



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

June 14, 2023

Attendees

Laura Edmonds, Shenna Oriabure, **Audrey Garnett, Bryan Smith, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Jerry Barker, Charlene Randolph**, LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, Marcus Turner Jr., Dr. Marta Kang, **Catherine Gould**, Vickie Rice, **Serena McNair, Lynn Richardson, Trina Crosby, Julie Turnbull, Judge Audrey Moorehead, Judge Sandra Jackson. Judge Kristin Wade**, Andre Craig, **Lynn Cox**, George Johnson, **Charlene Randolph**, Crystal Garland, Keta Dickerson, Kimberly Duran, Jennifer Corona, Adrianna Lawson, Nathaniel Clark, Jr., Stephanie Sadler, Sarah Masih (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Laura Edmonds 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 and the group accepted the minutes.

Salvation Army Presentation

Presenter: Sarah Masih, Director of Adults and Family Services at Carr P. Collins. Since May 2021, Salvation Army has expanded to a County focused role. The Salvation Army now provides anti-poverty services in community centers in Garland, Irving, Pleasant Grove, and Oak Cliff. There are three major focuses: anti-poverty, addiction and crisis, and homelessness and housing. Anti-poverty work focuses on homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, employment services, financial education, and food pantry. Pathways Forward is a collaborative program with Parkland Hospital to help individuals decrease emergency room visits. The Salvation Army has emergency shelter and transitional shelter for men, women, and women & children. There is also a domestic violence shelter. The Addiction Recovery Program for this fiscal year had 72% of clients successfully discharge. Addiction and crisis stabilization residential treatment programs include intensive and support residential. Salvation Army has seen an increase in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) clients. Marijuana, amphetamines, and cocaine are the top three drugs of choice identified by the Salvation Army. Transition into the supportive program connected with housing navigator and employment specialist. Salvation Army has been intentional about expanding those services. Judge Harlan inquired about any actions being taken to combat illicit substance use in treatment. Sarah advised the substance use program is located in a larger facility which makes it difficult. The treatment program conducts monthly drug testing. Individuals testing positive go through an intensive case management plan with their senior counselor and

discuss appropriateness for the program. A detailed and descriptive document will be provided to the group at a later time.

530 Fund Balance and Update

Laura Edmonds 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. Funds available and other financial reports have not been available since April 2023 due to the transition to Oracle Fusion. Financial information will be updated at a later date. As of March 31, 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. Approximately \$48,000 has been expensed since April but not yet reflected in the balance total. Credits are being applied to the accounts but not yet accessible in the Oracle Fusion system. The training budget has approximately \$34,000 which will likely be exhausted by the end of July. Outstanding payments for training expenses include conference mileage, per diem, and reimbursement to CSCD for lodging. There are 900 bus passes remaining.

Drug Testing

Laura Edmonds provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY23. Laura advised we received an increased in positives for Fentanyl and Nor fentanyl. Increase in positives are linked to icups and expanded testing. ICups appear to be an effective tool. There are some icups remaining from the trial order. The flex account has increased utilization due to laboratory confirmation on icups. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$9,103.80, which leaves a balance of \$15,896.20. A total of 74 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 11% were no shows and 89% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 22% positive, 8% results pending, 54% 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.

Judge Wade inquired how to access unused drug test funding allocated to another court. Judge Wade advised CSCD has pulled funding support for MHJD. MHJD/SET has reapplied for grant, but Judge Wade believes SET is getting increased referrals from DIVERT. Courts are dealing with a different population which requires additional substance use monitoring. There are three options for MHJD to receive additional drug test funding. The options are a formal vote to reallocate funds for drug tests, MHJD/SET to submit a memo request, or a specialty court judge approving their court funds be transferred to MHJD/SET. There was a robust discussion on pretrial diversion considerations and impact on specialty courts. Julie Turnbull advised the assessments are identifying higher risk and higher need people with co-occurring disorders. There is a need to find resources. Charlene requested to capture the need so possibly can utilize the Dallas County opioid settlement. The settlement plan contains a general plan for drug testing, but specific need requests would be beneficial. Shenna advised some of the policy in place to promote equity have hamstrung programs.

Julie inquired if the committee could obtain financial information from programs with grant funding specific to drug testing. Vickie Rice requested information related to fines and cost associated with program participation.

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 is 1 participant (ATLAS) 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.

The poll results from the last meeting were included in the packet. The Dallas County Criminal Justice Department (CJD) met with representatives from Salvation Army. The Salvation Army is putting together policies and procedures to ensure weekly progress reports and important notifications are sent. CJD and Salvation Army are scheduling quarterly meetings to continue these conversations. Judge Harlan expressed appreciation for the committee's actions to address her concerns.

Request for Funding

No request for funding were received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson advised the Specialty Court Advisory Committee met in Austin last week and scored grant applications. Applicants that did not complete the BeST assessment will have a fund hold now and going forward. Keta recommends for future grant applications, to request funds based upon needs projections. Keta advised there is more funding available. Shenna inquired how the BeST assessment was utilized when reviewing grant applications. Keta provided her personal experience. Keta reviewed the BeST assessment before reading the application and utilized those responses when reviewing the application. Keta recommends someone familiar with the grant team complete the BeST Assessment. The assessment was useful and gave more information about court practices, capabilities, and the court team. The assessment presented a better view of how the courts were functioning. Keta advised no Dallas County grant applications were on the bubble.

Video Production

Two court participants (1 STAC, 1 IIP) have been filmed for the FY2024 project. Production is currently underway for the Spanish language video. The fourth participant identified pulled out

and production is looking for a replacement. The project is on track for completion by the end of the fiscal year. Judge Harlan advised the videos were well put together and moving. The video tracked the client from the start of addiction to now and how specialty courts are impactful. The FY2023 specialty court video and individual videos for the pretrial courts are live on the District Attorney's website.

NADCP 2023

Laura Edmonds advised all conference registrations have been paid. Hotel prepayments have been made. There will be another meeting for 530 funded attendees to review the reimbursement process through Oracle Fusion.

National Treatment Court Month

National Treatment Court Month was May 2023 (formerly called National Drug Court Month). The theme was "May is the Time for All Treatment Courts to Shine." A Commissioners Court Resolution occurred on May 2nd. The subcommittee set a budget not to exceed \$3,000 which is approximately \$200 per court. A poll was sent to specialty court judges to solicit feedback for what to include in the gift boxes. Due to the Oracle Fusion transition and delays in reimbursement, gift boxes will be given in July and August.

FY2024 Budget

Multiple polls were launched to solicit feedback for the FY2024 budget planning. The first poll ranked budget priorities. The second poll was a word cloud for budget ideas. The third poll question was "What should we prioritize?" Attendees could answer by free text. The fourth poll asked "What do you recommend as the operating budget for FY2024?" The poll results, historical budget information, and three budget options were included in the meeting packet.

Laura Edmonds opened the floor for the budget discussion to illicit feedback, questions, and ideas. Further discussion will be held in July 2023. A formal vote will be held in August 2023. This timeline will allow for the budget to be briefed through Commissioners Court before the start of the new fiscal year. Laura provided additional context regarding training and substance use disorder treatment. The training line item will be for TASC and in house training. The SAMHSA grant concludes in September 2023. A new SAMHSA grant application was submitted. A brief discussion was had on the possibility of funding a field officer and/or UA technician.

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department: Charlene Randolph will reach out to get detailed request for opioid funding. The Governor may be opening up additional funding opportunities. CJD will share information when received.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Dr. Kang advised CSCD is part of the opioid fund's discussion.

District Attorney's Office: Julie Turnbull advised no update at this time. Julie expressed a huge thank you to CJD for the efforts at DIVERT's 25th anniversary.

Public Defender's Office: Vickie Rice thanked everyone who supported the mental health walk last month. The PD's Office is finishing the second implementation of the PD's podcast. Guests for the podcast are members of the Regional C.A.R.E Team.

Judiciary: Judge Harlan thanked everyone who attended and supported the STAC graduation last Friday. Judge Wade thanked everyone for their ideas on obtaining more resources.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am and will reconvene on 7/12/2023 at 9:00 am via Teams.