



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

November 8, 2023

Attendees

Audrey Garnett, Judge Audrey Moorehead, Bryan Smith, Catherine Gould, Crystal Garland, Deborah Hill, George Johnson, Harry Ingram, Janine Capetillo, Jennifer Corona, Jerry Barker, Julie Turnbull, Kendall McKimney, Keta Dickerson, Kimberly Duran, Judge Kristin Wade, Judge La'Donna Harlan, LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, Lynn Cox, Marcus Turner, Jr., Marta Kang, Raymond Pierson, Serena McNair, Shenna Oriabure, Trina Crosby, 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. Julie Turnbull made a motion to approve the minutes. Vickie Rice seconded the motion. 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 numbers are provided by the Auditor's Office. Currently there is not a method to independently confirm accuracy. Some financial information while updated may be inaccurate due to challenges with Oracle Fusion. The balance for the Felony account (9245) is \$141,988.23 and the Misdemeanor account (9240) is \$61,672.14 for a total of \$203,660.37. 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 \$7,757.68. General Fund 120's information is accurate. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2024 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 620 bus passes remaining. FY2024 incentives must be purchased on or before 9/30/2024. Nine courts have completed the Dallas County Specialty Court Survey and were automatically allotted incentive monies.

Budget Adjustment

Deborah Hill called the vote on the previously discussed budget adjustments. The group approved a budget adjustment to move \$6,000 from Supportive Housing to Incentives. The

group approved increasing incentives from \$15 per participant to \$20. The previously allotted incentive funding will automatically increase to the new \$20 rate.

Budget Adjustment Vote

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	Yes
PD	Vickie Rice	Yes
DA	Julie Turnbull	Yes
CJD	Shenna Oriabure	Abstain
4C	Bryan Smith	Yes
AIM	Audrey Garnett	Yes
ATLAS	Harry Ingram	Yes
Competency	Judge Wade	Yes
DDC		
DIVERT	Trina Crosby	Yes
MDWI	Judge Moorehead	Not present at time vote taken
FDWI	Lynn Cox	Yes
IIP		
Legacy		
MHJD/SET	Judge Wade	Yes
STAC	Judge Harlan	Yes
STAR	Catherine Gould	Yes
Veterans	Jerry Barker	Present but did not verbalize vote

Incentive Rate Vote

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	Yes
PD	Lynn Richardson	Yes
DA	Julie Turnbull	Yes
CJD	Shenna Oriabure	Abstain
4C	Bryan Smith	Yes
AIM	Audrey Garnett	Yes
ATLAS	Harry Ingram	Yes
Competency	Judge Wade	Yes
DDC		
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Drug Testing

Deborah Hill provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY24. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$82.19, which leaves a balance of \$24,917.81. 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. Julie Turnbull inquired if 530 will use the new panel (B410 Urine 11) which includes Fentanyl. The test cost approximately \$4 more than a basic panel. The confirmation cost is \$20. Shenna Oriabure advised 530 completes panels as requested by the court. The new panel is available to certified specialty courts if requested.

Housing

A written report on transitional housing was provided in the meeting packet. There are 2 participant (1 AIM, 1 STAR) in transitional housing at the Salvation Army. There are no participants on the waitlist.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There are 3 participants (2 STAC, 1 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 advised there was a Specialty Court Advisory Council meeting last week. The BeST Assessment will be an ongoing requirement for grant applicants. Any applicant that does not complete the assessment is ineligible for Criminal Justice Division funding. The information reported on the BeST Assessment and grant application should match. Any differences should be explained on the grant application. Reviewers have noticed disparities between grant application and BeST assessment. Keta advised the tax income generated a significant amount of revenue. Keta recommended grant applicants ask for all the money required to cover program needs. Grant applications are due in February 2024.

TASC Board Update

Kimberly Duran advised to be on the lookout for emails. The Texas Association of Specialty Courts Conference (TASC) stipend deadline is November 10, 2023. 275 stipends worth \$1,000 each will be awarded for the TASC. The conference is in Ft. Worth. Call for proposals are due on December 1, 2023. There is an open position for FY24-25 for Region II Director, which covers Dallas. Board applications are due on November 10, 2023. Judge Harlan reached out to several courts to solicit

content for TASC social media. Social media is a tool to let people know specialty courts work. The Board wants to highlight effectiveness and individual specialty courts. Judge Harlan appealed to the group to submit pictures and information for social media utilization.

OOG Grant Comments

A document was included in the meeting packet containing comments for the FY2024 grant applications. Deborah Hill advised the document contains comments verbatim. Grant scores and comments will be sent directly to specific stakeholders of the court program.

Video Production

There was a meeting with the video director held on November 2, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm and establish a vision for the FY2024 production. Meeting attendees discussed having several short videos that are 90 seconds or less. The videos would highlight success stories and how people are in better situations. Production to begin filming in February 2024. Send client information for those who may want to participate.

TASC

Deborah Hill provided important TASC Dates. The overall 530 training budget is \$45,000. Keta Dickerson advised there might be an issue with Budget approving hotel accommodations for an adjacent county. Judge Wade advised there needs to be parameters on the funding. Keta suggested a van commute a group daily to the conference. 530 funding options will be provided during the December 2023 meeting.

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department (CJD): CJD participated in the University of North Texas Dallas Career Criminal Justice Expo on November 3, 2023. CJD provided information about Criminal Justice and Specialty Courts. CSCD and Pretrial Release were also present. Lunch and Learns on Best Practice Standards will resume in January 2024. Deborah advised of other potential training initiatives: grant workshop estimated cost of \$1,500 and 530 Day estimated cost of \$7,000-\$8,000. CJD would like to start planning but need buy in and assistance with the cost. CJD has agreed to assist with some of the cost of the initiatives. The most assistance is needed for 530 Day.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Serena McNair advised CSCD submitted TASC stipend applications for the following courts: FDWI, MDWI, ATLAS, STAR, IIP, 4C, Veterans. Serena received confirmation of receipt from Amber Gregory of stipend applications.

District Attorney's Office: Julie Turnbull advised Audrey Garnett is assuming a newly created position in the Juvenile Department. The position is similar to what Audrey did in Restorative Justice. Julie advised the DA's office is going through some transition. Julie hopes to bring some juvenile specialty courts to the 530 subcommittee. New attendees Lee Pierson, Abigail Peak (MHJD), Alina Cartas (SET), and Kendall McKimmey gave brief greetings. Julie inquired about Nexus not applying for the inpatient substance use disorder treatment RFP. Laura Edmonds

advised the RFP typically applies to diversion courts that utilize general Dallas County contracts. CSCD may have their own contract with Nexus. Julie advised CCIF gift cards will be provided to specialty courts at the first of the year, after all receipts are received from the previous year.

Public Defender's Office: Vickie Rice thanked everyone that participated in the peer support training. Vickie is looking forward to collaborating with other stakeholders to plan attendance at TASC.

Judiciary: Judge Harlan advised of STAC graduation on Friday.

Announcements

Stipend Applications Deadline	November 10, 2023
Award Forms Deadline	November 10, 2023
Board Application Deadline	November 10, 2023
Stipend Award Announcements	November 15, 2023
Room Block Opens	January 5, 2024
Regular Registration Opens	January 5, 2024
Stipend Registration Deadline	February 1, 2024
Late Registration Opens	March 1, 2024
Conference Begins at 1:00 PM	March 26, 2024
Conference Ends at 12:30 PM	March 28, 2024

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 am and will reconvene on 12/13/2023 at 9:00 am via Teams.