



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

February 8, 2023

Attendees

Deborah Hill, **Trina Crosby, Audrey Garnett, Bryan Smith, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Jerry Barker, Judge Audrey Moorehead**, LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, Marcus Turner Jr., Dr. Marta Kang, **Judge Sandra Jackson, Charlene Randolph, Catherine Gould**, Kimberly Duran, **Vickie Rice, Judge Jennifer Bennett, Serena McNair, Lynn Richardson**, Keta Dickerson, Nakish Greer, Judge Monique Huff, **Judge Audra Riley, Judge Lela Mays** (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Deborah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Audrey Garnett 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 \$212,425.89 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$104,681.48 for a total of \$317,107.37. There was a discrepancy in the account due to a duplicate deduction; the Auditor's Office is resolving the issue. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$31,357.44. 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 \$3,420.12, which leaves a balance of \$21,579.88. A total of 29 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 17% were no shows and 83% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 24% positive, 21% results pending, 41% 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 including allotment, expensed, and balance.

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 how to move forward with the vote to transfer funds from recovery housing to transitional housing. Deborah opened the floor for discussion about transferring the funds. Keta Dickerson inquired if there was a reason the housing was limited to Salvation Army versus other transitional housing options. Deborah spoke about the limited availability of transitional housing. Keta stated in the past there were quotes and contracts with other vendors. Audrey Garnett advised AIM utilizes Clean Connections for transitional housing. Trina Crosby advised there are quotes not contracts for Rolling Hills and Clean Connections. God's Truest is no longer an available transitional housing option. There was a recommendation open up to those vendors as well instead of limiting to Salvation Army if not getting enough use. Judge Harlan advised the Salvation Army recovery housing is like inpatient treatment as opposed to sober living and restrictive. Trina recommended seeking additional housing options outside of current vendors and bringing more vendors to the table. Keta suggested having Purchasing send out additional quotes for vendor to review. Judge Harlan, on the behalf of STAC, would like reconsideration of additional money contributed to housing. The transferring of funds from the Salvation Army Recovery housing to Salvation Army Transitional housing only requires an internal committee vote and not more formal procedures. A vote will be taken next month.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There are 2 participants (1 MHJD/SET, 1 DIVERT) 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

STAC submitted a memo request for incentives (200 participant x \$15 =\$3,000). The memo was included in the meeting packet. The voting members approved the request.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson advised OOG grant applications are due 2/9/2023. Grant applications will not be reviewed if the BeST Assessment is not completed. Amber Gregory is the contact to complete the assessment.

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 video director will conduct a prescreen of potential participants. 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. Four potential video subjects have been submitted to the director and 1 filmed.

NADCP 2023

NADCP will occur June 26-29, 2023, in Houston, Texas. Housing and registration are open. Lodging filled up quickly. If you did not obtain a room, ask to be placed on a waitlist. Keta Dickerson inquired about the minimum CMIT stipends each court will receive. Kimberly Duran advised stipends will be announced on 2/17/2023. Maximum stipend award will be 2 but most courts will receive 1 stipend. 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. After much discussion the vote was tabled until next month when more information will be available. Chief Richardson suggested the subcommittee conduct a special meeting to vote on stipend allocations. Serena McNair inquired about what positions are eligible for 530 Funds. The subcommittee will vote on the stipend amounts next month.

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department: Deborah Hill advised CJD continues to manage the 530 Fund and provide information. Deborah encouraged courts to utilize incentives. Deborah advised CJD is open to receiving feedback and additional discussions. The Specialty Court Team Building Event is still in progress.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Serena McNair advised grant team will be forwarding the OOG grant assessment for those courts that were eligible.

District Attorney's Office: Audrey Garnett advised no update at this time.

Public Defender's Office: Vickie Rice advised no update at this time

Judiciary: No update at this time.

Announcements

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 advised the BeST Assessment is lengthy and requires collaboration.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 am and will reconvene on 3/8/2023 at 9:00 am via Teams.