



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

February 14, 2024

Attendees

Adrianna Lawson, Alina Caratas, Barbara West, Bibiana Castillo, **Bryan Smith, Catherine Gould, Christi Bustos**, Crystal Garland, **Judge David Woodruff**, Deborah Hill, **George Johnson, Harry Ingram**, Janine Capetillo, Jennifer Corona, **Jerry Baker, Julie Turnbull**, Kimberly Duran, **Judge Kristin Wade**, LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, Lynn Cox, Lynn Richardson, **Serena McNair**, Shenna Oriabure, **Vickie Rice**, (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. Vickie Rice made a motion to approve the minutes. Harry Ingram seconded the motion. The group accepted the minutes.

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. Some financial information while updated may be inaccurate due to challenges with Oracle Fusion. The balance for the Felony account (9245) is \$181,388.25 and the Misdemeanor account (9240) is \$101,383.99 for a total of \$282,772.24. The fund continues to experience problems with escrow account credits. There might be a slight fluctuation in future reporting due to these challenges. The General Fund 120 is for fees assessed on all offenses. Fund 120 has a total of \$22,388.80 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 170 bus passes remaining. Additional bus passes cannot be ordered due to a purchasing agreement requirement. Any Dallas County funding will not be able to purchase bus passes until the purchasing agreement issue is resolved. 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 \$7,365.85, which leaves a balance of \$17,634.15. A total account cannot be provided, as January 2024's drug patch invoice and corrected alcohol monitoring invoices have not been received. 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 near exhaustion of the FY2024 allotment. Some courts have exceeded the allotment. Deborah opened the floor for discussion on how to proceed with the utilization of drug testing flex funds. Shenna Oriabure put forth the priority of allowing courts with unutilized funding continued access while still supporting courts out of money. Vickie Rice inquired if funds will be drawn from a specific court or collectively as a percentage from each court. The funds would not be drawn directly from any specific court. Judge Wade and Judge Woodruff advised the courts in need should submit a request and allow the committee to vote. Shenna advised instead of waiting to the end of the year and having a pot of unutilized money courts can access the funds during the year. Judge Wade recommended the group work in a collaborative effort instead of courts seeking permission from individual courts. Deborah advised requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis at monthly meetings by formal vote. Courts may use the Memo form to submit requests.

Housing

A written report on transitional housing was provided in the meeting packet. Salvation Army has begun submitting weekly progress reports. There are 3 participants (1 STAR and 2 STAC) in transitional housing at the Salvation Army. There is one participant on the waitlist.

A written report on Recovery Beds was provided in the meeting packet. There is 1 participant (Competency) 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.

Request for Funding

No requests were received.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson was not present. Deborah Hill advised the FY2025 OOG grant applications were due February 8, 2024. Deborah gave kudos to those who write grants and completed applications for submission.

Video Production

Deborah Hill advised filming will likely commence in April 2024. The production is still looking for participants, court team member/staff for video. The production has not received any information about individuals who would like to film. 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. 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 ($\$675 \times 5 = \$3,375$). The 9 smaller courts (MHJD/SET, STAR, Veterans, ATLAS, Competency, DDC, M.DWI, F.DWI, Legacy) receive 3 stipends each ($\$675 \times 3 = \$2,025$). Preparations are underway to send 42 individuals via 530 stipends at a cost of \$28,350. There is a mandatory meeting for 530 stipend recipients on February 23, 2024, from 1:45pm-2:45pm. Kimberly Duran advised TASC has five different tracks (adult, family/juvenile, trauma leadership growth, peer support/recovery, and veteran). Tall Cop will be presenting at the conference.

The FY2024 training budget will have an estimated \$9,225 remaining after TASC. Deborah suggested 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 March, the subcommittee will vote on how much money if any the subcommittee would like to put towards 530 Day.

530 Day

Deborah Hill advised 530 Day is scheduled for May 30, 2024. The event's purpose is to promote the effective and evidence-based work of specialty courts while celebrating team members. The event will incorporate team building, team appreciation, and training. The event will include interactive activities, food, door prizes, and training. A document was included in the meeting packet with three budget options \$5,000, \$6,000, and \$7,000. Volunteer opportunities were also listed.

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 the selection of a new Mental Health PD, Krist Caldwell, and new Competency PD, Jason Foster. Jason Foster is the current STAC PD and there will be some movement due to his new placement.

Judiciary: Judge Wade advised of no updates.

Announcements

Deborah Hill advised of the Best Practice Lunch & Learn scheduled for February 16th at 11:00am.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 am and will reconvene on 3/14/2024 at 9:00 am via Teams.