



## **Behavioral Health Steering Committee**

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

**September 14, 2022**

#### **Attendees**

Laura Edmonds, **Shenna Oriabure, 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 Sandra Jackson, Serena McNair, Jerry Barker, Andrea Sollie**, , Shalonda Collins, Keta Dickerson (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

#### **Review/Approval of Minutes**

Laura Edmonds called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Lynn Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes. Julie Turnbull seconded the motion and the group accepted the minutes.

#### **530 Fund Balance and Update**

Laura Edmonds 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 \$169,934.68 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$61,428.99 for a total of \$231,363.67. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$105,044.18. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2022 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 270 bus passes remaining. Laura encouraged courts to utilize incentive funding. The last day to purchase incentives for FY2022 is September 30, 2022.

#### **Drug Testing**

Laura Edmonds provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY22. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$5,675.85 which leaves a balance of \$19,324.15. A total of 93 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 9% were no shows and 91% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 30% positive, 7% results pending, 43% negative, 20% unable to test (no patch intact at removal, did not return for removal). A report was provided in the meeting packet.

Laura presented the Drug Testing Utilization Proposal. The proposal is to allocate the \$25,000 in drug testing funds to certified courts based on court census. 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. Attendees requested an option where the fund allocation is based on cost per participants (i.e. 4C= 300 participants x \$). Attendees want flexibility if funds are not being utilized. Funding decisions are impacted by grant awards. Specialty courts are currently awaiting notification of OOG grant awards. Agency pay is for Dallas County funded services. Client pay is a higher cost paid directly by client. Judge Harlan asked if SCRAM billing is monthly or can be paid weekly. Shenna will check with the vendor and provide an answer at the next meeting. The FY2023 budget will be on the Commissioners Court's agenda for September 20<sup>th</sup>. The internal policy does not affect the briefed budget but speaks to utilization of the line item.

### **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 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 0 specialty court participants currently in Salvation Army recovery housing. There is 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 there is a meeting this month. Keta will be able to provide feedback at the next subcommittee meeting.

### **TASC Board Update**

Kimberly Duran advised there was a TASC Board retreat in August 2022. The TASC Board came together to discuss agenda, goals, and conduct team building. This year's focus is on education. The Board is attempting to increase nominations for upcoming awards. The Board wants to create a checklist criteria as a helpful tool for nominations. The Board is also looking into creating quarterly CLE webinars and trainings for specialty courts. More information will be available in the TASC newsletters. Board members collaborated with representatives from the Office of Court

Administration (OCA) and the Office of the Governor at the retreat. OCA will secure a position specifically 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. Filming of the individual specialty court videos concluded in July 2022. Shenna Oriabure provided access to the specialty court judges to view individual court videos and provide feedback. The deadline to provide feedback is September 16, 2022. Feedback is for edits related to formatting or existing footage. No new filming will occur. The project must be completed by the end of the County fiscal year.

### **530 Name Change**

Trina Crosby put out feelers about a possible committee name change. The reason for the change is to make the committee more visible and relatable. Trina continues work on a specialty court manual. Judge Wade advised 530 was initially more budget focused and BHSC was program/subject focused. The purposes seem to be melding. Judge Wade suggested to increase participation for Judges and executives, it may be better to have one meeting versus two. This discussion will continue in upcoming months.

### **Department Updates**

**Criminal Justice Department:** Laura Edmonds advised no updates beyond what has already been presented.

**Community Supervision and Corrections Department:** Serena McNair advised preparations are underway for the Robert Francis Golf Tournament (CCIF) scheduled for September 28, 2022 at Top Golf.

**District Attorney's Office:** Julie Turnbull encouraged people to attend the golf tournament. If unable to attend then purchase raffle tickets. Julie encouraged the group to visit the District Attorney's website. The Restorative Justice Division's portion of the website has been updated. The DA's Office wants to incorporate specialty court videos on the website. QR codes for the website are posted in workrooms around the courthouse.

**Public Defender's Office:** Lynn Richardson advised the PD's Office is working with Charles Reed, the County, and State Representative Toni Rose on legislation on the timeline related to competency. There is currently no enforcement, penalty, or sanctions for an attorney not making contact with a client within the outlined time. Chief Richardson and the social media person will begin going into the Resolana Pod twice a week. These visits are an opportunity to share about the various specialty treatment programs. Chief Richardson advised most women in jail are usually suffering from substance use disorder or mental illness, in combination with other issues.

Vickie Rice wants everyone to be aware of various meetings going on outside of Frank Crowley. Vickie reports the City of Dallas is attempting to obtain access to behavioral health information on criminal justice involved individuals. Ms. Rice is concerned about the unfettered access to behavioral health information merely because a client is indigent. For Recovery Month and Suicide Prevention Month, will have a purple out day on September 16. Wear purple in response to recovery. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> will have a purple and teal out day for suicide prevention. There will be a meditation moment on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The PD's Office will distribute information about recovery and suicide prevention and ribbons. The PD's Office will push for a pink out day on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Judiciary:** Judge Harlan thanked those for attending the recent STAC graduation.

### **Announcements**

Office of the Governor Progress Reports are due September 15, 2022. The Big Texas Rally for Recovery is scheduled for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in Coppell.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am and will reconvene on 10/12/2022 at 9:00 am via Teams.