



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

April 14, 2021

Attendees

Laura Edmonds, Shenna Oriabure, **Julie Turnbull, Serena McNair, Trina Crosby, Lynn Richardson, Vickie Rice, Teresa Saulsberry, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Kelly McWilliams, Audrey Garnett, Kimberly Duran, Charlene Randolph, Deborah Hill, Judge Audrey Moorehead, Judge Kristin Wade, Bryan Smith, Judge Raquel Jones,** Crystal Garland, Keta Dickerson (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Deborah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Deborah advised she will be facilitating the meetings moving forward. Deborah introduced herself and position with the Criminal Justice Department. Deborah is the Assistant Director of Criminal Justice Planning Unit within the Criminal Justice Department. Deborah comes with 21 years of experience and a wealth of knowledge in the criminal justice field, specifically with Parole. Deborah gave kudos to the previous meeting facilitator, Laura Edmonds. Deborah introduced the new CSCD Director, Arnold Patrick. Mr. Patrick was not available to attend the meeting. Deborah asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Wade made a motion to approve the minutes. 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 \$129,901.19 the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$22,611.60 for a total of \$152,512.79. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$102,763.07. No funds have been expensed out of Fund 120 because the account has not been set up to do so. Deborah encouraged courts to submit incentive requests for FY2021. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2021 expenditures was included in the meeting packet.

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 \$8,094.95 which leaves a balance of \$16,905.05

Utilization of drug patch: 0% were no shows and 100% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 26% positive, 7% results pending, 44% negative, 23% unable to test (no patch intact at removal, did not return for removal). A report was provided in the meeting packet. Deborah reported a noticeable decrease in 530 drug test utilization which can be attributed to CSCD's pilot program.

Transitional Housing

A written report was provided in the meeting packet. There are 3 specialty court participants in Salvation Army transitional housing. The breakdown is 1 male participant and 2 female participants. The court utilization breakdown is 2 STAC and 1 STAR. Currently there is one vacancy (male bed). There are females 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.

Request for Funding

No requests were received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson did not provide the update due to a scheduling conflict. Deborah Hill advised the Specialty Court Advisory Council (SCAC) has a conference call with the Office of the Governor next month. The SCAC has received grant applications for FY2022 which they will begin to review.

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. Applications were due on 2/22/2021. 530 funding will be utilized to send five individuals to TASC. Training expenses will be paid out in March and April. Judge Jones and Judge Mays will present at TASC. The conference agenda should be distributed soon.

There is substantial funding in the training line item for the remainder of the fiscal year. The remaining funding can be used for smaller in-house trainings. The meeting packet contained the previously submitted in-house training proposal. The vote is regarding whether to fund any of the four training options. Deborah called for a vote on the Urban 101 Training proposal. All voting members present voted to accept and fund Urban 101 Trauma. The group then voted on whether the training should be half-day vs. full day. The following voting members voted for half-day training: Julie Turnbull, Judge Wade, Audrey Garnett, Teresa Saulsberry, Judge Jones. The following voting members voted for Full-day training: Lynn Richardson, Judge Harlan, Serena McNair, Bryan Smith, Charlene Randolph.

Deborah called for a vote on the Implicit Bias Training proposal. All voting members present voted to accept and fund Implicit Bias training. The group then voted on whether the training should be half-day vs. full day. The following voting members voted for Half-day training: Judge Harlan, Judge Wade, Audrey Garnett, Judge Jones, Julie Turnbull. The following voting members voted for Full-day training: Charlene Randolph, Lynn Richardson, Serena McNair, Bryan Smith, Teresa Saulsberry. The committee deferred action on committing to half day vs. full day. Discussion was had on the benefits and disadvantages of half day vs. full day. Talk of compromise for an overview for the first half and then deeper dive for the second half of the day for those able to attend. Members requested a detailed agenda for each of the four options. Shenna will reach out to the presenter to obtain more detailed information. The committee will vote after receiving the additional information to inform decision making.

Judge Moorehead inquired about CLE and CEU credits for attending trainings. Shenna advised the trainer will not provide CLE or CEU credits but the committee will work with internal partners to provide those credits to attendees. Shenna advised there will be additional costs to obtain authorization to provide continuing education credits. Judge Wade inquired who the training is targeting and suggested to make an agreement on participation. Serena McNair advised CSCD can make the trainings mandatory for specialty court officers and can be opened up to other officers. Lynn Richardson advised the PD's Office can do the same. Julie Turnbull advised the same for full time specialty court prosecutors in her division within the DA's Office. Voluntary specialty court prosecutors will be encouraged schedule permitting.

Shenna advised the aim is to have the training occur on Friday for best participation. The goal is to have one training in the FY2021 around September 2021. The funding will still be available in FY2022.

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. The production scheduled is impacted by the course of COVID-19 pandemic. Optimistically filming will resume in May or June 2021. Permission has been received to extend the production and contract into FY2022 if necessary.

National Drug Court Month

National Drug Court Month is May 2021. Deborah Hill advised work has begun for a Commissioners Court resolution. Commissioners Court is still being held primarily virtually. Anyone interested in speaking on the resolution will need to reach out to Deborah. Lynn Richardson advised she will be available to speak on the resolution. Julie Turnbull suggested a specialty court graduate speak on the resolution as well. Shenna Oriabure agreed that was a great idea and suggested meeting attendees seek pandemic era graduates who are willing to speak at Commissioners Court.

Announcements

The packet included the JJCCJTC Community Intake Procedure. Julie Turnbull expressed appreciation the information was included in the packet so the information can be known to as

many people as possible. Julie also stated the change is helpful for those without legal status to access treatment. Kimberly Duran inquired about how the community intake process is going. Serena McNair could not speak to specifics at the moment but stated she will check and provide feedback at the next meeting. Serena advised no negative news has been received regarding the intake process. Serena will confirm the information next month. Julie advised DIVERT has been able to send 3 or 4 participants through the community intake process without issue. The packet including information on the Virtual/Remote Services in Judicially Led Program/Initiatives Participant Survey administered by the National Center for State Courts, Center for Behavioral Health at Wayne State University and Rulo Strategies. Judge Wade reminded attendees of the Behavioral Health Steering Committee Meeting scheduled for 4/15/2021 at 8:30am. The link to the meeting will be distributed. NADCP Conference has been moved to August 15-18, 2021. Room blocks and registration for the conference is now open. Vickie Rice advised Lynn Richardson was asked to present at this year's NADCP conference.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 am and will reconvene on 5/12/2021 @9:00am via Teams.