



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

October 12, 2022

Attendees

Deborah Hill, Shenna Oriabure, **Charlene Randolph, Trina Crosby, Lynn Richardson**, Vickie Rice, **Audrey Garnett, Bryan Smith**, Kimberly Duran, Crystal Garland, Dr. Marta King, **Julie Turnbull, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Judge Kristin Wade, Judge Audrey Moorehead, Judge Jennifer Bennett, Serena McNair, Jerry Barker, Andrea Sollie**, Keta Dickerson, LaShonda Jefferson (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Deborah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:01 am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Audrey Garnett made a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Harlan 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 \$168,458.88 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$55,748.00 for a total of \$224,206.88. There is \$7,537.31 in outstanding invoices for FY2022. After the invoices are paid out the ending balance for FY2022 and starting balance for FY2023 will be \$216,669.57. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$112,465.78. The \$112,465.78 will be transferred to the escrow accounts for FY2023. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2022 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 220 bus passes remaining. Deborah encouraged courts to utilize incentive funding. The last day to purchase incentives for FY2022 was September 30, 2022. The committee agreed to keep the automatic incentive process the same as previous years. The FY2023 Dallas County Specialty Court Survey is available online. Certified specialty courts can complete the survey and have incentives automatically approved.

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 \$7,163.29 which leaves a balance of \$17,836.71

A total of 105 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 10% were no shows and 90% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 27% positive, 7% results pending, 45% negative, 21% unable to test (no patch intact at removal, did not return for removal). Drug testing services have increased in pricing across the board. A report was provided in the meeting packet.

Deborah presented the Drug Testing Utilization proposals. Proposal Option #1 is to allocate the \$25,000 in drug testing funds to certified courts based on court size. Larger courts and smaller courts are divided based on capacity. \$3,200 for larger courts and \$1,000 for smaller courts to be utilized as needed between UAs, drug patches, and alcohol monitoring. Proposal Option #2 is to allocate funds to based on individual court capacity. The allotment is \$20 per participant. Court capacity will be based on the most recently completed Dallas County specialty court survey, most recently completed Memo request, or previously submitted capacity number. The proposals were presented in two written documents. The documents contained "practical application" with specific dollar amounts each court would receive under each option. Option #2's total was not quite \$25,000 so there is a flex amount just shy of \$4,000. The flex amount would be utilized by a court once the court specific allotment is exhausted. Allocation of the flex amount can be determined at a later time. Voting on the options will occur at the November 2022 meeting.

Transitional Housing

A written report was provided in the meeting packet. There are 2 specialty court participants in Salvation Army transitional housing. The court utilization is 1 MHJD/SET and 1 ATLAS participant. There is one 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.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There is 1 specialty court participants (MHJD/SET) currently in Salvation Army recovery housing. There is no one on the waitlist. 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 resource is 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

Request for Funding

No requests for funding were received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta advised a subcommittee went over the grant applications. There was wording on the application that may cause confusion. Language needs to be added and tweaked to allow the grant writer to have a better grasp of the information being sought. Keta recommended applicants provide more county specific and local data. Keta offered assistance to anyone needing help with OOG grant writing.

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 was obtained to extend the production and contract into FY2022. Filming of the individual specialty court videos concluded in July 2022. The FY2022 video production is completed and all invoices paid. The FY2023 video production is underway. Subcommittee members are currently working on the bid process with Purchasing. Deborah Hill appealed to the committee for volunteers. The video production will film 3-4 courts. Felony DWI will be given priority, as the court did not film last year. The production will proceed with courts that provide clients who are available and respond to the call.

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department: Deborah Hill advised Shenna Oriabure will be presenting at the 9th Annual Mental Health Conference this afternoon.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Serena McNair advised no updates.

District Attorney's Office: Julie Turnbull advised there is an uptick in referrals to pretrial diversion. Julie thanked everyone for referrals. Julie acknowledged the hard work of Crystal Garland.

Public Defender's Office: Lynn Richardson provided kudos to Shenna and Deborah Hill. Ms. Hill did an outstanding presentation for the Continuous Improvement Steering Committee. The PD's Office has received a grant from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) to reduce caseloads in misdemeanor courts. TIDC will be coming to observe and visit the courthouse. Vickie Rice reported activities for Recovery and Suicide Prevention Month were successful. Wear pink on October 18, 2022 in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month to spread the word of early detection and encouragement.

Judiciary: No update provided.

Announcements

Bryan Smith did amazing job at Specialty Court Golf Tournament. The tournament had a good turnout and there will be ample incentive money for specialty courts.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 am and will reconvene on 11/9/2022 at 9:00 am via Teams.