



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

February 9, 2022

Attendees

Deborah Hill, Shenna Oriabure, **Charlene Randolph**, **Trina Crosby**, Vickie Rice, **Teresa Saulsberry**, **Audrey Garnett**, **Bryan Smith**, Kimberly Duran, Crystal Garland, Jerry Barker, LaShonda Jefferson, Dr. Marta King, Dr. Jill Johansson-Love, **Serena McNair**, **Judge Audrey Moorehead**, Laura Edmonds, **Judge Kristin Wade**, **Chief Lynn Richardson**, Keta Dickerson (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. Chief Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Wade seconded the motion and the group accepted the minutes.

Addiction Recovery Program Presentation

Kwame Brahme presented on the Salvation Army's Addiction Recovery Program. Mr. Brahme presented on eligibility criteria, daily schedule, drug testing, medication management, facility layout, and other program information. Mr. Brahme responded to program specific questions from the meeting attendees. In response, Mr. Brahme stated residents are allowed to leave the facility for "business and medical" reasons. Further clarification of "business" was provided in examples of meeting with attorney or going to the bank. Specialty court programs can restrict residents to the facility except for medical appointments. No personal cell phones are allowed for the first 30 days. The facility has multiple phones that can be accessed. Salvation Army has accommodations for virtual court and will allow residents to attend in person court session and other court requirements. Mr. Brahme provided his contact information to those in attendance.

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 \$218,272.70 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$70,803.83 for a total of \$289,076.53. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$40,092.34. 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 \$2,209.60 which leaves a balance of \$22,790.40. A total of 24 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 3% were no shows and 97% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 47% positive, 22% results pending, 22% negative, 9% 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 2 specialty court participants in Salvation Army transitional housing. The breakdown is 1 male participant and 1 female participant. The court utilization breakdown is 1 STAC and 1 MHJD. There is 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.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There are no specialty court participants currently in Salvation Army recovery housing. There was one participant referred, admitted, and subsequently discharged all in the month of January. 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 were received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson advised the Specialty Court Resource Center will present a workshop for grant writers at TASC 2022. The workshop will have presenters who are evaluators and persons with first-hand knowledge of grant expectations. The Center will most likely have a booth as well.

Training

Deborah Hill solicited feedback for recent trainings. Vickie Rice advised Urban Trauma 101 was entertaining and delivered in a safe space. Vickie further explained the training had a good presenter and great topic. Kimberly Duran noted the training was interactive. Laura Edmonds advised the lived experience of the presenter was a good example of how experiences lead to thinking patterns and beliefs. Next month the subcommittee will discuss if the Implicit Bias training facilitated by the same trainer should be full or half day.

Vickie commented the OOG Grant Application Training was useful and well done. Vickie advised there are people in Dallas County with institutional knowledge and experience that is beneficial.

to specialty courts. Shenna Oriabure stated a recent training distributed by the State supported all the information presented by Keta Dickerson.

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.

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. The production is currently focused on the narrator's script for the overall video; the script ties the entire project together. Chief Richardson advised she has received the script and is working with the director and making plans to film soon.

Announcements

OOG specialty court grant applications are due February 10, 2022. The National Center for State Courts published two reports related to virtual court hearings. The reports were emailed to the 530 subcommittee. Due to the conflict in schedule with TASC, the subcommittee meeting for April 2022 is cancelled. Chief Richardson advised the Annual Indigent Criminal Defense Seminar will be held on 2/11/2022. Chief Richardson requested committee members send anything that may be beneficial to communicate or disseminate to the defense bar. The seminar is presented by the Public Defender's Office in conjunction with Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 am and will reconvene on 3/9/2022 at 9:00 am via Teams.