



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

December 13, 2023

Attendees

Abigail Peak, Adrianna Lawson, Alina Caratas, Audrey Garnett, **Judge Audrey Moorehead**, Barbara West, **Bryan Smith**, **Catherine Gould**, **Charlene Randolph**, Crystal Garland, Deborah Hill, **Harry Ingram**, Janine Capetillo, Jennifer Corona, **Jerry Barker**, **Julie Turnbull**, Keta Dickerson, Kimberly Duran, **Judge Kristin Wade**, **Judge La'Donna Harlan**, LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, **Lynn Richardson**, Marcus Turner, Jr., Mara Kang, **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 9:01 am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Harlan made a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Wade 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 \$181,388.25 and the Misdemeanor account (9240) is \$111,236.73 for a total of \$292,624.98. The escrow accounts have not received credits for four months. The \$89,000 transfer for the FY2023 Account 120 balance occurred in October 2023. The General Fund 120 is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$13,092.47 for FY2024. General Fund 120's information is accurate. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2024 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 450 bus passes remaining. FY2024 incentives must be purchased on or before 9/30/2024. The voted budget adjustment was approved through the last Commissioners Court. The incentive cost per participant has increased from \$15 to \$20. Nine courts have completed the Dallas County Specialty Court Survey and were automatically allotted incentive monies.

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 \$1,990.91, which leaves a balance of \$23,009.09. A total of 17 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 4% were no shows and 96% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 0% positive, 29% results pending, 59% negative, 12% 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 are 3 participants (1 AIM, 1 STAR, and 1 STAC) 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 4 participants (2 STAC, 1 Competency, and 1 DIVERT) 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.

Request for Funding

Deborah Hill called the vote on the STAC Court memo request. The request was for \$4,000 (\$20 x 200 participants) for incentives. The request was approved by voting members.

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	Yes
PD	Vickie Rice	Yes
DA	Julie Turnbull	Yes
CJD	Charlene Randolph	Yes
4C	Bryan Smith	Yes
AIM	Julie Turnbull	Yes
ATLAS	Harry Ingram	Yes
Competency	Judge Wade	Yes
DDC		
DIVERT	Trina Crosby	Yes
MDWI	Judge Moorehead	Yes
FDWI		
IIP		
Legacy		
MHJD/SET	Judge Wade	Yes
STAC	Judge Harlan	Yes
STAR	Catherine Gould	Yes
Veterans	Jerry Barker	Yes

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson advised of no updates.

TASC

Deborah Hill provided important TASC dates. The overall 530 training budget is \$45,000. The packet included pertinent information about the conference including per diem rate, mileage rates, and estimated parking. The packet also contained the FY24 State Specialty Court Training Grant stipend award summary from the OOG. The packet contained multiple funding options for budgets of \$35,775, \$40,000, and \$45,000. Dallas County funds will not pay for lodging in an adjacent county. Therefore, Dallas County funds cannot pay for TASC lodging in Tarrant County. Other funding sources like OOG/CMIT may pay for lodging. A vote on TASC funding will be conducted at the January 2024 meeting. Keta Dickerson advised the per diem calculation seemed to be more money than necessary. Keta recommended contacting Amber Gregory about what meals would be provided at the conference. Shenna Oriabure advised the maximum per diem was listed for informational purposes. The amounts can be changed prior to the vote. The 530 stipends should be viewed as an allotment per court and not a specific amount per individual attendee. The money can be utilized within guidelines how the court deems effective and efficient.

Dallas County Specialty Court Survey Year End Presentation

Shenna Oriabure presented a summary of the responses for the FY2023 Dallas County Specialty Court Survey. A PowerPoint presentation was included in the meeting packet. The purpose of the survey is to gather information and identify resources gaps, assess specialty court gaps and needs for strategic planning, and enable the 530 fund to help and support certified specialty courts. The 7 partnering courts that completed the survey were DIVERT, Veterans, MHJD/SET, 4C, Competency, AIM, and DDAC. The survey format is 27 questions (multiple choice and free text). The survey takes 20-30 minutes to complete. Shenna discussed the differences between a memo request and the survey. The presentation listed responses related to "Resources/System Gaps" and "Support Needed." Shenna discussed survey-identified deficiencies addressed by the 530 subcommittee. The survey accomplishes transparency, collectiveness, and accountability. De-identified court information related to census, referrals, admissions, and graduates was included in the presentation. Shenna discussed trends. The 2023 survey numbers were better than 2022 but did not quite reach the rate of 2021 survey numbers. To complete a trend analysis, a court had to complete at least two years of surveys. Shenna advised individual courts can request their specific trend data. Julie Turnbull requested the presentation be shared separately. Judge Harlan asked who had access to the court level responses. Shenna advised the Criminal Justice Department (CJD) has access to responses. CJD had not decided whether court level data will be shared with others.

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Criminal Justice Department (CJD): Deborah Hill advised about 530 Day which is a team building event akin to the Family Feud event but on a much larger scale. The event will include training and possibly vendors. A poll was presented to determine the level of support for the event. Poll questions: Are you in support of the 530 Day? Are you willing to assist with 530 Day? How should 530 Day be funded? What role can you play in 530 Day? The event's estimated budget is \$7,000-\$8,000. Deborah advised utilization of court funding or DDA (staff enrichment, training) is an option. A vote is required to approve a specific amount if any to utilize from the 530 budget.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Serena McNair advised of a holiday skeleton schedule starting next week. CSCD will be open on County business days but with reduced staff.

District Attorney's Office: Julie Turnbull advised of no updates.

Public Defender's Office: Vickie Rice advised of no updates. The PD's Office will operate with reduced staff during the holiday season.

Judiciary: No updates.

Announcements

Deborah Hill congratulated DIVERT Court and Trina Crosby on DIVERT Court's recent graduation.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 am and will reconvene on 1/10/2024 at 9:00 am via Teams.