

**HRC Board of Director's
Executive Director's Report**

September 2020

Meetings and Activities

Attended a meeting with HPD Chiefs as part of the Mayors Policy Reform Task Force. Briefed them on feedback from the Community regarding policing reform recommendations.

Attended a virtual meeting with the Auditors.

Attended virtual meeting with Harris County Criminal Justice System for a Stakeholder Roundtable discussion on Substance Abuse Treatment. Provided participants an overview of HRC program and services. Also shares my observation of service gap for SUD Treatment and how SUD impacts the Criminal Justice System.

Attended a virtual meeting for the NBHP Strategic Planning Committee. NBHP is a Coalition of Behavioral Health providers from around Houston.

Attended virtual Sobering Collaborative monthly meeting. The topic of discussion focused on Funding/ Sustainability.

Attended SAMSHA Project Reach meeting. These meetings are held monthly with our grant project officer. Our project continues to exceed the national averages of all grantees.

Attended virtual Houston Opioid Response Advisory Board Meeting. This a work group convened by Dr. Persse from HFD for area providers receiving Opioid funding. The goal of the group is to increase collaboration and avoid duplication of efforts where possible. Participants include HPD, UT, City and County Health Department.

Meeting with Andy Icken to discuss Strategic Plan. Questions for Andy included the City's commitment continue funding HRC, will the City renew the lease with SOH. Will the City support HRC relocating the Sobering Center.

Attended virtual meeting with Gershenson Consulting.

Attended virtual National Recovery Rally. This is an annual rally that is held in recognition of National Recovery Month. We had planned to hold it in Houston this year, but had to cancel due to Coronavirus. This was the first virtual rally. However, it was very successful.

Attended the virtual Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting. This was the first meeting since the first of the year due to the virus.

Attended FRONTlines planning grant meeting. These are regular meetings with the City Health Department, Baylor, UT San Antonio and HFD.

Attended virtual meeting with Harris Health Interview: Mr. Young, Mr. Kincaid, Dr. Laxman & HMA.

Attended Mayors Press conference to announce the completion of the Policing Reform Task Force report.

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Projects Completed:

- Submitted renewal request to UT for Heroes.
- Application to Health and Human Services Commission to support the PIR program – Funding started 9/1/2020
- Additional funding to support the FRONTline submitted; waiting for current contract revision and city council approval
- Received request from the Harris Center for one FTE to do Counseling and Training
- Received request from Harris County Public Health Department for FTE's to provide peer support services for individuals coming out of jail that have SUD challenges

Project Update:	
TCE/HIV Grant Application	Funded for 5 years starting 9/30/18
UT Health Project HEROES (a pilot project to create a Houston opioid system of care)	University of Texas (SAMHSA) -Funding increase to support one additional staff person.
Harris County Community Supervision and Correction Dept. (pilot project to pair two Recovery Support Specialists with two probation office staff)	Harris County- Funding increased to support one additional staff person.
TTOR Texas Targeted Opioid Response Project (a special project offered to sobering centers to provide recovery support for opioid users)	Texas Health and Human Services Commission/ Dept. of State Health Services Funded.
The Frontline Project (a City of Houston project collaboration with the City Fire Department and HRC to provide Naloxone and training on administration. Referral, treatment and recovery support services for individual treated by HFD for opioid overdose)	Funded by SAMHSA to start in early 2019- Funded
Vivitrol Pilot Project with Harris County Jail (providing eligible persons MAT treatment pre-jail release)	Not funded-a referral source for Partners in Recovery
\$200,000 Donation for operations. (\$100,000 per year for 2 years)	Funded- September 2018 and September 2019
Partners in Recovery (PIR)	Application to the City requesting \$427,013 to fund PIR starting 7/1/20- Pending
Recovery Support Services for CBO Community Based Organizations	Application to Texas Health and Human Services Commission requesting \$300,000 to fund PIR starting 9/1/20- Funded at \$200,000