



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

June 8, 2022

Attendees

Deborah Hill, **Shenna Oriabure, Trina Crosby, Lynn Richardson**, Vickie Rice, , **Judge Sandra Jackson, Audrey Garnett, Bryan Smith**, Kimberly Duran, Crystal Garland, LaShonda Jefferson, Dr. Marta King, Dr. Jill Johansson-Love, Laura Edmonds, **Julie Turnbull, Judge La'Donna Harlan**, Keta Dickerson, Shalonda Collins, **Judge Kristin Wade, Ashley Horne**, Theresa Sims (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Deborah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:00am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Wade made a motion to approve the minutes. Vickie Rice 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 \$178,250.89 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$68,200.95 for a total of \$246,451.84. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$78,601.51. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2022 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 0 bus passes remaining. Additional bus passes will be ordered. Deborah encouraged courts to utilize incentive funding.

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 \$3,636.35 which leaves a balance of \$21,363.65. A total of 57 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: 40% positive, 16% results pending, 32% negative, 12% 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 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 participant currently in Salvation Army recovery housing. The breakdown per court is 1 MHJD/SET. 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

STAC submitted a funding request of \$3,000 [\$15 X 200 participants] for incentives. Judge Wade moved to approve the funding request from STAC. The motion was unanimously approved by voting members.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson advised the Specialty Court Advisory Council met in May. There was only one Dallas County specialty court grant application which required additional discussion. Keta recommended writing the grant for full funding needs and not a reduced amount. Keta continued that the State has discretion to reduce a grant's funding.

There was an expectation that distribution of funds from the alcohol and other taxes would go into effect in FY2023. Due to a language hiccup the legislation had to go back before the legislature to amend wording. The hope is to have the legislation corrected for FY2024. The additional funding will provide a substantial pool of money for specialty courts.

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. There was a reshoot of the narrator portion of the video. An updated version will be available for viewing soon. There will be a viewing for specialty court judges. Filming of the individual specialty court videos is slated to begin in June. The project must be completed by the end of the County fiscal year.

FY2023 Budget

Deborah Hill advised time is approaching to start planning and discussing next year's budget. Historical budget data from 2021 and the current year were provided in written form. Three budget options were provided in the packet for discussion. There is approximately \$300,000 in all accounts. Estimated credits for FY2023 is \$10,000 a month or \$120,000 for the year. The recommendation is for an operating budget between \$170,000 and \$200,000. Shenna Oriabure suggested discussion about the needs of the court and put money where it will be most beneficial and actually used. The committee will continue discussions in July for fiscal year 2023. There will be a vote in August and finalization in September. Trina Crosby suggested allocating more funding towards drug patches versus UAs. Trina also advised NADCP will be in Houston and devoting money to that would help send more people. There will not be a state conference in 2023. Judge Wade expressed agreement with Trina's budget comments.

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department: Deborah Hill advised Teresa Saulsberry is no longer with the Criminal Justice Department. Shenna Oriabure and Trina Crosby will be assuming the responsibilities of the position during the vacancy.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Dr. Kang advised of no update.

District Attorney's Office: Julie Turnbull gave kudos to the Criminal Justice Department for collaboration on National Drug Court Month and new Pretrial Diversion processes. Bryan Smith inquired if there is any scheduling conflicts the first week of October. CCIF is in the process of scheduling the annual golf tournament.

Public Defender's Office: Vickie Rice was happy to get through Mental Health Awareness Month. The Public Defender's Office created a video of the month's activities and will soon post the video. The Public Defender's Office is trying to springboard having a presence as a catalyst to continue work in the community. Will reach out to various partners to collaborate on an activity every month in the community or courthouse.

Judiciary: Judge Wade commended last month's efforts to highlight all the specialty courts' anniversaries. Judge Wade advised it was fun and everyone did a fantastic job. Judge Wade also acknowledged the effort of the Public Defender's Office.

Announcements

National Drug Court Month was a success. The 530 sponsored activities showed the compassion, passion, and commitment of the specialty courts. A county-wide broadcast will be requested to showcase the activities from the week of celebration. Deborah Hill expressed appreciation for everyone involved in making the celebrations a success. The Big Texas Rally for Recovery is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th in Coppell. Deborah advised the public Criminal Justice website has a link to 530 minutes.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 am and will reconvene on 7/13/2022 at 9:00 am via Teams.

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