

HRC Board of Director's Executive Director's Report

July 2020

Meetings and Activities

Attended Mayor's Task Force for Policing Reform Co-Chair Kick-Off-meeting. Five committees have been formed to carry out the work of a task force. I've been asked to serve as co-chair of the Independent Policing Oversight Board and the Community Policing Committee.

Meeting with Consultant from the Working Partner. This is the third group that we interviewed for conducting and developing HRC's next Strategic Plan.

Attended the Network for Behavioral Health Providers monthly meeting. This membership organization made up of Executive Directors and Senior staff from all the major behavioral health organizations from across the city.

Held our first pre-planning audit meeting. The audit is scheduled to start on August 24, 2020.

Attended new project HALOS meeting. This is a new zoom meeting started to increase contact with staff with a goal of providing additional support during the current crisis.

Hosted IPOB and Community Policing Committee Meeting via zoom. Had presentation from the two attorneys and two community members that have served on the board. Our task is to review the IPOB performance and make recommendations for improvement if needed.

Staff and I attended a conference call with Representatives from Arnold Ventures. We provided an update on our current funding use and discussed plans for our upcoming application.

Held meeting with the Program Evaluation and Development Committee. Provided an update on our program performance and funding.

Met with the Director of Career and Recovery Resources and toured their new building. They are interested in collaborating and leasing some office space.

Conference call with Representative from Commissioner Garcia's office to discuss their pilot program for the homeless individuals to include a peer/mentor component. Wanted our advice on recruiting, training and work with peer mentors.

Held all staff quarterly meeting. Staff is doing well. Still have a great attitude and still motivated and committed to do their job.

Received a request for an interview from Director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, with the University of Cincinnati. Arnold Ventures have funded them to conduct a study of select Sobering Center including HRC. The Objective is to enhance general knowledge of Sobering Center and investigate the potential of this service model being replicated in other cities.

Held our quarterly TAG zoom meeting. Provided members with an update on Programs and stats.

Guest Speaker for the UH Graduate school of Social Work Crisis Intervention Class.

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Kay and I attended zoom coaching session with Gershenson Consulting.

Projects Completed:

- Submitted renewal applications for TTOR-Project Funded 2020-2021
- 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.

| Project Update: | |
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| 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 |