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MHSD Launches Mobile Unit Outreach Safe Zones this Mardi Gras Season

NEW ORLEANS, LA - Metropolitan Human Services District has received a \$740 thousand grant for the Louisiana State Opioid Response (LaSOR) program from the Louisiana Department of Health – Office of Behavioral Health. This funding will allow MHSD to enhance existing statewide prevention, treatment, and recovery support services through outreach.

The LaSOR Mobile Outreach Team will consist of a Licensed Practical Nurse, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Peer Support Specialist, Prevention Specialist, and a Mobile Unit Driver. “As we know, most individuals normally don’t seek help on their own. This award will allow MHSD to meet the people we serve where they are.” Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, MHSD Executive and Medical Director says. She added that one of MHSD’s goals is to constantly be engaged with the community we serve.

The grant funding is anticipated to increase public awareness of addiction and mental illness and also educate individuals on the services that are provided at MHSD. This grant will also increase awareness and education for prevention and treatment of opioid use disorder. The LaSOR team will begin outreach efforts at various parades this Mardi Gras season including Femme Fatale, Alla, Mid-City and Bacchus.

Metropolitan Human Services District is the local lead agency for mental illness, addictive disorders and intellectual/development disability services. MHSD provides community-based services for all ages in Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes through agency clinics and community partners. State and Federal funding are the primary resources for MHSD. For more information, visit www.mhsdla.org or call 504-568-3130.

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