



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

March 8, 2023

Attendees

Deborah Hill, Shenna Oriabure, **Audrey Garnett, Bryan Smith, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Jerry Barker, LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, Marcus Turner Jr., Dr. Marta Kang, Charlene Randolph, Catherine Gould, Kimberly Duran, Vickie Rice, Serena McNair, Lynn Richardson, Nakish Greer, Julie Turnbull, Stephanie Sadler, Adrianna Lawson, Crystal Garland, Janine Capetillo, Judge Kristin Wade, Jennifer Corona** (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. Judge Harlan made a motion to approve the minutes. Lynn Richardson seconded the motion and the group accepted the minutes. Deborah asked new attendees to introduce themselves. The new STAC Coordinator, Stephanie Sadler, introduced herself.

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 \$207,948.40 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$102,038.41 for a total of \$309,986.81. There was a discrepancy in the account due to a duplicate deduction. The Auditor's Office resolved the issue and the fund is balanced. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$38,470.44. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2023 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 1000 bus passes remaining.

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 \$4,531.80, which leaves a balance of \$20,468.20. Deborah advised UA utilization was low. One court has submitted for the continuous alcohol monitoring device. A total of 44 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 12% were no shows and 88% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 20% positive, 30% results pending, 36% 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 is 1 specialty court participant in Salvation Army transitional housing. The court utilization is 1 STAR participant. There are three participants on the waitlist. If the current participant remains in housing all funding will be exhausted. Unless the 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 referral will be housed. 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. The maximum cost per referral is \$3,150 (90 days x \$35) for Recovery Housing. The maximum cost per referral is \$5,040 (180 days x \$28) for Transitional Housing. Transitional housing is for securing permanent housing. Recovery housing is for those who struggle with substance use or a healthy recovery environment. Vickie Rice inquired why the request to transfer funds was originally made. Shenna Oriabure advised the 2023 housing budget was determined through budget discussions in FY2022. At the time of discussion there was a need for inpatient treatment due to long waitlists. The Salvation Army recovery housing was a stop gap. The request to transfer funds was based upon a need expressed by a certified specialty court. Dr. Kang advised there is limited CSCD funding for transitional housing for post adjudication courts. The committee requested more information on the distinction between ARP, transitional housing, and inpatient treatment at the Salvation Army. Serena McNair suggested someone ask individual court teams what type of housing services are needed for their specific court program. Judge Harlan advised this housing discussion should be for the FY2024 budget. The vote was tabled until next month when more information can be provided. Shenna and Serena will collaborate to obtain additional information from the Salvation Army and individual courts.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There are 3 participants (1 MHJD/SET, 1 DIVERT, 1 STAC) 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 request for funding was received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson was not present to provide an update. The National Drug Court Resource Center's Painting the Picture Survey was included in the meeting packet. All certified OOG courts are strongly encouraged to complete the survey. Julie Turnbull advised she will ensure all pretrial courts complete the survey. OOG stipend reimbursement information was included in the meeting packet. Judge Wade advised there is new personnel over budget and DDA money is no longer allowed for training. Program and courts would need to brief training and travel directly through

Commissioners Court (CCT) to come out of general funds. Judge Wade suggested commissioners may be open to funding training. Lynn Richardson cautioned that CCT does not have a bottomless pit of money and the governing body review requests closely. Lynn recommended utilizing other funding sources before going to ask CCT. Judge Wade advised there is precedent for CCT to fund training. Charlene Randolph advised most departments are given budget lines for travel and live within the means of that travel. Specialty court judges will make the decision on who will attend NADCP. Julie advised District Attorney Staff will be sent under separate funding. The DA will not be asking for judge's to use any stipends for DA staff.

TASC Board Update

Kimberly Duran advised OOG stipend registration are due April 7, 2023. OOG has room blocks at the Four Seasons and Hyatt Regency reservation for stipend recipients. To utilize the OOG room block, stipend recipients must be comfortable giving credit card information to Amber Gregory for hotel reservation. Only 125 total OOG stipends were awarded. The Board had discussion on publishing the breakdown of the funding for specialty courts. The next newsletter will have a summary of specialty court funding and where the funding is generated. Kimberly advised the State looks at Dallas County's 530 committee fund and budgets as a model and standard.

NADCP 2023

NADCP will occur June 26-29, 2023, in Houston, Texas. Housing and registration are open. Lodging filled up quickly. Serena McNair advised, judges must prioritize what court team member to send to training. There are pros and cons for both sending new and seasoned court team members. A document with four stipend allocation options was included in the meeting packet. Option #1 is \$1,500 per stipend, total 46 stipends. \$1,500. Option #2 is \$1,860 per stipend, total of 37 stipends. Option #3 is \$2,000 per stipend, total of 35 stipends, Option #4, is \$1,980 per stipend, total of 35 stipends. The fourth stipend allocation was added to mirror the stipend amount provided by OOG. The committee also voted on how to allocate the unallocated 530 stipends. The allocation options were lottery versus court need. A vote was held for the stipend amount and unallocated stipend options. The subcommittee approved option #4 for \$1,980 and to conduct a lottery by court for unallocated stipends.

530 Stipend Allocation Vote

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	Option 4
PD	Lynn Richardson	Option 4
DA	Julie Turnbull	Abstain
CJD	Charlene Randolph	Option 4
4C	Bryan Smith	Option 4
AIM	Audrey Garnett	Option 4
ATLAS	Serena McNair	Option 4
Competency	Judge Wade	Option 4
DDC	Serena McNair	Option 4
DIVERT	Not Present	
MDWI	Not Present	

FDWI	Serena McNair	Option 4
IIP	Serena McNair	Option 4
Legacy	Not Present	
MHJD/SET	Judge Wade	Option 4
STAC	Judge Harlan	Option 4
STAR	Catherine Gould	Option 4
Veterans	Jerry Barker	Option 4

Lottery vs. Court Need for Unallocated stipends

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CSCD	Serena McNair	Lottery
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STAC	Judge Harlan	Lottery
STAR	Catherine Gould	Lottery
Veterans	Jerry Barker	Lottery

Court vs. Individual

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CSCD	Serena McNair	Court
PD	Lynn Richardson	Individual
DA	Julie Turnbull	Abstain
CJD	Charlene Randolph	Individual
4C	Bryan Smith	Individual
AIM	Audrey Garnett	Individual
ATLAS	Serena McNair	Court
Competency	Judge Wade	Individual
DDC	Serena McNair	Court
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MDWI	Serena McNair	Court
FDWI	Serena McNair	Court
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STAC	Judge Harlan	Court
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Veterans	Jerry Barker	Court

National Drug Court Month

National Drug Court Month is May 2023. There will be a discussion next month in regards on how to celebrate. Deborah Hill encouraged everyone to participate. A potential idea is to divide the certified courts among the 4 participating departments (CSCD, PD, DA, and CJD) that will be tasked with creating displays of appreciation.

Dallas County Specialty Court Survey

A summary of the current responses for the Dallas County Specialty Court Survey was included in the meeting packet. The 4 partnering courts that completed the survey were DIVERT, Veterans, MHJD/SET, and 4C. Average time to complete the survey was 33:14. The summary listed responses related to “Resources/System Gaps” and “Support Needed.”

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department: Deborah Hill advised Shenna Oriabure’s position was reclassified to Program Manager.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Serena McNair advised no update at this time.

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

Public Defender’s Office: Vickie Rice advised of the 60th celebration of Gideon vs. Wainwright, the principle that drives court appointments and indigent representation. Vickie encouraged others to celebrate with the PD’s Office.

Judiciary: Judge Harlan thanked CJD staff for attending both sessions of Candid Conversations with Dr. Guillory. Judge Harlan advised of a STAC graduation on Friday, March 17, 2023.

Announcements

OOG Stipend registrations due by April 7, 2023. NBTHA presents Fentanyl Trends & Awareness on March 9, 2023. Lynn Richardson advised the new rules regarding DDA funds goes into effect next year.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am and will reconvene on 4/12/2023 at 9:00 am via Teams.