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Ms. Riggs,

First, thank you and your staff so much for auditing all the specialty court funds. Wow, what a project! You provided such great information for us to move forward.

Second, I met with the judges today to discuss fund allocations for our various courts. At the meeting I learned that the mental health court is actually one court involving the 219th District Court and CCL#3, so we officially have 6 specialty courts (199,219,296,416,417 and CCL#7). I advised the judges that there was \$240,000 in the specialty court fund.

The judges agreed that we should withhold \$7,000 in case another court wanted to start a specialty court in the future leaving us \$233,000 to divide between the existing courts. Therefore, **despite any previously budgeted amounts**, each specialty court should receive \$38,833.33. From now forward, the specialty court monies received should be allocated equally between the 6 specialty courts.

We have agreed that each court's monies/budget will be separated, not being shared as currently set up. Thus, any participation fees collected by any specific court will remain in that court. In addition, we want to ensure that any unused funds for the specialty court be carried over each year and not be swept into the general funds.

Finally, I did want to point out another discussion point: Patricia Skipper has been a huge asset to our courts receiving grant funds. Judge Tucker sits on a statewide committee that reviews grant applications for the Governor's Grants. Collin County stands head and shoulders about all the others when it comes to the thoroughness of our applications.

I hope this makes sense. If not, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Again, you guys are the best! Thank you so much for your continued hard work on our behalf.

Judge Roach