



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

December 8, 2021

Attendees

Deborah Hill, Shenna Oriabure, **Charlene Randolph, Julie Turnbull, Trina Crosby, Vickie Rice, Teresa Saulsberry, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Judge Jennifer Bennett, Audrey Garnett, Bryan Smith, Chief Lynn Richardson,** Keta Dickerson, Kimberly Duran, **Ashley Nicole Horne,** Crystal Garland, Jerry Barker, LaShonda Jefferson, Dr. Marta King, Dr. Jill Johansson-Love, Nathaniel Clark. Jr., (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. Judge Harlan made a motion to approve the minutes. Audrey Garnett 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 \$218,095.58 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$71,192.39 for a total of \$289,287.97. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$22,826.22. Deborah advised memo requests and surveys can be submitted for FY2022 incentives. 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. Shenna Oriabure advised \$160,000+ was transferred from Fund 120 to the escrow account. Fund 120 receives revenue in excess of \$10,000 per month. Shenna opined the budget could adequately sustain an increase without negative consequences. An official vote was held on the proposal to increase the Training Line Item by \$5,000. The increase was approved without any opposition. Julie Turnbull asked if there was funding available for a new training. Julie described the training, Decision Points, as "a new and improved Thinking for a Change." Another budget adjustment would be required to cover any additional training for FY2022. Shenna advised the new training opportunity can be included in the FY2023 budget discussion. 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 \$1,304.90 which leaves a balance of \$23,695.10. 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: 44% positive, 31% results pending, 19% negative, 6% 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 and 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 have signed the FY2022 contract. The contract was executed with the November 16, 2021 Commissioners Court.

A written proposal for utilization of Salvation Army Recovery Beds was included in the meeting packet. There was a robust discussion regarding the proposed written protocol. Deborah Hill emphasized the resource is recovery housing not transitional housing. Shenna Oriabure outlined the distinction between chronically homeless and those needing short-term recovery housing. The funding will pay for 6 participants to be housed for 90 days. Each court has an opportunity to utilize a bed but the resource may be exhausted prior to that occurrence. The proposal is for the resource to be utilized on a first come, first served basis. A certified court can only use a total of 90 days of the resource per fiscal year. Judge Bennett and Judge Harlan expressed concern the resource was not sufficient to support the needs of the specialty courts. Judge Harlan suggested there should not be a limit on the number of days each court can utilize. Charlene Randolph clarified there is a total of 6 allotments per fiscal year not 6 allotments per month. Julie Turnbull suggested moving forward with the proposed protocol and reviewing the process and utilization after 3 months. Charlene inquired about flexibility to amend the budget. Shenna advised amending the budget is possible but the process may take multiple months. The budget adjustment can be a modification within the existing budget or an overall budget increase. Vickie Rice inquired about transferability of the resource between courts. There was discussion who should approve the transfer request. Kimberly Duran inquired about a budget adjustment to allow for each of the 14 certified courts to have 90 days of the resource. The total amount for that suggested adjustment would be \$44,100, an increase of \$24,100. Shenna recommended a combination of an overall budget increase and individual line item adjustments to cover the suggested \$20,000+ increase. Judge Bennett moved to approve the proposal as written. The motion was seconded by Judge Harlan. The proposal was approved without opposition as written. The approved protocol takes effect immediately. The referral process is now open. Shenna will send out an email with the referral form.

Request for Funding

No requests were received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson will provide an update at the next meeting.

Training

Deborah Hill advised Keta Dickerson will be the trainer for the OOG Grant Application Training. The dates are January 12th 10:00am-11:00am and January 26th 2:00pm-3:00pm. The sessions will be on different components of the grant application. Those involved with grants are encouraged to attend. The sessions will be held virtually via Teams.

The Urban Trauma 101 contract has been created and in the hands of the vendor to review. The training is tentatively scheduled for January 21, 2022.

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 for TASC is \$20,000. The 530 Stipend application will be emailed. Kimberly Duran advised NADCP is not able to present in person at TASC. Kimberly solicited suggestions for local presenters to conduct in-person plenaries at 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. Shenna advised 11 or 12 graduates have been filmed thus far. There may be additional filming dates in the future. For diversity purposes, the project is still seeking a young African American male, Latina, Veteran, and Mental Health graduates. A rough cut of a small selection of graduates' testimonial was viewed.

Announcements

Judge Mays is hosting an event, The Silent Pandemic: DOA, on December 8, 2021. The event is a training and discussion on drug and alcohol addiction/recovery and mental health. The packet contained a TASC Save the Date. TASC is scheduled for April 11-13, 2022 in Corpus Christi. The room block opened on December 1, 2021 and registration opens January 3, 2022. CMIT stipend notifications will be announced on December 15, 2021. 530 TASC stipend applications are due January 12, 2022. Deborah Hill 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.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am and will reconvene on 1/12/2022 @9:00am via Teams.