



## **Behavioral Health Steering Committee**

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

**May 11, 2022**

#### **Attendees**

Deborah Hill, Shenna Oriabure, **Charlene Randolph, Trina Crosby, Lynn Richardson**, Vickie Rice, Teresa Saulsberry, **Judge Sandra Jackson, 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, **Julie Turnbull, Judge La'Donna Harlan**, Keta Dickerson, Shalonda Collins, (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. 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 \$186,090.05 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$68,511.70 for a total of \$254,601.75. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$69,408.21. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2022 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 170 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 \$3,129.90 which leaves a balance of \$21,870.10. A total of 46 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 4% were no shows and 96% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 41% positive, 20% results pending, 33% negative, 6% 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 0 specialty court participants in Salvation Army transitional housing. There is no 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](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.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There are 4 specialty participants currently in Salvation Army recovery housing. The breakdown per court is 1 DDC and 3 STAC participants. 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 all FY2023 grant applications have been scored. Keta is scheduled to travel to Austin next week to review grant applications that require discussion. Keta stated, reviewed applications lacked information related to what courts are doing in regards to cultural competency and/or program evaluations. Keta encouraged grant applicants to include the aforementioned key points in applications. Keta's final guidance was for applicants to make sure information is provided in the correct sections.

### **TASC Board Update**

Kimberly Duran discussed CEUs and reimbursements for TASC 2022. Kimberly advised the processes should finish up this week.

### **Training**

The subcommittee previously voted and approved to secure Implicit Bias Training. Deborah Hill advised after careful consideration and discussion within the Criminal Justice Department, it is the recommendation not to pursue Implicit Bias training with Formerly Inc. The recommendation is due to responses given by the trainer when additional information was requested. The responses were not as detailed and in depth as needed to continue pursuing training. The committee will continue to research other training opportunities.

### **TASC**

The Texas Association of Specialty Courts (TASC) Conference occurred in April 2022 in Corpus Christi. Deborah Hill asked for feedback and opened the floor for those to share their experiences. Judge Harlan expressed enjoyment and appreciation for the training; Judge Harlan stated the information was fresh and valuable. Judge Harlan continued with appreciation for engagement with the judges in a separate meeting. Judge Harlan concluded both sides (prosecution and defense) were able to gather information to push forward the goal of STAC.

### **National Drug Court Month**

Deborah Hill advised National Drug Court Month is May 2022. Shenna Oriabure detailed the 530 sponsored activities. Serena McNair stated IIP will celebrate 15 years of service. Judge Sandra Jackson will provide an introduction of a Legacy Court graduate at the Commissioner Court Resolution. A request was made to spend up to \$100 per court to celebrate each certified specialty court. The money would be utilized for refreshments and a small token. A vote was called to allocate \$1300 for celebration and recognition of National Drug Court Month. The request was unanimously approved by committee.

### **Department Updates**

**Criminal Justice Department:** Trina Crosby advised CJD is in the process of preparing a specialty court resource manual. The manual will include a description of all specialty court programs (to include objectives and purpose). Trina requested specialty courts submit logos in a picture format by June 2022. Any court without a logo should think about creating one. The resource manual is an ongoing project. Trina offered assistance to any program that may need it.

**Community Supervision and Corrections Department:** Serena McNair announced probation is reopened. Officers and probationers are coming in and reporting face to face. Dr. Kang stated CSCD is attempting to bring in more help for counseling. CSCD is doing outreach to hire clinical personnel. Dr. Kang solicited referrals and recommendation for counselors looking for employment. Serena reported most specialty courts have returned to in person activities. Numbers in the specialty courts are up too.

**District Attorney's Office:** Julie Turnbull advised the new referral process for pretrial diversion is going well. Numbers are increasing every month as the word is getting out. Referrals are being referred to AIM, DIVERT, MHJD, SET or PTI agreements. Those programs should see increasing numbers. There will be an upcoming presentation to the Criminal Bar section at the Dallas Bar. The DA's Office is brainstorming on how to get the word out. Some preliminary ideas are a YouTube video or QR code. The DA's Office and Criminal Justice Department are working on a grant for peer support. The services would initially be for pretrial specialty courts. The departments are coordinating with Joe Powell to create a more formalized peer support system. Outreach will be made to judges for letters of support. Julie gave a "shout out" to Dr. Kang and Director Patrick for increased communication as CSCD and DA's Office are meeting every month.

**Public Defender's Office:** Vickie Rice announced May as Mental Health Awareness Month. The PD's engagement team has been conducting outreach in the community to stop the stigma surrounding behavioral health and substance abuse issues. There are a number of information tables on different floors within the courthouse. The team is also doing community block walks throughout Dallas with the focus of putting treatment back in the community vs in the criminal justice system. The department is pushing for a forensic expansion grant that will allow the

infusion of attorneys and social workers towards addressing competency issues. Grant award announcements may come in June. PD Social workers are conducting in-house anti-theft and anger management. These classes will assist probationers and PTIs complete requirements and move through the system.

**Judiciary:** Judge Harlan advised STAC is having graduation May 27<sup>th</sup>. Judge Harlan expressed appreciation for the 530 Committee due to concerns related to Salvation Army. There were some communication difficulties with the vendor. Judge Harlan stated the efforts and follow up of the 530 Committee's leadership was paramount in ensuring the concerns were resolved.

### **FY2023 Budget**

Deborah Hill advised time is approaching to start planning and discussing next year's budget. The committee will begin discussions in June and July for fiscal year 2023. There will be a vote in August and finalization in September.

### **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 still underway. The long form 10-minute video (for the overview of all County specialty courts) is near completion. The director is going to record some B-roll footage. Chief Richardson did an amazing job as narrator. A rough cut of the video was shown after the meeting was formally adjourned. Filming of the individual specialty court videos is slated to begin in May.

### **Announcements**

May 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> is in-person recognition of individual specialty courts. May 17<sup>th</sup> is the National Drug Court Month Resolution at Commissioners Court. The speakers will be Jenifer Jessup, Judge Sandra Jackson, Judge White, Cedric Miller, and Judge Steven Autry. Others can and are welcome to attend Commissioners Court in person. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> there is a SAMHSA's GAINS Center training, Formalizing the Use of Teleservices in Drug Court: Developing Effective Policies and Procedures.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 am and will reconvene on 6/8/2022 at 9:00 am via Teams.