or specialty court survey. Shenna advised the discussion is an attempt to provide maximum support to all certified specialty courts. If the incentives were automatically given, then a budget adjustment of approximately \$2,000-\$4,000 would be needed. Keta suggested at a minimum the memo request should still be completed to receive incentives. Keta did not want the funds to be limited because a program did not complete the specialty court survey. Shenna provided clarification that funds are not limited by survey participation. The memo request or survey can be completed to receive funding. Julie inquired as to the survey questions and purpose. Shenna advised the many benefits of the survey include future planning, targeted support, and information gathering. Judge Wade opined the low utilization of incentive funding by some specialty courts may be due to lack of need or having other resources. Judge Harlan stated the committee goes above and beyond to provide information and support related to incentives. The group ultimately decided to leave the process the same. Shenna advised memo requests and surveys can be submitted for FY2022 starting today. Deborah explained the Training budget line item needs to be increased

to cover all the training expenses for FY2022. \$20,000 is dedicated to TASC, \$4,5000 for Urban Trauma 101. The additional funding is needed to cover three previously approved individual trainings and the CLE and CEU costs for Urban Trauma 101. The December meeting will have an official vote on the proposal to increase the Training Line Item by \$5,000. Shenna advised \$160,000+ was transferred from Account 120 to the escrow account. Fund 120 receives revenues in excess of \$10,000 per month. She opined the budget could adequately sustain an increase without negative consequences. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2022 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 280 bus passes remaining.

### **Drug Testing**

Deborah Hill provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY22. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$725.70 which leaves a balance of \$24,274.30 A total of 10 drug patches have been administered Utilization of drug patch: 0% were no shows and 100% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 30% positive, 30% results pending, 30% negative, 10% unable to test (no patch intact at removal, did not return for removal). A report was provided in the meeting packet.

### **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 3 STAC and 1 MHJD. There is 1 male 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 have signed the FY2022 contract. The contract is on the November 16, 2021 Commissioners Court Agenda. The proposed protocols for the Addiction Recovery Program will be presented at the next meeting.

### **Request for Funding**

No requests were received. Nathaniel Clark Jr. provided a letter of gratitude for funding to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Conference. Nathaniel provided a brief commentary on the conference.

### **Texas State Office of Governor Update**

Keta Dickerson advised the Specialty Court Advisory Council (SCAC) in conjunction with CMIT is planning Technical Training Assistance (TTA). Keta reported a minimal number of applications have been received to be part of that process. SCAC created a subcommittee to provide additional guidance related to the process and applicants. Trainer applications can still be submitted to Amber Gregory. Keta reminded grant applicants to carefully review benchmarks and numbers when submitting applications and adjust accordingly for circumstances like COVID. Shenna Oriabure advised Keta will be the trainer for the OOG Grant Application Training. The dates are January 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-11:00am and January 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm-3:00pm. The sessions will be

on different components on the grant application. Those involved with grants are encouraged to attend. The sessions will be held virtually via Teams.

### **TASC**

The Texas Association of Specialty Courts (TASC) Conference is coming up April 2022 in Corpus Christi. Each 530 stipend is \$1,000. The stipend amount will cover the majority of expenses but not all. Those attending under 530 funding will likely incur personal expenses that will not be reimbursed. Attendees are encouraged to carpool and share rooms. The 5 larger courts (4C, AIM, DIVERT, STAC, IIP) receive 2 stipends per court, the 9 smaller courts receive 1 stipend per court, and 1 stipend for Keta Dickerson-OOG representative. The approved funding totals \$20,000 for TASC. The 530 Stipend applications will be available at the next 530 meeting.

### **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. Shenna advised 8 graduates have been scheduled for filming (4 Felony DWI, 1 DDC, 1 DIVERT, 1 STAR, and 1 Competency). Filming of graduates will occur on November 15<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>. There may be additional dates in the future.

### **Announcements**

The packet contained a TASC Save the Date. TASC is scheduled for April 11-13, 2022 in Corpus Christi. The room block opens up December 1, 2021 and registration opens January 3, 2022. 530 TASC stipend applications are due January 12, 2022.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am and will reconvene on 12/8/2021 @9:00am via Teams.