



Behavioral Health Steering Committee

530 Fund Sub-Committee

May 08, 2024

Attendees

Abigail Peak, Audrey Moorhead, Barbara West, **Catherine Gould**, Charlene Randolph, **Christi Bustos**, Crystal Garland, **Judge David Woodruff**, Deborah Hill, **George Johnson**, **Harry Ingram**, Janine Martin, **Julie Turnbull**, LaShonda Jefferson, Laura Edmonds, Lynn Cox, Marcus Turner Jr., Raymond Pierson, Trina Crosby, **Vickie Rice** (bold type indicates designated voting representatives)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Deborah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:02 am and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Vickie Rice made a motion to approve the minutes. Julie Turnbull 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. The balance for the Felony account (9277) is \$135,029.34 and the Misdemeanor account (9276) is \$93,759.68 for a total of \$228,789.02. 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 \$38,136.17 for FY2024. General Fund 120's information is accurate. There are bus passes available. Deborah Hill reminded the group there are some TASC Conference reimbursements that have not submitted. Reimbursements should be submitted by the end of June to allow time to process before planning for our next fiscal year.

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 \$11,246.85, which leaves a balance of \$13,753.15. Not all invoices have been received, this amount is subject to change. 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. The committee will decide the next plan of action for the court that is currently over their allotted amount.

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 no participants 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 advised there were no funding requests received. At the previous meeting, STAR Court submitted a request that was tabled, but it was not resubmitted for a vote this month.

Texas State Office of Governor Update

Keta Dickerson was not present. No report was shared at this time.

Video Production

Deborah Hill encouraged everyone on the call to share with others about the Specialty Court Video Production. The production is still looking for participants, court team member/staff to film. Deborah Hill is the contact person for the video production. Deborah Hill advised next filming date for Friday, May 17, 2024.

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 additional information. The group approved a budget of \$6,000 for the event. The event will be held at Bowlounge.

National Treatment Court Month

Deborah Hill advised National Treatment Court Month is May 2024. Deborah Hill advised of Commissioner Daniel's office is working on a resolution to be presented at Commissioners' Court. Deborah asked if anyone would be interested in speaking in support of the resolution on May 21, 2024. Judge Audrey Moorehead will be present at the Commissioners' Court to show her support.

Department Updates

Criminal Justice Department (CJD): Deborah Hill advised that the Specialty Court Program Manager position is currently vacant. The Criminal Justice Department (CJD) has received resumes and is in the process of reviewing them. Interviews will begin soon as the department seeks an outstanding candidate to fill the position.

Community Supervision and Corrections Department: No updates.

District Attorney's Office: Julie Turnbull announced that the DA's Office received a \$12,500 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation for transportation. The funds will be used to purchase more bus passes and Uber cards to help individuals get to court. This is the second year they have received this grant, and Julie thanked George Johnson and the team for their efforts. Additionally, Raymond Pierson mentioned that the division is actively promoting Mental Health Awareness Month this year.

Public Defender's Office: Vickie Rice announced that they are excited about the recent changes involving Chris Caldwell at MHPD. He is transitioning into his new position this week, so his name will start appearing frequently on various stat sheets. Additionally, Jason Foster has transitioned out of stat, and his name will now be associated with competency matters. They are also looking forward to onboarding their new case managers by June 1st.

Judiciary: No updates.

Announcements

Deborah Hill advised of Mental Health Awareness Month. All Rise Conference will be held in Anaheim, California the date May 22, 2024 through May 25, 2024.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am and will reconvene on 6/12/2024 at 9:00 am via Teams.