



## **Behavioral Health Steering Committee**

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

**August 11, 2021**

#### **Attendees**

Deborah Hill, Shenna Oriabure, **Judge Rocky Jones**, Dr. Marta King, Nathaniel Clark, **Trina Crosby**, **Lynn Richardson**, Vickie Rice, **Teresa Saulsberry**, **Judge La'Donna Harlan**, **Audrey Garnett**, Kimberly Duran, **Charlene Randolph**, **Judge Audrey Moorehead**, **Judge Lela Mays**, **Ashley (Nicole) Horne**, **Bryan Smith**, **Judge Raquel Jones**, Crystal Garland, LaShonda Jefferson (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 Mays noted a needed correction. Judge Mays was present in the July 2021 meeting but it was not reflected in the minutes. Judge Mays made a motion to approve the minutes with the aforementioned correction. 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 \$124,484.57 the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$19,258.40 for a total of \$143,742.97. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$145,703.79. 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 balance in the escrow account for FY2022. Deborah encouraged courts to submit incentive requests for FY2021. The last day to make incentive purchases for FY2021 is September 30, 2021. 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 \$10,097.40 which leaves a balance of \$14,902.60. A total of 83 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: 25% positive, 7% results pending, 46% negative, 23% unable to test (no patch intact at removal, did not return for

removal). 530 funded drug testing must occur at Recovery Monitoring's office located on Stemmons Freeway. 530 funded drug testing is separate from the 8<sup>th</sup> floor CSCD contracted Recovery technicians. CSCD funds the UA observations conducted on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor at a flat cost per technician, not a fee per drug test. Shenna Oriabure further explained the separate funding sources have different logistical requirements.

### **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 1 STAC, 1 STAR, and 1 MHJD. Currently there is one vacancy (male bed). There is 1 female and 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](mailto: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.

Judge Mays voiced the need for more transitional housing beds. Judge Mays stated there might only be one Dallas County contracted transitional housing option, Clean Connections. Clean Connections has added a female house. The group inquired if any additional housing options are working with Dallas County to become a vendor or under contract. Kimberly Duran stated there is no Dallas County contract with Rolling Hills. Laura Edmonds further clarified that Rolling Hills does not have a formal contract but *does* have an active quote. An active quote allows the utilization of the vendor but with a funding cap of approximately \$3,000. Charlene Randolph asked if a quote can be established with other transitional housing vendors. Charlene inquired if the monetary limit was for services or for individual vendor. Laura Edmonds will look into quote and formal bid process for additional transitional housing vendors and follow up with Purchasing. Deborah advised the Criminal Justice Department (CJD) is in the process of compiling information in regards to transitional housing and other reentry programs. Deborah advised CJD may be able to report on this initiative next month.

### **Request for Funding**

No requests were received.

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

Keta Dickerson was not available to provide an update. Deborah Hill advised the end of the State grant year is 8/31/2021 and end of the year reporting is due 9/15/2021.

### **Training**

The meeting packet contained the previously approved in-house Urban Trauma 101 training information. The training has been pushed to FY2022. The training will be held virtually via the Microsoft Teams Town Hall feature. If the training is beneficial then the previously approved Implicit Bias training will be scheduled.

### **Specialty Court Video Production**

Shenna Oriabure provided an overview of the historical information related to the project and current status. The purpose of the videos is to present information on each individual specialty court. The longer 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. The goal is to complete the project before the holiday season begins in November. Filming will occur in a single courtroom during a two-week period.

### **530 FY2022 Budget**

Deborah Hill advised the current budget including historical information was available in the meeting packet. The packet included three budget options each with a different line item focus. Option #1 focuses on drug testing and training. Option #2 focuses on inpatient substance abuse treatment. Option #3 focuses on transitional housing at the Salvation Army. Laura Edmonds provided a more detailed description of the transitional housing line item. The Salvation Army (6 months) is the historical housing used for homeless recovery for the truly homeless. The Salvation Army (6 months) currently has 4 beds at approximately \$32,000. Budget Option #3 would increase the 6-month transitional housing beds at Salvation Army to approximately 7 beds. Gender distribution of the beds can be discussed at a later date. Salvation Army <90 days is another housing option. Salvation Army will provide additional information regarding admission criteria and other details soon. The <90 day option is a short-term transitional housing placement for supportive inpatient treatment. The supportive inpatient treatment bed is \$35 a day. Participants will stay for 90 days or less with 10 hours of programming a week. Participants will have the ability to leave campus. These beds can be used as a relapse track or support for those specialty court participants who need a better housing plan/environment. Judge Harlan inquired about the specifics of programming. Judge Harlan noted there has been conflict between Salvation Army requirements and specialty court services. Judge Harlan asked why the transitional housing options are being limited to Salvation Army. Laura advised the overall transitional housing resources are limited. The Salvation Army does have the bed availability and will provide additional support via wraparound services for court participants struggling in the community. Deborah called for a vote.

Charlene Randolph- Option #3

Audrey Garnett- Option #2

Judge Harlan-Option #3

Chief Lynn Richardson-Option #2

Trina Crosby-Option #2

Teresa Saulsberry- Option #2

Bryan Smith-Option #2

Judge Jones- Option #2

Nicole Horne- Option #2

The group approved Option #2 without any adjustments.

**Option #2**

<b>Dept</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>FY 2022 Budget</b>
4031	2920	Drug Testing	\$25,000.00
4020	4210	Training	\$25,000.00
<b>4020</b>	<b>6620</b>	<b>Inpatient Treatment</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
4031	2240	Incentives	\$14,000.00
4020	6620	Transitional Housing (6 months)	\$35,000.00
4020	6620	Transitional Housing (<90 days)	\$20,000.00
4020	5590	Transportation	\$1,000.00
4031	2160	Office Supplies	\$0.00
4020	5099	Video Production	\$10,000.00
		<b>Operating Total</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>

**National Recovery Month September 2021**

National Drug Court Month is September 2021. Deborah Hill asked if anyone had activities scheduled. Deborah also asked about a possible Commissioners Court resolution. The Big Texas Rally will be held in Houston this year.

**Announcements**

NADCP Conference is August 15-18, 2021. Chief Lynn Richardson will be presenting in three breakout sessions. CCIF is hosting a Specialty Court Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 3pm-6pm. This year has a new location, Top Golf. Cost is \$100 per person for 3 hours of golf and fajita buffet. A team of 6 is \$600. Please contact Bryan Smith for more information.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 am and will reconvene on 9/8/2021 @9:00am via Teams.