



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

March 13, 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

Shenna Oriabure called the meeting to order at 9:02 am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Wade made a motion to approve the minutes. Harry Ingram seconded the motion. The group accepted the minutes.

530 Fund Balance and Update

Shenna Oriabure 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. The balance for the Felony account (9277) is \$178,502.55 and the Misdemeanor account (9276) is \$95,068.22 for a total of \$273,570.77. The fund continues to experience problems with escrow account credits. There may be 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 \$27,072.74 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 150 bus passes remaining. FY2024 incentives must be purchased on or before 9/30/2024. Shenna applauded 4C for submitting monthly incentive reimbursement requests which has allowed the court to expense most of their allotment. Shenna advised three non-utilization letters were sent to certified specialty courts that have not accessed 530 funding outside of training. Two courts have responded to discuss 530 resources.

Drug Testing

Shenna Oriabure provided an update of the 530 specialized drug testing utilization total for FY24. Total invoiced under the drug testing line item is \$9,452.95, which leaves a balance of \$15,547.05.

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A total of 34 drug patches have been administered. Utilization of drug patch: 6% were no shows and 94% received patch services. Of those clients that received drug patches: 0% positive, 12% results pending, 76% negative, 12% 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.

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

Shenna Oriabure called the vote on the DDC Court memo request. The request was \$800 for drug testing. The committee approved the request.

DDC Memo Request-Drug Testing

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	Yes
PD	Vickie Rice	Yes
DA	Julie Turnbull	Yes
CJD	Charlene Randolph	Yes
4C	Bryan Smith	Yes
AIM	George Johnson	Yes
ATLAS	Harry Ingram	Yes
Competency	Judge Wade	Yes
DDC		
DIVERT	Trina Crosby	Yes
MDWI	Judge Moorehead	Present but was somehow muted by meeting
FDWI	Lynn Cox	Not Present at time of vote
IIP	Christi Bustos	Yes
Legacy		
MHJD/SET	Judge Wade	Yes
STAC		
STAR	Catherine Gould	Yes
Veterans		

Shenna Oriabure called the vote on the Legacy Court memo request. The request was \$900 for drug testing. The committee approved the request.

Legacy Memo Request-Drug Testing

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	Yes
PD	Vickie Rice	Yes
DA	Julie Turnbull	Yes
CJD	Charlene Randolph	Yes
4C	Bryan Smith	Yes
AIM	George Johnson	Yes
ATLAS	Harry Ingram	Yes
Competency	Judge Wade	Yes
DDC		
DIVERT	Trina Crosby	Yes
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IIP	Christi Bustos	Yes
Legacy		
MHJD/SET	Judge Wade	Yes
STAC		
STAR	Catherine Gould	Yes
Veterans		

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson was not present. Keta sent a report that the Specialty Court Advisory Council will begin reviewing grants soon and meet in June to discuss results.

TASC Board Update

Kimberly Duran encouraged attendees to pay attention to email reminders sent by Amber Gregory. Kimberly advised there was a recent reminder regarding hotel parking and the boot contest for the TASC conference.

Video Production

Shenna Oriabure advised filming will likely commence in April 2024. The production is still looking for participants, court team member/staff to film. Shenna Oriabure is the contact person for the video production.

TASC

Shenna Oriabure advised an informational meeting was held for conference attendees funded by 530. The informational meeting was recorded and can be viewed by those originally invited to attend. Reimbursement requests can begin starting Friday, March 29th. Anyone with questions should contact Shenna Oriabure.

530 Day

Shenna Oriabure advised 530 Day is scheduled for Thursday, 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.

The group approved a budget of \$6,000 for the event. Any unspent funds will remain in the 530 training budget and carry over to next year’s account balance. Judge Wade inquired if non-County specialty court team members will be allowed to attend. Charlene Randolph advised the decision will be made based upon the requirements and restrictions of how 530 funds can be utilized.

530 Day Funding

Court/Department	Representative	Vote
CSCD	Serena McNair	\$6,000
PD	Vickie Rice	\$6,000
DA	Julie Turnbull	\$6,000
CJD	Charlene Randolph	\$6,000
4C	Bryan Smith	\$6,000
AIM	George Johnson	\$6,000
ATLAS	Harry Ingram	\$6,000
Competency	Judge Wade	\$6,000
DDC		
DIVERT	Trina Crosby	\$6,000
MDWI	Judge Moorehead	\$6,000
FDWI	Lynn Cox	\$6,000
IIP	Christi Bustos	\$6,000
Legacy		
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National Treatment Court Month

Shenna Oriabure advised National Treatment Court Month is May 2024. Shenna opened the floor for discussion of ideas in addition to a resolution at Commissioners Court. Vickie Rice inquired

about the feasibility of obtaining individual tablecloths with the specialty court's logo. Trina Crosby advised she only needs the logos. The logistics would be worked out with Shenna Oriabure. Serena McNair requested to continue celebrating court milestones. Serena advised MHJD/SET is celebrating 20 years this year.

Mid-Year Dallas County Specialty Court Survey Update

Shenna Oriabure briefly reviewed the mid-year responses from the Dallas County Specialty Court Survey. The survey was completed by 10 courts (4C, Veterans, MDWI, FDWI, IIP, ATLAS, Competency, DIVERT, AIM, and MHJD/SET). The average time to complete was 57 minutes and 28 seconds. Resource/System gaps were listed as identified by the survey responses. Support Needed was listed as identified by the survey responses. Shenna requested attendees identify their top 3 needs from the list and report back. Then the 530 committee can focus efforts and work on providing the support needed.

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 the DA's Office is getting the word out on Pretrial Diversion. Beginning April 1, 2024, there will be a deadline imposed on Pretrial Diversion referrals. Referrals must be submitted pre-indictment or within 120 days post indictment. The change was in response to requests from the judiciary. Currently, there is no time frame for misdemeanor pretrial referrals. Julie will investigate implementing a time frame. Referrals can be submitted to jaildiversion@dallascounty.org or in person at the Criminal Justice Department window 8:30am-1:00pm daily. Best practices indicate quicker admissions to pretrial diversion programs are tied to better outcomes. The DA's Office prepared folders for judges on how to make pretrial and the mental health division referrals, as there is a difference.

Public Defender's Office: Vickie Rice advised the PD's Office is hosting a speaker, Betty White. Ms. White lost her son to a Fentanyl overdose. The speaker will be in the Central Jury Room next Thursday, March 21st at 2:00pm.

Judiciary: No updates.

Announcements

Shenna Oriabure advised of the Best Practice Lunch & Learn scheduled for March 2024 has been cancelled due to Spring Break. A flyer for the TASC boot contest was included in the meeting packet. Trina Crosby advised DIVERT Court graduation scheduled for Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00pm. The location is the Central Jury Room.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 am and will reconvene on 4/10/2024 at 9:00 am via Teams.