



DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

Minutes of the Behavioral Health Steering Committee (BHSC) Meeting Thursday, July 21, 2022 Via Microsoft Teams

Call to order and Introductions

Judge Kristin Wade called the meeting to order at 8:32 am. 44 staff and agency representatives/providers attended with names recorded via Microsoft Teams and email. No introductions were given.

Minutes review and approval

The minutes from the April 21, 2022, meeting (packet pgs.1-4), were reviewed with a motion and second by Judge La'Donna Harlan and Harry Ingram respectively for acceptance with no discussion or corrections. The motion was unanimously passed, accepting the minutes as read without objection.

Presentation

“Elevate North Texas Youth Shelter” Jason Vallejo (Founder & Executive Director)

**Jason Vallejo presented from approximately 8:30am – 8:50am with a brief Q & A session held afterwards. **

“TANF Pandemic Emergency Housing Program” Eric McCarty (NTBHA Housing Director)

** Kimberly Rawls shared information about the program’s purpose and eligibility in Eric McCarty’s absence and stated to please contact him with any additional questions @ emccarty@ntbha.org. **

City of Dallas Drug Courts/ARM Ministries Follow-up Update (Chief Lynn Richardson): Vickie Rice reported that she does not have anything new to report regarding the agenda item. She also reported that both the Dallas Drug and the Veterans Courts are operating, and they both look forward to sending representatives next week to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference & Exposition. Last, she stated that hopefully, after NACo Conference they will be able to share new information regarding specialty courts.

****Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked Shenna Oriabure to provide the 530 Committee report.****

530 Sub Committee (Shenna Oriabure): Shenna Oriabure reported that the 530 Committee are focusing on their FY2023 budget. She reported that they are heavily focusing and allocating funds towards trainings and hopefully, allowing specialty court team members the opportunity to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) scheduled in Houston in 2023.

Shenna Oriabure presented that following action items:

- 1) \$3,000 for STAC incentives (\$15 X 200 participants)
- 2) \$1,300 for National Drug Court Month activities.

Judge Kristin Wade asked for a motion of approval of the 530 Committee's request for approval of \$3,000 for STAC incentives (\$15 X 200 participants) and \$1,300 for National Drug Court Month activities.

A motion was made and second by Raymond Pierson (Lee) and Alyssa Aldrich respectively for acceptance with no discussion or corrections.

Shenna Oriabure shared that the video should be ready to view next quarter. She reported that the 530 Committee has set aside funds to pay for an overall specialty court video that will highlight Dallas County specialty courts and the work being done within Dallas County. She also hopes that the video encourages people to contact the courts. Last, she stated that they have individual courts for every certified specialty court, and they are each given 30 minutes to share about their programs to try to increase awareness and participation in those programs. Judge Kristin Wade stated that the video link will be sent to the BHSC once completed. Judge Kristin Wade shared that some of the initial videos she saw were outstanding. She stated that Chief Lynn Richardson is the video's narrator and did an excellent job as well as Vickie Rice's mental health portion. Judge Kristin Wade asked Vickie Rice to share with the BHSC her experience with making the PDs video and Mental Health Awareness Month as well as where they can get a link to view the video. Vickie Rice shared her experience with the BHSC and thanked Maricela Canava and her niece, LouAnne for their contributions toward the project. Maricela Canava shared her experience with the project and will post the YouTube link in the chat regarding the Mental Health Awareness Month project.

*****Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked Janie Metzinger to share any legislative information with the BHSC.*****

Janie Metzinger stated that both the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees previously met and are examining state hospital wait lists. She reported that members of the legislature have noticed that there is a shortage of mental health workers and that new hospital beds were being put in place without proper staffing. She stated that the committees are also researching the amount of actual and staffed beds at the state hospital, which she created a visual chart with the information. She also reported that staffing at the state hospital is an issue because people are earning higher wages and benefits with companies like Buc-ee's and performing fewer work duties. Last, she reported that discussions are occurring regarding the number of mental health professionals in Texas and ways to get them through their supervisory internship period, assisting them with expenses, and speeding up the internship completion process.

*****Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked Julie Turnbull to share the District Attorney Report with the BHSC.*****

District Attorney's Report (Julie Turnbull and Lee Pierson): Julie Turnbull reported on the Opioid Response Grant funding and that the DA's office had identified a little over 1000 individuals that could possibly be funneled to the Opioid Response Grant program, with over 300 already assessed. She stated that they are awaiting the Peer Support grant application award status. She shared that the new pretrial diversion referral process is going well. She also stated that CLEs will be offered for those attending the Dallas Bar Association's August 25, 2022, luncheon. Last, she reported that the DAs office is working to complete a QR code, which will include vital information, links, and forms. Lee Pierson reported that both him and Kendall McKimney presented during the Texas District & County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) conference. He reported that in June 2022 he traveled to Austin, TX to film a portion on the competency restoration process. He also reported that he has been asked to participate in a joint venture with the SAMHSA GAIN Center's Competency to Stand Trial/Competency Restoration Learning Collaborative, which includes other Texas, North Carolina, and

Washington DC partners to discuss the competency restoration process. Last, he reported that he recommended Vickie Rice to participate in a virtual panel discuss scheduled for August 11, 2022 @ 8:30am to 2:30pm. Judge Lela Mays shared that she received a call from a community provider asking about a community meeting hosted by the DAs office. Julie Turnbull answered stating that the community provider contacted her, and that the DAs office is working with Gordon Hikel, Dallas County Assistant County Administrator regarding possibly forming a group.

Announcements:

- Shenna Oriabure reported that the Big Texas Rally for Recovery is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 11am. She provided the flyer in the group chat.
- Judge Kristin Wade stated that the next BHSC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022, and to contact Kimberly Rawls to add items to the agenda.

*****Judge Kristin Wade stated to please refer to the meeting packet for the following data report(s) information*****

SAMHSA Update: Deborah Hill or Shenna Oriabure (pg.5)

BHLT & CSP Update Laura Edmonds (pgs.13-16)

Jail Reports

- Hospital Movement Janine Capetillo or Jeremy Lewis (pgs.17-18)
- Homeless & FUSE Reports Kimberly Rawls (pgs.19-27)
- Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR) Laura Edmonds (pgs. 28-29)
- Dallas Deflects Center Laura Edmonds (pgs. 30-31)

Public Defenders Report Chief Lynn Richardson (pgs. 32-34)

Provider Reports and updates regarding in-person and videoconference services

- The Bridge Kelly Kane (No data provided)
- Metrocare Jason Mills or Jennifer Torres (pgs. 44-46)
- IPS Reports Enrique Morris or Jessica Simmons (pgs. 47-51)
- Homeward Bound Doug Denton (Verbal report)
- Nexus Stacy Burns (Verbal report)

Problem Solving Courts

- Outpatient Competency Janine Capetillo or Jeremy Lewis (pgs. 52-53)
- DIVERT Trina Crosby (pg. 54)

Specialty Courts CSCD Nathaniel Clark Jr. (pgs. 55-58)

Adjournment:

Judge Kristin Wade adjourned the meeting at 9:17 am. The next meeting is set for Thursday, October 20, 2022, via either Microsoft Teams or in-person. A reminder will be provided to everyone to submit their monthly stats to Kimberly Rawls at Kimberly.Rawls@dallascounty.org via email by the 2nd Friday of each month for tracking and distribution.