



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

May 10, 2023

Attendees

Deborah Hill, Shenna Oriabure, **Audrey Garnett, Bryan Smith, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Jerry Barker**, LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, Marcus Turner Jr., Dr. Marta Kang, **Catherine Gould**, Vickie Rice, **Serena McNair, Lynn Richardson, Trina Crosby, Julie Turnbull, Judge Audrey Moorehead, Judge Sandra Jackson**, Andre Craig, **Lynn Cox**, George Johnson, **Charlene Randolph**, Jennifer Corona, John Benson (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. Lynn Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes. Audrey Garnett seconded the motion and the group accepted the minutes.

South Dallas Employment Project Presentation

Presenter: John Benson, Director of Operations Redemption Bridge/South Dallas Employment Project. Wes Jurey and Dr. Froswa' Booker-Drew are co-founders. The project was initially created to serve five specific zip codes around the Fair Park area but has expanded to the city of Dallas at large. The project has 145 partners contracted. The project is funded by the City of Dallas and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). There is no age restriction. The project primarily supports justice involved individuals but justice involvement is not a requirement. Justice involved means formerly incarcerated or released within 3 years from TDCJ. Sexual offenses are not excluded. The project has the ability to provide in-house ID (DL, ID, SS Card, Birth certificates) support. There are 28 different training providers able to provide industry certification, job readiness training, and anything an individual needs to help progress towards employment path. The project also assists with transportation and housing support. The ultimate goal is to move individuals toward employment. Services are extended to the whole family or circle that impacts an individual to build a better support system.

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. The funds availability and other financial reports were not available for April 2023 due to the implementation of Oracle Fusion. Financial information will be updated at a later date. As of March 31, the balance for the

Felony account (4020) is \$203,779.22 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$100,980.78 for a total of \$304,760.00. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$49,961.99. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2023 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 1000 bus passes remaining. Deborah Hill encouraged courts to utilize incentives. Courts may complete a memo request or the Dallas County specialty court survey to receive incentive funding.

Drug Testing

Deborah Hill provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY23. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$6,988.26, which leaves a balance of \$18,001.74. Deborah advised the trial period for the extended icups has been ongoing. Three icups have shown a presumptive positive. One test was confirmed negative, one test was confirmed positive, and one test is pending results. Confirmation cost are charged against the flex account and not the individual court. George Johnson advised of AIM's utilization of the icups and how it possibly saved a participant's life. The icup testing identified fentanyl use by the participant who was later sent to residential substance abuse treatment. Laura Edmonds advised if a client tests positive for illicit substances and is in the County Jail to notify her and she will communicate with Parkland Jail Health regarding Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT). Screening will be expedited. A new resource is available which is the extended opioid panel for drug patches. The extended panel test for Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone, Oxycodone, Oxymorphone, Fentanyl, Nor Fentanyl. The cost for the extended panel is \$40 in addition to the \$65 base cost for the drug patch. The extended panel drug patches are available now. A total of 64 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 12% were no shows and 88% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 23% positive, 9% results pending, 50% negative, 18% unable to test (no patch intact at removal, did not return for removal). A report was provided in the meeting packet. The meeting packet included the individual court utilization spreadsheet. The document provides specific drug testing fund utilization by court including allotment, expensed, and balance.

Transitional Housing

A written report was provided in the meeting packet. There is 1 specialty court participant in Salvation Army transitional housing. The court utilization is 1 STAR participant. There are three participants on the waitlist. If the current participant remains in housing all funding will be exhausted. Unless the participant leaves, no additional referrals will be processed for transitional housing. If referrals are received, the individuals will be added to the waitlist but it is not likely the referral will be housed.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There is 1 participant (ATLAS) currently in Salvation Army recovery housing. There is no one on the waitlist. The funding will pay for 14 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.

Salvation Army Discussion

Deborah Hill advised there has been a concern expressed about services at Salvation Army. Judge Harlan advised of issues with effective treatment, transparency, accountability, and

communication. Polls were conducted to solicit feedback from other attendees regarding services. Quality of Service polls were multiple choice answer for “How would you rate the quality of service at Salvation Army?” “How would you rate the professionalism at Salvation Army?” Free text answers were available for “What did you like most about Salvation Army?” and “How would you improve services at Salvation Army?” The information gathered will be used to engage in discussion with Salvation Army about services.

Request for Funding

No request for funding were received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson was not present at the meeting. No update provided.

Video Production

Two court participants have been filmed for the FY2024 project. Production currently underway for the Spanish language video. The fourth participant identified dropped out and production is looking for a replacement. The project is on track for completion by the end of the fiscal year.

NADCP 2023

Deborah Hill advised the request for registration payment has been submitted. A pre-conference meeting related to reimbursement was held for 530 funded attendees. Shenna Oriabure requested attendees send hotel confirmation as soon as possible to guarantee prepayment. Shenna expressed appreciation to Serena McNair, Julie Turnbull, and Vickie Rice.

National Treatment Court Month

National Treatment Court Month is May 2023 (formerly called National Drug Court Month). The theme is “May is the Time for All Treatment Courts to Shine.” A Commissioners Court Resolution occurred on May 2nd. The subcommittee set a budget not to exceed \$3,000 which is approximately \$200 per court. A poll was sent to specialty court judges to solicit feedback for what to include in the gift boxes. Gift boxes should go out the third week of May.

FY2024 Budget

Multiple polls were launched to solicit feedback for the FY2024 budget planning. The first poll ranked budget priorities. The second poll was a word cloud for budget ideas. The third poll question was “What should we prioritize?” Attendees could answer by free text. The fourth poll asked “What do you recommend as the operating budget for FY2024?”

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department: Trina Crosby requested attendees save the date for Friday, August 11th. A specialty court team recognition event is scheduled. The event will focus on team building. There will be food. The event is scheduled for 11:30am-3:00pm at the Oak Cliff Government Center. Deborah Hill expressed appreciation to the CCIF Board for funding for the event.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Serena McNair advised no update at this time.

District Attorney's Office: Julie Turnbull advised no update at this time.

Public Defender's Office: Vickie Rice advised of the Breaking the Silence Walk on May 20th from 10:00am-12:00pm. Chief Richardson advised the PD's podcast is available on Spotify. The first podcast topic is County Government and how it supports the justice system. Podcast guests were County Administrator, Darryl Martin and Commissioner Price. The next podcast will involve the C.A.R.E Team. The PD's Office will host a social media raffle during the month. There will be a theme for each week. To participate tag the PD's office on social media and automatically be entered in the raffle. The winners will receive gift cards. PD's Office is partnering with Joe Powell to offer a training on the use of peers in specialty courts. May 24th, -26th are potential dates for the training.

Judiciary: No updates provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am and will reconvene on 6/14/2023 at 9:00 am via Teams.