



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

July 12, 2023

Attendees

Deborah Hill, Laura Edmonds, Shenna Oriabure, **Audrey Garnett, Bryan Smith, Judge La'Donna Harlan, Charlene Randolph**, LaShonda Jefferson, Marcus Turner Jr., Dr. Marta Kang, **Catherine Gould**, Vickie Rice, **Serena McNair, Trina Crosby, Julie Turnbull, Judge Audrey Moorehead, Judge Sandra Jackson, Judge Kristin Wade**, Andre Craig, **Lynn Cox**, George Johnson, **Harry Ingram**, Nathaniel Clark, Jr., Crystal Garland, Kimberly Duran, Jennifer Corona, Adrianna Lawson, Stephanie Sadler (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 Wade made a motion to approve the minutes. Harry Ingram 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. Deborah Hill issued a disclaimer that some financial information while updated may not be totally accurate due to challenges with Oracle Fusion. The balance for the Felony account (4020) is \$145,427.92 and the Misdemeanor account (4031) is \$64,782.54 for a total of \$210,210.46. The current balance total reflected may be \$16,000-\$20,000 less than actual cash on hand. The general fund (120) is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$70,205.93. May and June had lower than expected revenue for Fund 120. The Auditor's Office is researching the credits to ensure accuracy. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2023 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 900 bus passes remaining.

Drug Testing

Deborah Hill provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY23. Icupps appear to be an effective tool. Kimberly Duran requested feedback on icups utilization. Nathaniel Clark, Jr. advised of a great experience using the cups so far. The cost of fentanyl confirmation is \$25. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$9,287.28, which leaves a

balance of \$15,712.72. Drug patch and alcohol monitoring invoices are still pending. The tracking spreadsheets and financials will be updated when received. The update will include the individual court utilization for the month of June. A total of 76 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, 4% results pending, 57% negative, 17% 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. Several public relations documents from the Salvation Army were included 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.

Judge Wade asked if the remaining spots were open to any courts. Shenna Oriabure advised the established housing protocol remains in effect. Judge Wade recommended moving money out of transitional housing to drug testing. Kimberly Duran advised moving funding into testing or incentives may be beneficial. Shenna advised a vote at the next meeting is required to adjust the budget. Shenna recommended against a budget adjustment and to allow the monies to roll over into the next budget year. Shenna opined there was enough money in the line items and the budgeted funds would not be exhausted.

Request for Funding

No request for funding were received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson was not present at the meeting. No update provided.

TASC Board Update

Kimberly Duran advised of the Board retreat following NADCP. TASC will likely be held in Ft. Worth (Omni) on March 26-28 and in Corpus Christi in 2025. The Board would like feedback on conference session topics. The Board discussed role specific learning tracks and first time vs. seasoned track, and peer. Individuals can email feedback directly to Kimberly. The Office of Court

Administration (OCA) applied for a grant and was awarded funding for two specific specialty court specific positions. The staff will assist in the regulatory role given to OCA. The anticipation is staff will collaborate with courts and hold courts accountable. These positions will likely be sent to review and observe courts. Positions will be posted while OCA continues to work on defining those roles. Court costs from FY2023 brought in \$1.2 million and mixed beverage funding brought in \$9.9 million. In FY2023 there was a \$2 million gain from court costs. Total revenue from FY2023 mixed taxed was a \$15 million gain. There is \$20 million available for grants. There is sufficient money available for grants and Kimberly encouraged courts to apply for what is needed. In FY2023, 66 court programs were funded. 87 programs applied for FY2024. Kimberly advised there are several go getters on the board with a focus on social media and member engagement. Liz Wiggins is taking over the newsletter and putting time into connecting with members. Judge Johnson with Harris County has done great work with Board engagement.

Video Production

Three court participants have been filmed for the FY2023 project. The project is on track for completion by the end of the fiscal year. Specialty court videos are available on the Criminal Justice Department and District Attorney websites.

NADCP 2023

Deborah Hill advised of the great effort made to get the registration and lodging pre-paid for the conference. Deborah expressed appreciation to Shenna Oriabure and Laura Edmonds. There is a reimbursement meeting for 530 funded NADCP attendees on July 14th at 10:00am. The meeting will be recorded. NADCP is now All Rise. Kimberly Duran advised the conference was full of information. Kimberly stated one great takeaway from the conference was peer support engagement in specialty courts. There were great session on peer support engagement in specialty courts. Peer support best practices will be coming out in September. Vickie Rice advised the collaborative training with APAA regarding peers is moving forward now that NADCP has concluded.

FY2024 Budget

Deborah Hill emphasized the importance of having an in-depth discussion. The budget impacts the entire fiscal year. Modifications can be made during the fiscal however the committee should think through budget options. Official voting for the budget will be conducted at the August meeting. Shenna Oriabure advised a conservative estimate for the FY2024 beginning balance is \$235,000. Shenna recommends keeping between \$75,000-\$100,000 in reserves. Judge Wade requested the committee look into the utilization of resources and internal protocols. Shenna advised once the budget is determined then internal protocols can be addressed. Serena McNair advised CSCD is doing a ton of drug testing and courts are not utilizing specialized testing or funding. Kimberly Duran advised we need to increase the funding allotments per court. Julie Turnbull suggested to view courts less as big versus little and more based upon funding from all sources. Julie recommended doing what was needed to have each of the courts meet best practice standards on drug testing. Julie continued, if a court is achieving best practices in drug testing, then less funding for those courts. Shenna advised there must be collaboration for the suggested options to work. Courts need to be willing to provide information regarding funding to achieve some of the suggestions. Judge Wade suggested if a court does not utilize money for drug testing, then redistribute the money. Vickie Rice inquired about the budget options for last year. Shenna

advised the options last year were different and this year's budget options were based from the poll and suggested operating budgets. Last year's budget prioritized training, housing, and then drug testing. Audrey Garnett inquired if there are courts willing to voluntarily give up their share of drug testing funding. Serena advised she does not believe any courts will give up funding because the court might need the funding in the future. Serena recommended a cap or a time funding will expire if not utilized. Julie called for a more robust discussion on the utilization of the drug testing line item more equitably between courts. Judge Wade suggested a drug testing overage line item of about \$5,000 which can be utilized by courts who exhaust allotment. Shenna advised there is a flex account for drug testing but not a utilization policy in place. Dr. Kang suggested using a line item for indirect/miscellaneous expenses added to the budget. The money can be put aside to be used for different things. The courts can only be allowed to ask for money when the individual court's allotment is exhausted. Judge Wade asked for the cost per participant to have a drug patch for 3 months. The cost is \$585 per individual to have a drug for 3 months (\$65 per patch x 3 patches a month x 3 month). The group decided to have a budget only meeting in August 2023 to have an in-depth discussion. An invite to the budget only discussion will be sent before the next subcommittee meeting.

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department: Trina Crosby advised of the Family Feud Specialty Court Edition on August 11th at the Oak Cliff Government Center. DIVERT intake coordinator selected and going through the onboarding process now.

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

District Attorney's Office: Julie Turnbull advised DIVERT Court has paused referrals due to reaching capacity and being down a case manager. Audrey Garnett advised AIM is close to capacity. Audrey voiced appreciation for CSCD's employees and services. Audrey stated CSCD has stepped up while handling excessive caseloads.

Public Defender's Office: Vickie Rice advised the PD's Engagement Supervisor has resigned. The PD's Office is now looking for a licensed social worker. The team has kept the ship going. The PD's Office will be adding a new social worker to the team. The second installment of the PD's podcast with the Right Care Team will be released soon. APAA peer training coming soon.

Judiciary: No updates.

Announcements

Save the date for the specialty court golf tournament tentatively scheduled for 9/27/2023. The tournament will be at Top Golf. The fundraising is looking for donations and new sponsors. For more information contact Bryan Smith.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am and will reconvene on 8/9/2023 at 9:00 am via Teams.