

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

August 2020

## *Meetings and Activities*

We have established regular communication with staff from St. Joseph hospital. HRC is working on expanding our Opioid service plan targeting hospitals as a part of the Frontline project. An initial goal is to place a Frontline staff on site at the hospital. This person would serve as the liaison between our two organization and should help to improve our referral relationship.

Conference call National Sobering Collaborative monthly meeting. Participation in these calls are continuing to grow with attendees from around the Country.

Conference call with the FRONTlines planning grant partners. These calls are being held every two weeks to ensure all parties are kept informed on how the project is going. We think the project is doing well considering the state of things. Some hospitals are letting staff back in. Last week we had a hospital call us directly.

Conference call with Elliot, Andy of Gershenson Consulting and Kay. I will share more in my strategic plan update.

Meeting with area treatment provider to discuss opioid treatment services and housing individuals on MAT. These services are in short supply in the Houston area. We have worked with this provider for over a year and are hoping we can expand this collaboration.

NBHP Strategic Planning (SOAP) virtual meeting.

Attended virtual meeting with a consultant from the Clutch Consulting Group to discuss addiction services mapping. The consultant group was brought in to manage the development of an Advance Homelessness Response System. Our call focused on how addiction impacted homeless and on how our service model targets this population. We were told our service model was an innovative promising practice.

Conference call with City of Houston Health Department staff regarding additional money for Frontline and Budget for 2020-21. These funds will be used to staff 2 peer and 2 case managers.

Multiple calls with Erica Stafford lead auditor to discuss requested information and answer question regarding the audit.

Selected to serve as a member of the City's Task Force of Police Reform.

## **Projects Completed:**

- Submitted renewal applications for TTOR
- Application to the City for funding to support the PIR Program-still Pending.
- Application to Health and Human Services Commission to support the PIR program – Funded to start 9/1/2020
- Additional funding to support the Frontline Project-approved, waiting for current contract revision and city council approval.

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<b>Project Update:</b>	
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