



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

February 10, 2021

Attendees

Laura Edmonds, Shenna Oriabure, **Julie Turnbull, Trina Crosby, Lynn Richardson**, Vickie Rice, **Teresa Saulsberry, Judge La'Donna Harlan**, Kelly McWilliams, **Audrey Garnett**, Keta Dickerson, Kimberly Duran, **Charlene Randolph, Shelitta Green**, Deborah Hill, **Judge Jennifer Bennett, Judge Audrey Moorehead, Judge Kristin Wade**, (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Laura Edmonds 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. Lynn Richardson seconded the motion and the group accepted the minutes.

530 Fund Balance and Update

Laura Edmonds 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 \$131,200.64 the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$24,680.85 for a total of \$155,881.49. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$81,308.41. Laura encouraged courts to submit incentive requests for FY2021 or complete the Dallas County specialty court survey. Laura also encouraged courts to purchase incentives throughout the fiscal year to avoid waiting for large reimbursements at the end of the year. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2021 expenditures was included in the meeting packet.

Drug Testing

Laura Edmonds provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY21. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$6,642.55 which leaves a balance of \$18,357.45 Utilization of drug patch: 0% were no shows and 100% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 22% positive, 12% results pending, 41% negative, 25% unable to test (no patch intact at removal, did not return for removal). A report was provided in the meeting packet. Laura reported a decrease in 530 drug test utilization which can be attributed to CSCD's pilot program. Shelitta Green advised CSCD's pilot program is on the 8th floor in Frank Crowley. One technician is housed in 4C at the George Allen Courthouse. The pilot is primarily utilizing the

courthouses but can also utilize Recovery's Stemmons location. Ms. Green reported an average of 50 UA collections per day. The pilot utilizes both UA cups and lab testing.

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 2 male participants. The court utilization breakdown is 1 STAC and 1 MHJD/SET. Referred individuals must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test and are staffed on a case-by-case basis. Currently there are 2 vacancies (both female beds). One vacant female bed has a person identified but if the participant cannot provide required documentation and another referral is received, placement will be given to the move-in ready participant. There is 1 male on the waitlist. The Salvation Army is trying to secure onsite rapid COVID testing. There is not a start date for the testing but hopefully soon. Currently referrals must present with a negative COVID results from within the past 72 hours. Julie Turnbull inquired about the flexibility of the unused female bed to be switched to a male bed. Laura will follow up with Julie offline. 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.

Request for Funding

No requests were received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

The OOG's specialty court grant applications are due 2/11/2021.

TASC

The Texas Association of Specialty Courts (TASC) Conference is coming up in April 20-22, 2021. The 530 Subcommittee approved the proposal on how to divide 530 funding for TASC. Each 530 stipend is \$1,000. The stipend amount will cover the majority of expenses but not all. Those attending under 530 funding 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 530 TASC application is included in the meeting packet. The application is due on 2/22/2021. Laura encouraged those planning to attend to register now to secure a spot. Judge Wade commented that there is limited capacity and everyone may not be able to attend. Vickie Rice inquired about rooms. Audrey Garnett advised there were only about 40 rooms available at the host hotel, St. Luis. All those rooms have been taken. Currently there are no additional room blocks that TASC has at the St. Luis. Vickie requested those with reserved rooms and no longer going let others know so those rooms can be shifted to others in the Frank Crowley Community. The CMIT State stipends have been released and each court should have received notification.

The approved TASC funding totals \$20,000 leaving \$4,000 in the training line item for the remainder of the fiscal year. The remaining funding can be used for smaller in-house trainings. The committee will revisit the previously submitted in-house training proposal during the April meeting.

Specialty Court Video Production

Specialty court video production was approved in the FY2020 budget but production was delayed due to COVID-19. The goal is to complete the project before the end of FY2021. There are still concerns about COVID. Outreach will be made to courts to see how to complete production safely. The topic will be revisited in March 2021. Laura Edmonds followed up with Purchasing and received approval to extend the video production contract into FY2022.

Announcements

The packet included an email regarding deadline extension of BJA grant opportunities for treatment courts. NADCP 2021 registration opens up 2/16/2021. The conference will be in the Maryland/DC area. Starting in April 2021 CJD Assistant Director, Deborah Hill, will begin presiding over the 530 meeting. Carolyn Hardin, Chief of Training and Research with NADCP, has office hours for those with questions on treatment courts on 2/11-2/12. Judge Wade reminded attendees the Behavioral Health Steering Committee (BHSC) meetings are now quarterly. The meetings are a great opportunity for networking and learning about resources relevant to specialty courts. BHSC meetings are still being held virtually. The next BHSC is scheduled for 3/18/2021.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 am and will reconvene on 3/10/2021 @9:00am via Teams.