

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

**October 2020**

### *Meetings and Activities*

Attended virtual meeting with a representative from Harris County Health Department to discuss their opioid project. They are interested in accessing our Partners in Recovery Program and funding us to expand our services of the jail targeting opioid dependent individuals.

Attended regularly scheduled virtual meeting of the Homelessness & Street Persons Initiative. This group is led by Downtown Business Development District in partnership with Coalition for the Homeless, HRC and a host of other providers. The goal of the group is to increase housing for the homeless and to increase wrap around services.

Attended regularly scheduled virtual National Sobering Collaborative monthly meeting. This group is made up of Sobering Centers from across the country. Our goal is to exchange performance information and promote Sobering Centers as an innovative service model.

Conference call with representative from City of Houston Health Department to discuss the FRONTline Project expansion. They have received additional funding and would like for us to provide PIR services; follow-ups, case management and peer support for FRONTline referrals.

Attended virtual meeting to discuss Leadership training for RSS working in the TTOR Programs. HHS has a contract with a National Consultant group to provide training for their grantees.

Attended virtual meeting with Harris County Sheriff's Office to discuss expanding HRC Partners in Recovery program. Harris County Jail operates drug treatment for individuals with SUD. We have been a provider partner throughout our history. This call focused on expanding what we are already doing.

Attended virtual Community Engagement meeting with Harris County Precinct 1 staff. This call provided the opportunity to give a presentation on HRC's scope of services.

Attended First Meeting with the Rice Capstone students. We received an introduction to the students that would be doing the strategic plan and an overview of the process.

Attended Downtown Business Development District annual mtg. I participated in this event by giving a brief presentation on HRC and on our partnership with the District.

Attended virtual meeting with staff from Judge Hidalgo's office, Commissioner Ellis' office, and the Harris County Justice Administration Department. Provided this group with a presentation on HRC and its' service model with special focus on PIR. The group seemed impressed and are interested in exploring how we might expand collaboration with the County.

Attended regularly scheduled virtual meeting with leadership from Network of Behavioral Health Providers. A coalition of ED's from Behavioral Health Organizations from across the County.

Attended regularly scheduled virtual TAG meeting.

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Attended regularly scheduled HRC staff quarterly meeting. The staff was treated to training on how to tell your story by our New Board Member Dr. Warren Holleman. Staff feedback was very positive. Thank you Warren.

**Incident Report:**

No incidents to report.

**Projects Completed:**

- Submitted renewal request to UT for Heroes.
- 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- **Still Pending**
- 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- **Still Pending**

<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