

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 9, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Dallas Fire-Rescue & Recovery Resource Council – Opioid Response Agreement Update**

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Public Safety Committee was briefed on the Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) “Opioid Response Team”. The briefing highlighted the national opioid crisis and presented best practice mitigation efforts in education and outreach. At the time of the briefing, a proposed collaborative project agreement between DFR and Recovery Resource Council (RRC) was under negotiation. Please accept this memorandum as an update to that process.

Currently, the three-year master service agreement for an estimated revenue in the amount of \$564,245.61, has been finalized and agreed to by both parties. The agreement will be included in the December 14<sup>th</sup> City Council Agenda.

The stated overall goal of this project is to take on the opioid crisis by expanding access to prevention, early intervention, and treatment, along with providing long term recovery support to Texans with opioid use disorder. This is part of the Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR), a statewide public health initiative directed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). In participating in this project, RRC and DFR must incorporate four key strategies:

- 1) Provide overdose reversal education and disseminate or make referral to opioid reversal medication.
- 2) Make referral for or directly induce US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved medications used to treat opioid disorder and link patients to ongoing care.
- 3) Provide Recovery Support Peer services.
- 4) Provide community pre-hospital health care provider follow-up and support.

The Opioid Response Team (“ORT”) members must offer services to the targeted population approved by DFR and RRC. The ORT must provide one or more of the above activities to 225 individuals annually.

DFR will utilize one specially trained Paramedic who will work with a Peer Services Specialist employed by RRC as a part of a 2-person team to engage clients identified through previous interactions, referrals from law enforcement, 911 dispatch data, and other stakeholders and community sources. The ORT will provide the client education and assess status of current withdrawal symptoms, and their willingness to participate in recovery resources.

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Questions and requests for further information regarding this project may be directed to Fire Chief Dominique Artis at [Dominique.artis@dallasfire.gov](mailto:Dominique.artis@dallasfire.gov).



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