



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

April 12, 2023

Attendees

Deborah Hill, **Shenna Oriabure, Audrey Garnett**, Judge La'Donna Harlan, **Jerry Barker**, LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, Marcus Turner Jr., Dr. Marta Kang, **Catherine Gould**, Kimberly Duran, Vickie Rice, **Serena McNair, Lynn Richardson, Trina Crosby, Julie Turnbull**, Crystal Garland, Janine Capetillo, **Judge Kristin Wade, Judge Jennifer Bennett, Harry Ingram, Judge Lela Lawrence Mays**, Andre Craig, Nathaniel Clark, **Lynn Cox**, George Johnson, Keta Dickerson, Richard Foster, Charlene Randolph, Jennifer Corona, Desiree Lewis, Crystal Chang (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. Julie Turnbull seconded the motion and the group accepted the minutes.

NADCP 2023

NADCP will occur June 26-29, 2023, in Houston, Texas. A lottery was drawn for the (3) unallocated stipends. Legacy, Competency, MHJD/SET, and 4C removed their names from the lottery. The drawing winners were Veterans Court, DIVERT, and Felony DWI. Misdemeanor DWI was pulled but a representative was not present.

Vocational Rehabilitation Presentation

Presenters: Judge Lela Lawrence Mays, Judge La'Donna Harlan, and Crystal Chang. Judge Mays spoke on the resource. Texas Workforce's vocational rehabilitation is for people who have a barrier to employment (mental health, physical health, substance use disorder, etc.). Through the program, a client's realistic goal can be pursued as it relates to vocation. A waiver must be signed before TWC can speak to client. The resource can aid clients who are under employed or wanting to work while on disability. There is no income requirement. The program is not based on income but on barriers. The services are also available to individuals not in a specialty court or program. Judge Mays advised each court would have to determine the optimal time to refer a client. STAC referrals are sent when participants are nearing or in aftercare.

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 \$203,779.22 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$100,980.78 for a total of \$304,760.00. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$49,961.99. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2023 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 1000 bus passes remaining. Deborah Hill encouraged courts to utilize incentives. Courts may complete a memo request or the Dallas County specialty court survey to receive 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 \$5,675.72, which leaves a balance of \$19,324.28. Deborah advised alcohol monitoring device invoices are still pending receipt. One court has submitted for the continuous alcohol monitoring device. For a test trial, \$787.50 from the flex account will be used to purchase 150 extended panel icups. The extended panel tests for 16 substances. The cups will be available in a week. The logistics of icups confirmation is still being worked out. A total of 57 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 14% were no shows and 86% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 23% positive, 14% results pending, 47% negative, 16% 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. MHJD/SET has exceeded drug testing fund allotment. MHJD/SET requests have not been processed since mid-March.

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.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There are 3 participants (1 ATLAS, 1 DIVERT, 1 STAC) currently in Salvation Army recovery housing. There is no one 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. Clarification was received that ARP is the same as inpatient treatment at Salvation Army.

Request for Funding

STAC requested to send court coordinator, Stephanie Sadler, to Infrastructure Training in Huntsville, Texas. Judge Mays advised the coordinator is new and would benefit from training. The lodging expense is covered by the host. There is not a registration fee. The request is for \$78 per diem. Voting members approved the request.

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	Yes
PD	Lynn Richardson	Yes
DA	Julie Turnbull	Yes
CJD	Shenna Oriabure	Yes
4C		
AIM	Audrey Garnett	Yes
ATLAS	Harry Ingram	Yes
Competency	Judge Wade	Yes
DDC	Judge Bennett	Yes
DIVERT	Trina Crosby	Yes
MDWI		
FDWI	Lynn Cox	Yes
IIP		
Legacy		
MHJD/SET	Judge Wade	Yes
STAC	Judge Mays	Yes
STAR	Catherine Gould	Yes
Veterans	Jerry Barker	Yes

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson advised the grants have been received for scoring. Scoring is due back to the Governor's Office in May. The Specialty Court Advisory Committee will meet in June 2023 to discuss awards. There is not a known time grants will be awarded but optimistically before the start of the State's fiscal year. Shenna inquired if the BeST Assessments were given to the scorers. Keta will advise at the next meeting what came with the grant applications.

National Treatment Court Month

National Treatment Court Month is May 2023 (formerly called National Drug Court Month). The theme is "May is the Time for All Treatment Courts to Shine." There will be a discussion next month in regards on how to celebrate. Deborah Hill encouraged full participation. 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. A Commissioners Court Resolution will occur on either May 2nd or May 16th. Serena McNair (CSCD), Vickie Rice (PD), and Julie Turnbull (DA) volunteered to represent their respective departments in planning activities. The subcommittee set a budget not to exceed \$3,000 which is approximately \$200 per court. Judge Mays requested the committee be mindful of court sizes when allocating resources.

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department: Deborah Hill advised the 530 Specialty Court event is still in the works. The event will be held at the Oak Cliff Government Building. CJD is working on a Commissioners Court Resolution for National Treatment Court Month.

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 the PD's podcast will launch in April. The link will be sent at a later date.

Judiciary: No updates provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am and will reconvene on 5/10/2023 at 9:00 am via Teams.