



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

April 10, 2024

Attendees

Abigail Peak, 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**, **Janie Martin**, Janine Capetillo, Jennifer Corona, **Julie Turnbull**, Kendall McKimmey, Keta Dickerson, Kimberly Duran, **Judge Kristin Wade**, LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, Lynn Cox, Lynn Richardson, Dr. Marta Kang, Marcus Turner, Jr., Raymond "Lee" Pierson, **Serena McNair**, Shenna Oriabure, **Vickie Rice**, (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Deborah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Lynn Cox made a motion to approve the minutes. Harry Ingram seconded the motion. The group accepted the minutes.

530 Fund Balance and Update

Deborah 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 \$162,998.25 and the Misdemeanor account (9276) is \$94,741.83 for a total of \$257,740.08. 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 \$33,062.44 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 100 bus passes remaining. There has been an order for bus passes and ordered 500 bus passes. Hopefully, will get bus passes out to court before the May subcommittee meeting. FY2024 incentives must be purchased on or before 9/30/2024. Deborah Hill advised to submit TASC reimbursement request so not to delay.

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 \$9,738.20, which leaves a balance of \$15,261.80. Drug patch charts are not included this month. Drug patch and alcohol monitoring invoice

returned for modification. Once updated tracking spreadsheet will be updated. 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. An additional column has been added for Memo Request allotment for additional funds.

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

Deborah Hill called the vote on the STAR Court memo request. The request was \$1500 for drug testing. The request was tabled until the form can be completed in totality and additional information is provided.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson advised Specialty Court Advisory Council will begin reviewing grants soon and meet in June to discuss results. Keta encouraged applicants to complete the BeST Assessment. The assessment is a requirement for all grant applications. Shenna Oriabure inquired about the frequency of completing the assessment. If the BeST Assessment is required every two years.

Video Production

Deborah Hill advised filming dates of April 26, 2024 and May 17, 2024. The production is still soliciting participants, court team member/staff to film. Shenna Oriabure is the contact person for the video production.

530 Day

Deborah Hill 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 volunteer opportunities. The group approved a budget of \$6,000 for the

event. The event will be held at Bowlounge. Next planning meeting scheduled for Monday, April 15th at 11:00am via Teams.

National Treatment Court Month

Deborah Hill advised National Treatment Court Month is May 2024. Deborah opened the floor for discussion of ideas in addition to a resolution at Commissioners Court. Serena McNair inquired on available funding, to which Shenna Oriabure confirmed the availability of funds through 530 incentives. These funds could be utilized for showcasing appreciation to specialty courts and treatment courts, beyond the 530 day.

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department (CJD): Deborah Hill advised April is Second Chance Month. To recognize and acknowledge various organizations from the Community who work with clients and offer reentry services in addition to 4C during this month, a resolution will be presented by Commissioner Price. The resolution for national Second Chance Month will be presented on April the 16th at 9:00AM.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: Serena McNair advised probation specialty courts are fully staffed at this moment.

District Attorney's Office: Julie Turnbull reminded individuals to get reimbursement forms for TASC to the appropriate individuals.

Public Defender's Office: Vickie Rice advised Chief Lynn Richardson is now an assistant County Administrator. Search starting for the new chief public defender.

Judiciary: No updates.

Announcements

Deborah Hill announced Shenna Oriabure departing from the Dallas County Criminal Justice Department. The 530 committee shared their appreciation for Shenna's contributions to Dallas County, and expressed that she will be greatly missed.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 am and will reconvene on 5/8/2024 at 9:00 am via Teams.