

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

November 2020

## *Meetings and Activities*

Meeting with Auditors and HRC Accounting Consultant. This meeting focused on a review of the recent Audit findings. We received explanation of the findings and suggestions for corrective actions.

Meeting with Representative from St. Joseph to continue our discussion on service collaboration. The representative continues to express an interest in having one of our FRONTline staff office at the hospital at little to no cost. Waiting on a response from Hospital Administration.

Attended virtual meeting Homeless cross-system planning discussion # 18 and #19. The meeting agenda focused on providing project updates, including the opening of the new mental health hospital.

Attended virtual Monthly mtgs of the National Sobering Collaborative.

Attended virtual meeting of the Houston Opioid Response Advisory Group. This group is hosted by HFD and facilitated by Dr. Persse. The goal of the group is to identify and link service providers receiving funding for Opioid services. The objective is to increase efficient and effective use of these funds.

Attended a virtual presentation by the Rice Capstone students on the proposed strategic plan. This presentation provides an update on plan development and schedule for balance of the work.

## **Incident Reports November:**

No Incidents

## **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**

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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