



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

October 11, 2023

Attendees

Deborah Hill, **Shenna Oriabure**, **Judge La'Donna Harlan**, LaShonda Jefferson, Marcus Turner Jr., **Catherine Gould**, **Lynn Richardson**, Vickie Rice, **Serena McNair**, **Julie Turnbull**, **Lynn Cox**, George Johnson, **Harry Ingram**, Adrianna Lawson, **Jerry Barker**, **Judge Kristin Wade**, Crystal Garland, Janine Capetillo, Jennifer Corona, **Judge Rocky Jones**, Barbara West, Andre Craig, Dr. Marta Kang, **Bryan Smith** (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. The group accepted the minutes.

530 Fund Balance and Update

Deborah Hill provided an update of the 530 Fund Balance. Funding is located in 2 accounts, an escrow account and General Fund 120. Some funds are collected under the drug and intoxication fee structure; those funds are applied to the escrow account. Deborah Hill issued a disclaimer that some financial information while updated may be inaccurate due to challenges with Oracle Fusion. The balance for the Felony account (4020) is \$144,873.43 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$63,766.18 for a total of \$208,639.61. The escrow accounts have not received credits for four months. The credits are present somewhere just not in the proper escrow accounts. The Auditor's Office is working on the issue. The General Fund 120 is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$88,776.86. General Fund 120's information is accurate. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2023 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 670 bus passes remaining. FY2024 incentives must be purchased on or before 9/30/2024.

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 \$16,930.74, which leaves a balance of \$8,069.26. A total of 114 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 11% were no shows and 89% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 17% positive, 15% results pending, 53% negative, 15% 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 utilization by court including allotment, expensed, and balance.

Housing

A written report on transitional housing was provided in the meeting packet. There is 1 participant (AIM) in transitional housing at the Salvation Army. There is 1 participant on the waitlist.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There are 2 participants (Legacy, Competency) currently in Salvation Army recovery housing. There is no one on the waitlist. The funding will pay for 15 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. Attendees can text or call Keta with specific questions or comments. Deborah Hill advised some OOG grant awards are still pending notification.

Training Funding Options

Deborah Hill announced three initiatives, which stakeholders and partners could participate in funding. The initiatives are lunch & learns, 530 Day, and a grant workshop. Deborah advised the Criminal Justice Department is in the process of restarting lunch and learns in November 2023. If in-person, the in-house trainings may incur a cost of approximately \$1,000. The estimate for 530 Day is \$7,000-\$8,000. The last initiative was to bring in a grant writer to assist with grant writing and best practices. Shenna Oriabure advised potential workshop leaders are Judge Tucker from Tarrant County and Keta Dickerson. Grant workshop activities would include review of grant scores and BeST Assessment to get real time feedback from those who score the grants. The grant writing workshop is geared specifically towards the OOG specialty court grant. However, there could be general tips applicable to other grant applications. Deborah asked if other departments and stakeholders are willing to assist the Criminal Justice Department and 530 Fund with financial support. Deborah asked to consider utilizing some training funds from the 530 training line item. The agenda item was not up for a vote, only informational. Deborah will bring additional information to consider while planning efforts for these initiatives continue.

530 Policies and Procedures

Deborah Hill advised there was a separate meeting held last week to discuss interest in possible modifications to drug testing, housing, and office supplies allotments. From the meeting a budget adjustment was suggested to move \$6,000 from recovery housing into incentives. A corresponding suggestion was to increase the incentive amount from \$15 to \$20 per participant. A vote on the two suggestions will occur at the next subcommittee meeting. A non-utilization letter will be sent to presiding judges regarding unused resources after 6 months. The letter will inquire

if the judge anticipates using the resources or if the resources should be added to the pool for general use. No vote taken. The items will be on the November 2023 meeting agenda as two separate voting items.

Video Production

There is a meeting with the video director scheduled for 11/2/2023 at 2:15pm. The purpose of the meeting is to brainstorm and establish a vision for the FY2024 production. The meeting will be held virtually via Teams.

Dallas County Specialty Court Survey

The FY2023 Specialty Court Survey analytics presentation will occur in December 2023. The FY2024 Dallas County Specialty Courts Survey is now open. An email will be sent with information. The survey has not changed even though there was prior discussion about obtaining more information. Feedback was received the survey was difficult to complete. The survey can only be completed online through Microsoft Forms.

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department (CJD): CJD will be participating in the University of North Texas Dallas Career Criminal Justice Expo. CJD will have a table set up with information about CJD and specialty courts. The expo is on November 3rd. Deborah Hill and LaShonda Jefferson will be traveling down to Huntsville for a criminal justice planners' forum. Discussion will center on the magistration process and 16.22. Deborah will bring back any pertinent information to the group.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Serena McNair thanked every for participating in the Judge Robert Francis Specialty Court Golf Tournament.

District Attorney's Office: Julie Turnbull echoed Serena's sentiments about the golf tournament. Julie advised of a meeting tomorrow to receive updates on total money raised from tournament and funds availability.

Public Defender's Office: Lynn Richardson advised of the fourth installment of the PD's podcast. The podcast will pertain to mental health and other specialty courts. Invited guests are Carol Lucky and Dr. Walter Taylor from the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority along with some others. Vickie Rice advised of a peer panel discussion scheduled for October 20, 2023 from 1pm-3pm. The event location is the central jury room in the Frank Crowley Courthouse. The training will include a panel discussion with Joe Powell. The training will include CLEs.

Judiciary: Judge Kristin Wade advised of the Judicial Summit on Mental Health scheduled for October 18-20th. The conference has online and in-person options. Judge Harlan advised the TASC Board is looking for articles related to Veterans Courts. Please contact Judge Harlan regarding submissions for the TASC newsletter. Judge Harlan introduced the new STAC Coordinator, Barbara West.

Announcements

The Dallas County Public Defender's Office and the Association of Persons Affected by Addiction are hosting a panel discussion on Peer Support Services in the Justice System- Supporting Recovery with Evidence-based Practice and Practice-base Evidence. The event qualifies for 2 hours of continuing legal education.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am and will reconvene on 11/8/2023 at 9:00 am via Teams.