



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

January 10, 2024

Attendees

Adrianna Lawson, Alina Caratas, Audrey Garnett, Barbara West, **Catherine Gould**, **Charlene Randolph**, **Christi Bustos**, Crystal Garland, **Judge David Woodruff**, Deborah Hill, **George Johnson**, **Harry Ingram**, Janine Capetillo, Jennifer Corona, **Julie Turnbull**, Keta Dickerson, Kimberly Duran, **Judge Kristin Wade**, LaShonda Jefferson, Judge Lela Lawrence Mays, Dr. Marta Kang, **Serena McNair**, Shenna Oriabure, **Trina Crosby**, **Vickie Rice**, Samantha Moran (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. Julie Turnbull made a motion to approve the minutes. Harry Ingram seconded the motion. The group accepted the minutes.

CARDBoard Project Presentation

Samantha Moran, Digital Access Coordinator, with the CARDboard Project presented. CARD is an acronym for Courage, Acceptance, Responsibility, and Dignity. Courage to accept opportunities and take responsibility to create new levels of dignity in their lives. In 2016, founder, Armando Cantu, had a mission to bridge the digital gap by connecting the disconnected. The organization firmly believes access to computer and internet can unlock a multitude of opportunities. The CARDBoard Project assists clients in obtaining a Google phone number and email address. Dallas ranks #1 in worst connection rate among major cities in US and major cities within Texas. 42.3% of households in Dallas lack fixed internet connection. Lack of internet access leads to lack of access to education and employment and reduces likelihood of self-sufficiency. The organization focuses on three components: internet connectivity, access to digital devices, and digital literacy. Some populations served include: unhoused and transient, justice involved, residents of digital deserts, foster age-out, veterans, unemployed and underemployed, and seekers of self-sufficiency. Ms. Duran provided CARDBoard Project's 2022 statistics. The digital Access program ensures access to digital tools. The Digital Skills training program is a 6-week digital skills training course designed to equip individuals with fundamental skills to harness technology for professional and personal growth. The program is offered in English and Spanish. Participants are taught Google suites, create resumes, learn how to create PowerPoints and online job search, among other things. After completion of the 6-week plan, clients are gifted with a Chrome book and 1-year internet data plan. For 2024, the organization will give away 1,000 computers. The organization has virtual resource centers at three participating libraries

where clients can meet with a case manager virtually and review the 10-step roadmap to self-sufficiency. The organization partners with a top local healthcare provider to provide access to the digital program for the provider's phlebotomy and medical assistance program.

530 Fund Balance and Update

Deborah Hill provided an update of the 530 Fund Balance. Funding is located in 2 accounts, an escrow account and General Fund 120. Some funds are collected under the drug and intoxication fee structure; those funds are applied to the escrow account. Deborah Hill issued a disclaimer that numbers are provided by the Auditor's Office. Currently there is not a method to independently confirm accuracy. Some financial information while updated may be inaccurate due to challenges with Oracle Fusion. The balance for the Felony account (9245) is \$181,383.25 and the Misdemeanor account (9240) is \$108,060.79 for a total of \$289,444.04. The General Fund 120 is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$17,574.26 for FY2024. General Fund 120's information is accurate. An overview of the 530 Fund FY2024 expenditures was included in the meeting packet. There are 270 bus passes remaining. FY2024 incentives must be purchased on or before 9/30/2024.

Drug Testing

Deborah Hill provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY24. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$7,085.32, which leaves a balance of \$17,914.68. A total of 23 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 4% were no shows and 96% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 0% positive, 9% results pending, 78% negative, 13% 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 utilization by court including allotment, expensed, and balance. Deborah advised some courts are nearing exhaustion of FY2024 allotment. There are \$5,000 in flex funds for drug testing. The subcommittee needs to engage in discussion soon about how to allocate flex funds.

Housing

A written report on transitional housing was provided in the meeting packet. There are 3 participants (1 AIM, 1 STAR, and 1 STAC) in transitional housing at the Salvation Army. There are no participants on the waitlist.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There are 4 participants (2 STAC, 1 Competency, and 1 DIVERT) 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.

Deborah Hill advised some issues were identified with the Salvation Army invoices. The issues are being remedied. The Criminal Justice Department has an in-person meeting scheduled with Salvation Army to discuss. The February 2024 meeting packet may have adjusted numbers related to housing.

Request for Funding

No requests were received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson advised of no updates.

Video Production

Deborah Hill advised the timeline has been changed due to cost. Filming will be at the Frank Crowley Courthouse and not an offsite studio. The filming will be conducted over two days during the hours of 8am-5pm. Filming will likely commence in March 2024. The production is still looking for participants, court team member/staff for video. Shenna Oriabure is the contact person for the video production.

TASC

Deborah Hill provided important TASC dates. The overall 530 training budget is \$45,000. The packet included pertinent information about the conference including per diem rate, mileage rates, and estimated parking. The packet also contained the FY24 State Specialty Court Training Grant stipend award summary from the OOG. The packet contained multiple funding options for budgets of \$35,775, \$40,000, and \$45,000. Dallas County funds will not pay for lodging in an adjacent county. Therefore, Dallas County funds cannot pay for TASC lodging in Tarrant County. Other funding sources like OOG/CMIT may pay for lodging. The 530 stipends should be viewed as an allotment per court and not a specific amount per individual attendee. The money can be utilized within guidelines how the court deems appropriate.

The group approved an overall TASC budget of \$37,775 with \$675 per stipend. The larger 5 courts (4C, AIM, STAC, DIVERT, IIP) receive 5 stipends each (\$675 X 5=\$3,375). The 9 smaller courts (MHJD/SET, STAR, Veterans, ATLAS, Competency, DDC, M.DWI, F.DWI, Legacy) receive 3 stipends each (\$675 x 3= \$2,025).

The FY2024 training budget will have \$9,225 remaining after TASC. Deborah would like to look into utilizing funds from the training budget to sponsor 530 Day. Deborah Hill provided a brief summary of the purpose of 530 Day. 530 Day is a team building/team appreciation and training event. In February, the subcommittee will discuss to see how much money if any the subcommittee would like to put towards 530 Day.

TASC 2024 Budget Vote (\$35,775 , \$40,000, \$45,000)

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	\$35, 775
PD	Vickie Rice	\$35, 775
DA	Julie Turnbull	\$40,000
CJD	Charlene Randolph	\$40,000
4C		
AIM	George Johnson	\$40,000

ATLAS	Harry Ingram	\$35,775
Competency	Judge Wade	\$35,775
DDC		
DIVERT	Trina Crosby	\$40,000
MDWI		
FDWI		
IIP	Christi Bustos	\$35,775
Legacy		
MHJD/SET	Judge Wade	\$35,775
STAC	Judge Mays	\$45,000
STAR	Catherine Gould	\$35,775
Veterans		

Second Round of Budget Vote (\$35,775 vs. \$40,000)

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	\$35,775
PD	Vickie Rice	\$35,775
DA	Julie Turnbull	\$40,000
CJD	Charlene Randolph	\$40,000
4C		
AIM	George Johnson	\$40,000
ATLAS	Harry Ingram	\$35,775
Competency	Judge Wade	\$35,775
DDC		
DIVERT	Trina Crosby	\$40,000
MDWI		
FDWI		
IIP	Christi Bustos	\$35,775
Legacy		
MHJD/SET	Judge Wade	\$35,775
STAC	Judge Mays	\$40,000
STAR	Catherine Gould	\$35,775
Veterans		

Funding Options within \$35,775 Budget

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	Option 2
PD	Vickie Rice	Option 1
DA	Julie Turnbull	Option 1
CJD	Charlene Randolph	Option 2
4C		
AIM	George Johnson	Option 2
ATLAS	Harry Ingram	Option 1
Competency	Judge Wade	Option 1
DDC		

DIVERT	Trina Crosby	Option 1
MDWI		
FDWI		
IIP	Christi Bustos	Option 1
Legacy		
MHJD/SET	Judge Wade	Option 1
STAC	Judge Woodruff	Option 2
STAR	Catherine Gould	Option 1
Veterans		

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department (CJD): Charlene Randolph advised of no updates.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Serena McNair advised of no updates.

District Attorney’s Office: Julie Turnbull advised of no updates.

Public Defender’s Office: Vickie Rice advised of no updates.

Judiciary: Judge David Woodruff was introduced as the new STAC Court Judge. He has been in and around Dallas County for about 20 years. Judge Woodruff was as a public defender back in 2005. Judge Woodruff has been a magistrate since 2016 until his recent appointed to STAC. Christi Bustos introduced herself as an employee with the PD’s Office since September 2012 and with IIP since 2016.

Announcements

Deborah Hill advised of the Best Practice Lunch & Learn scheduled for January 26th at 11:00am.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 am and will reconvene on 2/14/2024 at 9:00 am via Teams.