



## **Behavioral Health Steering Committee**

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

**January 11, 2023**

#### **Attendees**

Deborah Hill, Shenna Oriabure, **Trina Crosby, Audrey Garnett, Bryan Smith, Julie Turnbull, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Jerry Barker, Judge Audrey Moorehead,** LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, Marcus Turner Jr., Dr. Marta Kang, **Judge Sandra Jackson, Judge Kristin Wade, Charlene Randolph, Catherine Gould,** Janine Capetillo, Kimberly Duran, **Vickie Rice** (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

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

Deborah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:02 am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Wade 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 \$214,614.91 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$105,067.96 for a total of \$319,682.87. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$24,370.01. There was an adjustment made to the November credits by the Auditor's Office. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2023 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 1720 bus passes remaining. Deborah recognized Veterans Court for completing the online Dallas County Specialty Court Survey and automatically receiving 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 \$2,390.25, which leaves a balance of \$22,609.75. A total of 21 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 22% were no shows and 78% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 24% positive, 14% results pending, 48% negative, 14% 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

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including allotment, expensed, and balance. Competency is near exhausting drug testing allotment. The Competency court representative was advised of utilization. The subcommittee will need to discuss how to utilize the flex account for those courts near exhausting funding allotment.

The subcommittee is exploring the opportunity to have renowned presenter Paul Cary provide a virtual training on drug testing with a focus on fentanyl. The cost of the training is \$1,300 but the proposal has an estimated budget of \$1,500. The \$200 is estimated for fees associated with CLEs and CEUs. The proposed training would be via Zoom, cannot be recorded, but would have no capacity limits. The duration of the webinar would be 2-3 hours. Proposed date for the training is a Friday in May 2023. All votes cast were for approval of the proposal. The proposal was approved by the group.

### **Transitional Housing**

A written report was provided in the meeting packet. There are 4 specialty court participants in Salvation Army transitional housing. The court utilization is 1 MHJD/SET, 2 ATLAS, and 1 STAR participant. There are two participants on the waitlist. If current participants remain in housing all funding will be exhausted. Unless a 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 referrals will be housed. Judge Harlan advised there is a desperate need for transitional housing. Judge Harlan inquired if there is a flex account for transitional housing. Shenna Oriabure advised there is no flex or additional funding for transitional housing. Due to the nature of the contract, funds can be transferred from recovery housing to transitional housing if approved by the committee. The transferring of funds only requires an internal committee vote and not more formal procedures. Deborah Hill asked if the vote to transfer funding should be held now or reserved for later. Shenna advised the timing of the vote will impact how soon the transitional housing referrals can resume. Judge Wade inquired about the successful completion rate of transitional housing referrals. For FY2022 there were 3 successful and 4 unsuccessful discharges for transitional housing. 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 is 1 MHJD/SET participant currently in Salvation Army recovery housing. There is one participant 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

### **Request for Funding**

No requests for funding were received.

### **Texas State Office of Governor Update**

Keta Dickerson was not present.

### **Specialty Court Video Production**

The purpose of the video production is to document the effectiveness of specialty court programs to encourage increased participation. The videos will capture program participants' unique stories of success, which can be specifically attributed to the specialty court program. The FY2023 video production is underway. Deborah Hill appealed to the committee for volunteers. Courts need to identify clients who will be the video subjects. The project is more involved and intimate with personal testimonies. Clients will need to be willing to speak about the client's personal life, share childhood and bookin photos, have family interviewed, and be filmed in their home or other personal spaces. One video will be completely in Spanish. A document with tips on "how to choose a participant" was included in the meeting packet. The vendor will conduct a prescreen. Filming to begin in February 2023. Please send potential video participants' contact phone number, email, and full name to Shenna Oriabure. Participants must be willing to show their faces in the video.

### **NADCP 2023**

A document with three stipend allocation options was included in the meeting packet. Option #1 is \$1,500 per stipend, total 46 stipends. \$1,500 is on par with the OOG stipend. Option #2 is \$1,860 per stipend, total of 37 stipends. Option #3 is \$2,000 per stipend, total of 35 stipends. Julie Turnbull inquired as to the identity of the OOG liaison. Keta Dickerson is the OOG liaison. Julie inquired if courts and departments are willing and able to make up the difference between actual cost and stipends. Judge Wade recommended matching the State's stipend amount to ease tension and potential discourse related to different funding amounts. Judge Harlan advised STAC was considerate of employees' pay structure when determining funding source. Dr. Kang advised CSCD will try to cover what is not paid. Vickie Rice advised the PD's Office will strive to do the same but will make it clear there is a cap. Charlene Randolph advised CJD will be able to make up some of the cost. Shenna Oriabure advised an effective way to manage costs is sharing lodging and carpooling. 530 stipends only covers Dallas County employees. The subcommittee will vote on the stipend amounts next month.

### **Department Updates**

**Criminal Justice Department:** Charlene Randolph advised of no updates at this time.

**Community Supervision and Corrections Department:** Dr. Kang advised no updates. Shenna Oriabure advised Ms. McNair is near completion of OOG stipend requests and has two names for the video production project.

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

**Public Defender's Office:** Chief Richardson advised no update at this time

**Judiciary:** Judge Wade advised the Behavioral Health Steering Committee (BHSC) meeting is cancelled for the month of January 2023. Next BHSC meeting will be held in April 2023.

### **Announcements**

CMIT 2023 NADCP Conference Stipend Application due by electronic submission by 5:00pm on 1/13/2023. The FY2024 OOG Specialty Court Funding Announcement was included in the meeting packet. FY2024 OOG Specialty Court Grant Application must be submitted and certified by 5:00pm on 2/9/2023. Deborah Hill requested new attendees introduce themselves. Catherine Gould with CDC#6 and STAR introduced herself. Janine Capetillo, Competency Coordinator, introduced herself. Deborah advised CJD is still in the process of planning the specialty court team-building event.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am and will reconvene on 2/8/2023 at 9:00 am via Teams.