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Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

March 13, 2020



Position 1 - Dr. Stacey Mitchell, Board Chair

Position 2 - Anna Vasquez

Position 3 - Philip Hilder

Position 4 - Francisco Medina

Position 5 - Janet Blancett

Position 6 - Dr. Robert McPherson

Position 7 - Lois J. Moore

Position 8 - Mary Lentschke, Vice Chair

Position 9 - Vicki Huff

Ex-Officio - Tracy Calabrese

HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING March 13, 2020

Notice is hereby given that beginning at 8 a.m. on the date set out above, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (the "Corporation") will meet in the Council Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby St. (Public Level), Houston, Texas 77002. The items listed below may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair and any items listed for closed session may be discussed and/or approved in open session and vice versa as permitted by law.

AGENDA

OPEN MEETING

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Roll call; confirmation of presence of quorum.

CLOSED MEETING

3. Executive session as authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.076 and 551.089, deliberation regarding security devices or security audits, and Section 551.071(1)(A,) consultation with attorney about pending or contemplated litigation.

OPEN MEETING RECONVENES AT 9 A.M.

- 4. Reconvene into open session.
- 5. Consideration of any action deemed necessary as a result of executive session.
- 6. Reading of draft minutes from February 14, 2020 board meeting. Consideration of proposed corrections, if any. Approval of minutes.
- 7. Public comment.
- 8. Report from Dr. Stacey Mitchell, board chair, including a monthly update of activities and other announcements.

Reports and presentations by corporate officers, staff and possible related action items

9. Report from Dr. Peter Stout, president and CEO, including technical updates, outreach efforts, staffing changes, an update regarding HFSC's efforts with DNA technologies that could speed up analysis and other corporate business items.

- 10. Monthly operations report from Ms. Aimee Grimaldi, project engineer, including a review of turnaround times, backlogs and ongoing process improvement projects.
- 11. Presentation by Mr. David Leach, CFO and treasurer, of the proposed fiscal year 2021 budget.
 - a. Consider approval of HFSC's budget proposal for fiscal year 2021.
- 12. Presentation by Mr. Charles Evans, director of business development, about 500 Jefferson St., proposed renovations for the vehicle examination bay located at 1305 Dart St. and the proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the Corporation.
 - a. Consider delegating authority to Dr. Stout to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for construction, engineering, and architectural services between the City of Houston and the Houston Forensic Science Center, relating to the repair, alteration and renovation of the vehicle examination building located at 1305 Dart St. (FY2017 EICE Grant funds.)
- 13. Report from Mr. Jerry Pena, director of CSU and digital multimedia evidence, on evidence collection, turnaround times and other section updates.
- 14. Report from Ms. Erika Ziemak, quality director, regarding quality assurance, including review of testimony monitoring, proficiency tests and corrective actions.
- 15. Adjournment.

-NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL NEEDS -

Persons requiring accommodations for special needs may contact the HFSC at 713-929-6760 to arrange for assistance.

-NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT -

Members of the public may address the Board during the "Public Comment" segment of the meeting. Each speaker should limit his or her comments to three minutes. The Chairman may limit both the number of speakers and the time allotted for each speaker. A speaker who plans to submit a document for the Board's consideration should provide at least ten copies of the document, each marked with the speaker's name.

- NOTICE REGARDING CLOSED MEETINGS -

As authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551.001 (the "Open Meetings Act",) if during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any items included in this Notice, then such closed or executive session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be

held by the Board at the date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the noticed open meeting, for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071-551.089, inclusive, of the Open Meetings Act.

The presiding officer shall announce that the Board will convene in a closed meeting; that is, in "a meeting to which the public does not have access," sometimes known as an "executive session." The presiding officer's announcement will identify the provision(s) of the Open Meetings Act permitted by Section 551.071-551.089 under which the closed meeting will be held. Should any final action or vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive session, then such final action or vote shall be taken only in a meeting open to the public, including reconvening the open meeting covered by this Notice.

Certification of Posting of Notice of the Board of Directors ("the Board) of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (the "Corporation)

I, Jordan Benton, coordinator of board relations and executive administration, do hereby certify that a notice of this meeting was posted on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2020 in a place convenient to the public in the Council Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby Street. (Public Level), Houston, Texas 77002, and on the HFSC website as required by Section 551.002 et seq., Texas Government Code.

Given under my hand this the 10th day of March 2020.

Jordan Benton

Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES February 14, 2020

The undersigned, being the duly appointed secretary of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc., ("HFSC" and/or the "Corporation") hereby certifies the following are true and correct minutes of the February 14, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors (the "board") of the Corporation.

- A. In a manner permitted by the Corporation's Bylaws, the meeting was called by providing all directors with notice of the date, time, place and purposes of the meeting more than three days before the date of the meeting.
- B. In accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, made applicable to the Corporation by Section 431.004, Texas Transportation Code, a notice of the meeting was duly posted on February 11, 2020, in the same manner and location as required by law of the City of Houston, Texas (the "City".)
- C. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stacey Mitchell, board chairwoman, at approximately 9 a.m. on Friday February 14, 2020 in the Council Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby St. (Public Level), Houston, Texas 77002.
- D. Ms. Jordan Benton called the roll. The following directors were present: Dr. Stacey Mitchell, Philip Hilder, Anna Vasquez, Francisco Medina, Janet Blancett, Dr. Robert "Bob" H. McPherson, Mary Lentschke and Ms. Tracy Calabrese
 - Dr. McPherson arrived at approximately 9:03 a.m. after the roll was called.
 - Chairwoman Mitchell declared a quorum was present.
- E. Chairwoman Mitchell asked if any changes were needed for the January 10, 2020 board meeting minutes. No directors had changes. Mr. Hilder made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Blancett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Chairwoman Mitchell asked if members of the public wished to address the board. No one addressed the board.
- G. Chairwoman Mitchell presented a chair's report. She said she and Dr. Amy Castillo, chief operations officer and vice president, attended the first sexual assault survivor's task force meeting hosted at the governor's office in Austin. The Chairwoman commended Dr. Dayong Lee, HFSC's toxicology manager, and Dr. Peter Stout, president and CEO, for their publication in the Journal of Forensic Science. She also congratulated Firearms Examiner Melissa Nally for co-authoring an article published in Forensic Science International. Dr. Mitchell told board members that HFSC's budget for fiscal year 2021 will be discussed and recommended for approval at the March board meeting. She congratulated Dr. Stout on his five-year work

- anniversary. She and Vice Chair Lentschke thanked Dr. Stout on the board's behalf for his dedicated work and accomplishments as the head of HFSC.
- H. Dr. Stout gave the president's report. Dr. Stout reviewed HFSC's January turnaround times and requests and provided an update on staffing and certifications earned. Dr. Stout told the board he visited Fort Worth and presented with Texas Rep. Nicole Collier at two anti-vaping events for parents and students. He said Councilman Robert Gallegos toured the lab with his staff. Dr. Stout noted recent news articles about PCP (phencyclidine) use in Houston. He told the board that he and Dr. Lee wrote a paper about the PCP issue in Houston. PCP, also known as angel dust, is the second most prevalent drug in DUIs in Houston, after marijuana. In 2018, 16 percent of all impaired drivers arrested by HPD tested positive for PCP. Dr. Stout said PCP is a dangerous hallucinogen originally manufactured as an anesthetic. Dr. Stout then reviewed the impacts of a manufacturing explosion in Houston that killed three people. He said nine crime scene investigators responded to the scene. Later that day, CSU also responded to an officerinvolved shooting. Dr. Stout highlighted that HFSC has only 27 CSIs to respond to 685-square miles. He said ideally HFSC needs more personnel to expand CSU and truly respond to Houston's needs. Dr. Stout said although CSU is small, it is collecting more evidence, especially latent prints, making it difficult for that section to keep up. CSIs are submitting more and better latent prints, which helps investigators. But the latent print section needs more resources to keep up with the increased number of prints per case. Director Hilder asked Dr. Stout if HFSC has agreements with other municipalities to respond jointly to large-scale disasters in the region. Mr. Pena addressed the board, saying the Houston Fire Department, the Houston Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) also responded to the recent explosion. HFSC's CSU secured the scene and documented findings as they would in a criminal case. The ATF later took over and HFSC provided the agency with its documentation.
- I. Dr. Castillo presented an operations report. She gave an overview of turnaround times and backlogs for the sections. Dr. Castillo said the toxicology section continues to struggle with incoming casework and backlogs and needs more resources to keep up. Dr. Castillo said the biology section's goal is to have staff fully trained by March 2020. She said analysts will focus on completing casework that has not been sent to a commercial laboratory and reviewing work returned from the private lab so eligible DNA profiles can be uploaded into the national database. Dr. Castillo then turned to the latent print section and its backlog of 2,310 comparison requests. The latent print processing lab has more than 200 backlogged requests. Dr. Castillo said the latent prints backlog has grown due to CSU submitting more items per case, meaning the size of the cases are growing and take longer to complete. She said four latent print trainees are expected to be authorized to do casework in December and that should assist with the section's backlog. She said that if CSU expands latent prints will also have to grow. Dr. Castillo said a process improvement project will look into the latent print section to identify what resources the group needs to keep up with demand.
- J. Mr. Timothy Schmahl, latent print section manager, gave the board a timeline of events that showed how the group got to a point where the backlog is growing. Mr. Schmahl said HFSC's latent print section was part of HPD's identification division until April 2014. Mr. Schmahl came onboard in May 2014 and oversaw contract staff until June 2014 when the city's contract with a private latent print company ended. HFSC then hired its own latent print staff and purchased new equipment and better furniture. Mr. Schmahl said he made workflow changes,

including putting a stop to the practice of having HPD officers submit evidence directly to the section and bypass the property room. Beginning in September 2014, all latent print evidence had to go through the property room. Latent prints earned accreditation in October 2015, and in March 2016 the section went paperless. By April 2016, the section was actively eliminating its backlog and was down to 1,225 pending requests. But a month later, after media reported that HPD had latent print evidence sitting untested in the property room, the section's backlog grew to more than 3,600 requests. Mr. Schmahl hired six more examiners and was on target to eliminate the backlog by the end of 2018. But then CSU became more proficient at collecting latent print evidence and the size of each case grew significantly causing the section's turnaround time to increase. At the same time, three staff members resigned and two were promoted to supervisor positions, leaving him with fewer examiners. By December, four trainees will be authorized to do independent casework which will increase capacity. Director Blancett asked how many examiners HFSC needs to adequately meet demand. Dr. Stout said six or seven.

- K. Mr. David Leach, CFO and treasurer, asked the board to approve budget reallocations for fiscal year 2020. He said the total budget did not change. Dr. McPherson made a motion to approve the budget reallocations. Ms. Blancett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- L. Mr. Leach gave a treasurer's report. He said HFSC is spending as expected. Mr. Leach told the board that HFSC is designed to run out of money, and this year HFSC could experience a two-week gap between when the funds run out and the city pays for the upcoming year. During that time, if the city does not pay HFSC in a timely manner, there will not be enough money to make payroll. He said the city is aware of the issue and is working with HFSC to ensure funding arrives in a timely manner. Mr. Leach said he will continue to update the board. He reviewed the financial detail data, including grants.
- M. Ms. Erika Ziemak, quality division director, reviewed the January and February quality reports. Ms. Ziemak re-reviewed the January quality report because a quorum had been lost during her presentation in January, barring members from asking questions. Ms. Ziemak said one item had changed since her presentation in January. After receiving all the information for 2019, it became clear that 57 analysts had testified in 2019. 53 of them for HFSC and four for prior employers. Ms. Ziemak said HFSC reviewed 12 court transcripts in 2019. Ms. Ziemak gave the board an overview of the February blind quality controls (BQC.) She reviewed audits, disclosures, corrective actions, proficiency tests, transcript reviews and testimony data for February. Ms. Ziemak said she, Dr. Stout and a quality specialist met with the latent print section to allow staff to ask questions since the blind program adds strain when they are struggling with a large backlog. Ms. Ziemak said a biology analyst incorrectly identified a real case as a blind proficiency test. She said one of the chemical tests that gives a color change reaction was so intense the analyst said it reminded her of training kits and so she thought it was a blind. However, Ms. Ziemak noted the evidence was a sexual assault kit (SAK,) and the quality division has not yet submitted a blind SAK. Ms. Ziemak said HFSC's accrediting body found no non-conformances during an on-site assessment in January. She said HFSC's annual internal audit will take place in March, April and May. The accrediting body will do another on-site assessment in the summer. Ms. Ziemak said a new quality specialist, hired from CSU, begins her new job in February.

- N. Mr. Jerry Pena, director of the crime scene unit (CSU) and digital multimedia division, referred back to the earlier conversation about the manufacturing plant explosion. He said HFSC would have difficulty having agreements with other agencies to work scenes because HFSC is accredited and has more stringent policies. Mr. Pena said two new CSU supervisors will begin in February. He said the explosion served as further evidence of the value of having a drone to add to the unit's ability to document scenes and capture aerial footage. Therefore, CSU is actively working to deploy a drone. Mr. Pena said a CSU supervisor is licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate the drone and others in the section can be trained and fly the drone under the same license and the supervisor's supervision. The section is reviewing and writing standard operating procedures to ensure lawful compliance. Mr. Pena said the multimedia section is offering a new service to retrieve data from vehicle "infotainment" systems, which includes odometer reads, location data, previous destinations and connected devices. He said the information will help with investigative efforts.
- O. Chairwoman Mitchell requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. McPherson made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Lentschke second the motion. The meeting ADJOURNED at approximately 10:48 a.m.

By:		
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Jordan Benton Secretary

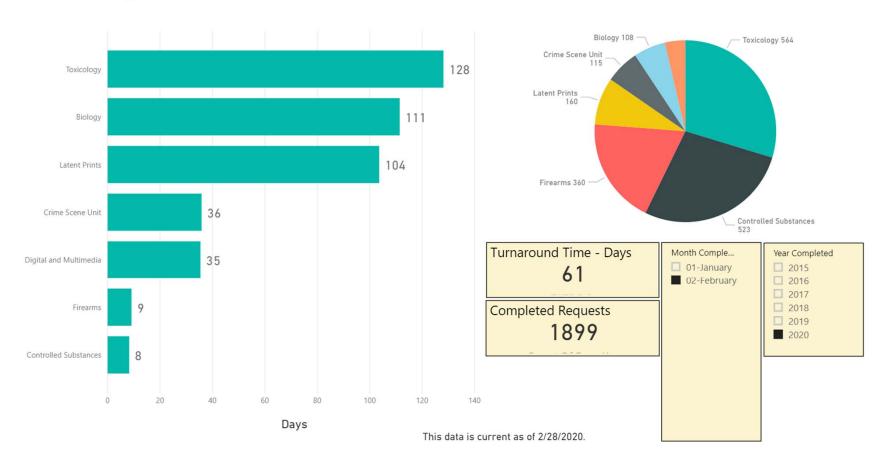
President's Report

March 13, 2020



Requests Completed by Section

Average Turnaround Time for February 2020





Staffing – March 13, 2020

- 196 staff
 - 7 City of Houston civilians
 - 189 HFSC employees
- 8 open positions, 3 offers accepted
 - 3 crime scene investigator trainees (includes one internal hire)

- 5 active vacancies
 - 1 CS/CM evidence specialist (future opening for internal transfer)
 - 2 forensic biology/DNA analysts
 - 1 forensic biology/DNA technical lead (job posted - future opening)
 - 1 research and development analyst
- 2 vacancies on hold
 - 1 crime scene investigator
 - 1 forensic analyst-seized drugs



Outreach

- Dr. Dayong Lee, toxicology manager, Erika Phung, toxicology analyst, and Kaitlin Main, crime scene investigator, presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences conference in Anaheim, Ca.
- Presented on the dangers of vaping to two Bellaire High School science classes
- Houston Sexual Assault Task Force meeting focused on CODIS issues and included representatives from the DPS crime lab and the Texas Association of Sexual Assault (TAASA)
- Firearms examiner Melissa Nally invited to be on an advisory board to the Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence (CSAFE)
- Presented at the 4th Annual Border Substance Abuse Summit in El Paso, Texas
- Lubbock Police Department visited HFSC to get ideas for their new facility plans
- Tour of HFSC with Councilman David Robinson and staff
- Vaping presentation for high school juniors and seniors in Pasadena
- Three HFSC staff members participated in the annual scientific symposium at HISD's DeBakey High School
- James Miller and Patrick Tynan of seized drugs conducted an all-day training at the Houston Police Department training academy
- Patrick Tynan of seized drugs presented to about 75 high school students at the DeWalt Alternative School in LaPorte
- Akilah Mance spoke to a Rice University civic leadership class
- Akilah Mance presented on criminal justice reform at the Houston Policy Challenge









Faster DNA

- HFSC is researching different technologies and systems that speed up DNA analysis
 - Two Rapid DNA systems: ANDE and RapidHit ID
 - Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences is testing ANDE
 - RapidHit ID instrument installed in HFSC quality lab to be tested by HFSC
 - Testing a variety of samples and substrates, including those known to be inhibitors, such as denim and leather
 - Mixture studies
 - Four direct amplification kits being tested
 - Studies will also include comparison of costs, consumable waste, turnaround time, performance and data quality
 - HFSC's portion of the project will be completed May 1













Latent print trainees graduate

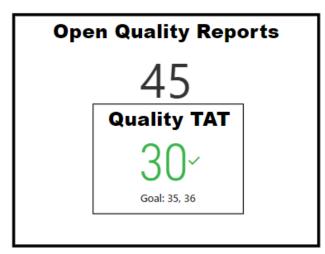
The trainees will now return to HFSC for in-house training and are scheduled to be ready to do independent casework by year's end

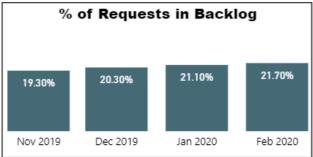
Operations Report

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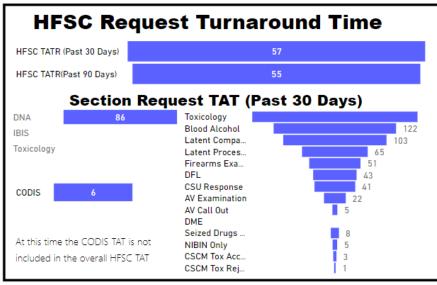


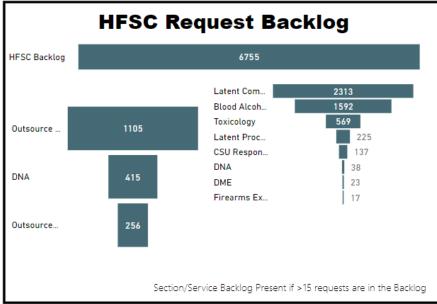
February 2020 Company Overview











Highlights

Lean Six Sigma Development Group update

- >Technical and administrative review project
- ➤ Quality score project



Technical & Administrative Review Project

Purpose:

To decrease repeated errors and improve the overall effectiveness of the review process

Suggested Process Improvements:

- ➤ New dashboard containing production and quality data rolled out March 9
 - ➤ Allows for better real-time management and evaluation of review process to reduce defects
- ➤ Grammar software
- ➤ Auto-generated reports



Technical & Administrative Review Project

How did we get here:

- Created an electronic method to gather data
- Analyzed data from requests completed to identify areas for improvement
- Held interview sessions with staff, learned what was critical to the process



Quality Score Project

Purpose:

To design an actionable quality metric for the company and technical sections

Quality at HFSC:

A passion for accurate scientific work with a desire to continuously improve processes and performance. We strive for excellence and exceed industry norms through **accountability, transparency** and innovation



Quality Score Project

Building the quality score prototype:

- **≻** Dashboard
 - > Analyzed automatically
 - ➤ Visibility on quality
- ➤ Comprehensive metric
 - > Professional development
 - ➤ Quality standards
 - > Preventative initiatives

How did we get here:

> Interviewed and surveyed staff to identify the requirements of the quality score



HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors March 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Action Item No.:	11a. Consider approval of HFSC's budget proposal for fiscal year 2020.
Subject:	Approval of proposed HFSC budget as required annually.
Background:	Pursuant to Exhibit E of the First Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Corporation as well as the City of Houston Administrative Procedure No. 2-10, relating to City Non-Profit and Local Government Corporations, by June 1st of each year HFSC must submit to the City Finance Director a final budget, approved by the Corporation's Board of Directors, for the fiscal year beginning July 1 of such year. Additionally, the Corporation shall submit a draft of the budget to the City Finance Director by March 1st of each year. The Corporation complied with this additional directive in February 2020. After the Board's approval of the annual fiscal year budget, the proposal is submitted to the City Finance director, Mayor and City Council for final approval. Pursuant to City of Houston Administrative Procedure No. 2-10, the Corporation shall comply to a request by the Chair of the City Council Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee to present its budget to the committee.
Executive Summary:	The most significant highlights regarding the proposed budget are as follows: • \$1.6 million dollar funding increase requested • Additional funds allow for increased staffing and equipment to the toxicology section • Largest costs remain "people costs" (payroll and benefits)
Fiscal Impact:	Budget approval would designate all HFSC expenditures for FY2021.
Staff Recommendation:	Staff recommends approval of the budget.
By:	David Leach, Treasurer and CFO



HFSC'S FY2021 Budget

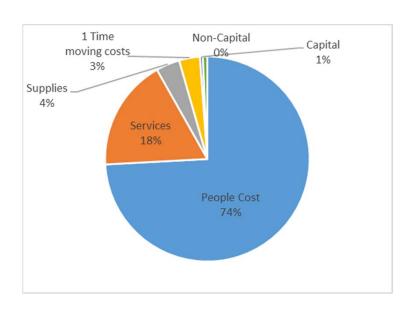
• Introduction and history for new board members



HFSC's FY21 Budget (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

What it cost to get to the RIGHT ANSWER at the RIGHT TIME

HFSC – Cost of Providing the Right Answer at the Right Time

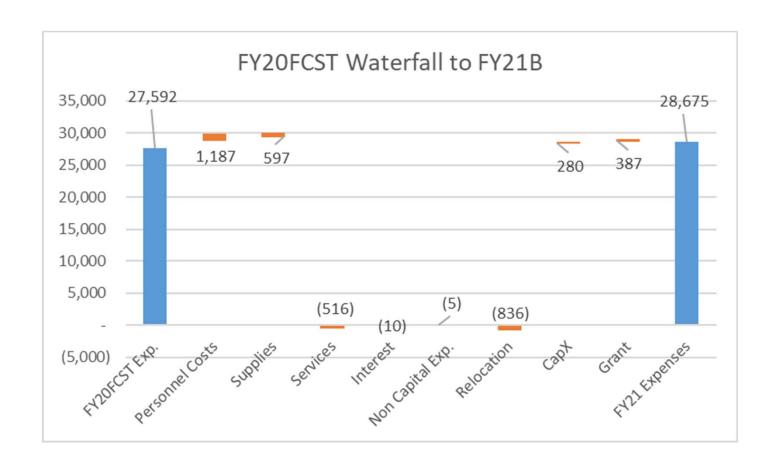


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	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20 FCST	Budget
HFSC	14,875	16,922	21,089	23,218	24,818
Fund 2213	8,545	7,239	3,072	943	943
Travis Rent	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460
Grants	1,771	764	1,005	1,156	1,400
Other	71	84	47	164	150
Total Cash In	26,722	26,468	26,673	26,941	28,771
Personnel (HFSC)	12,428	15,090	17,924	18,124	19,197
Services (CoH/Fund 2213)	6,193	2,680	1,294	782	897
Personnel - Total (HFSC + CoH)	18,621	17,770	19,218	18,907	20,094
Supplies	1,683	1,334	865	956	1,553
Services (Non CoH)	5,476	6,071	6,455	4,499	3,983
Non-Capital Expenditures	297	308	96	115	110
One Time Moving Costs			309	836	1
Interest Expense	-	-	271	1,083	1,073
(Gain)/Loss	48	-	168	21	-
Capital Expenditures	1,424	1,275	32	183	463
Grant and Training Expenses		-	-	1,013	1,400
Total Cash Expenditures	27,548	26,758	27,414	27,613	28,675
Net Cash in / (out)					
Beginning Cash	3,508	2,240	1,656	1,124	195
Ending Cash	2,240	1,656	1,124	195	(0)
% change in total cash expenditures		-3%	2%	0%	7%
% change in people cost		-5%	8%	2%	13%
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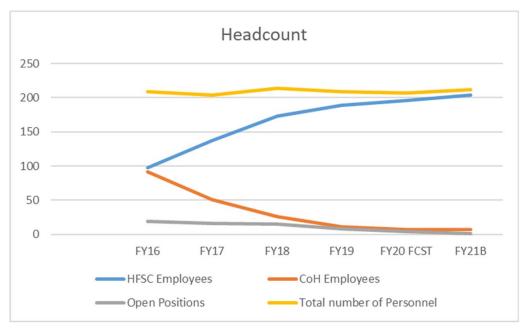


/21	Budget Summary							
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		FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 FCST	FY21 Budge
	Revenue:	22,708	24,140	24,880	25,620	25,620	25,620	27,220
	HFSC	13,848	11,321	14,875	16,922	21,089	23,218	24,818
	Fund 2213	7,400	11,359	8,545	7,239	3,072	943	943
	City of Houston Direct OH-Appro	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460
	Training Services	5	37	28	5	7	-	-
	Grants	10	350	1,771	764	1,005	1,156	1,400
	Forensic Services	0	56	20	27	17	38	38
	Other	234	34	23	52	24	126	112
	Total Revenue:	22,958	24,617	26,722	26,468	26,673	26,941	28,77
	Expenses:							
	Personnel	4,684	9,177	12,428	15,090	17,924	18,271	19,197
	Supplies	883	1,530	1,683	1,334	904	1,302	1,553
	Services (Non CoH)	2,153	3,385	4,016	4,611	5,052	4,998	3,983
	Services (CoH/Fund 2213)	10,738	9,014	6,193	2,680	1,294	782	897
	Non-Capital Expenditures	224	430	297	308	176	423	110
	Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	271	1,083	1,073
	FA Gain/Loss	-	-	48	-	168	21	-
	Capital Expenditures	980	788	1,424	1,275	222	406	463
	City of Houston Direct OH-Appro	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,404	327	-
	Grants & Training Expense	10	350	-	-	-	-	1,400
	Depreciation	226	320	433	488	892	1,712	1,711
	Total Expense After Depreciation	21,359	26,454	27,981	27,246	28,306	29,325	30,386

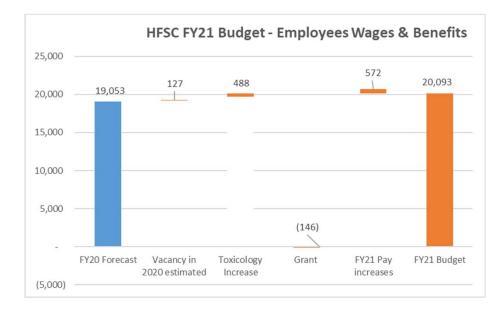




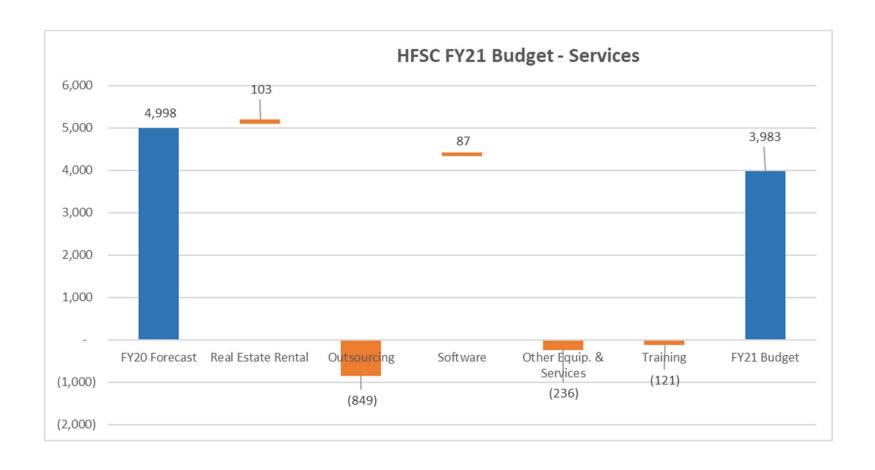




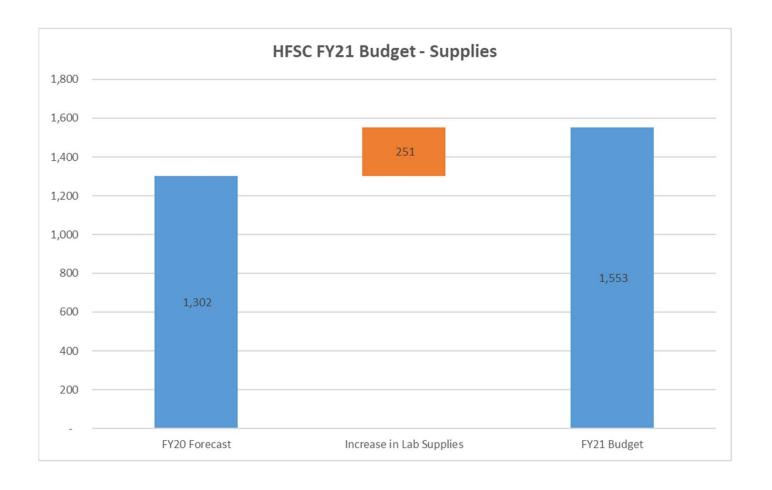
HEAD COUNT	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20 FCST	FY21B
HFSC Employees	98	137	173	189	196	204
CoH Employees	92	51	26	11	7	7
Open Positions	19	16	15	8	4	1
Total number of Personnel	209	204	214	208	207	212
Avg. wages per employee	96	99	89	96	93	95
Yr over Yr change %		3.2%	-9.8%	7.4%	-2.8%	2.2%













Understanding Lease Costs	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20 FCST	FY21 B
3rd Party Lease	957	1,016	1,009	1,081	798	899
CoH Lease	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,404	327	-
Interest Exp.	-	-	-	271	1,084	1,073
Reduction in Liability	-	-	-	79	257	366
Total Occupancy Costs	2,417	2,476	2,469	2,835	2,466	2,338
Year over Year Change		2%	0%	15%	-13%	-5%



HFSC FY21 BUDGET CAPITAL

FY21 Budget	
Capital Spending	
(in 000's)	
Included in Budget:	
3 LCQQQ's - lease	215
7 CSU Vehicles	210
Vehicle Examination Bay	38
Total FY21 Budget	463
Needed but not included:	
FA 3D System	120
GCMS (replacement)	150
GCMS Headspace	160
Total need not met	430
Grand Total	893



HFSC FY21 BUDGET REQUEST SUMMARY

- Request your approval of the presented budget which is \$1.6M more than FY20. This allows continued performance consistent with last year along with the initial stages of tackling the growing needs in toxicology. This does not address the issues in CSU, Latent Prints or Capital.
- As in past years, it is critical for HFSC to keep and apply all FY20 amounts not spent in FY20 and apply those funds to FY21, if there are any.
- The main changes year over year consists of:
 - A \$1.6M budget increase
 - Payroll
 - Toxicology
 - And, we don't have money left over from the prior year to apply to this year



		FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Forecast	FY21 Budget	FY21B vs. FY19	FY21B vs. FY20FCST
Reve	nues:							
	City of Houston-Appropriations	\$ 23,420,343	\$ 24,160,344	\$ 24,160,346	\$ 24,160,343	\$ 25,760,343	\$ 1,599,997	\$ 1,600,000
	Fund 2213	8,545,134	7,238,566	3,071,553	942,519	942,519	(2,129,034)	-
	HFSC Operations	14,875,210	16,921,778	21,088,791	23,217,825	24,817,825	3,729,034	1,600,000
	City of Houston Direct OH-Appro	1,460,000	1,460,000	1,460,000	1,460,000	1,460,000	-	-
	City of Houston - Safe funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Donations	5,010	8,300	18,000	10,050	10,050	(7,950)	-
	In-Kind Donations	13,783	38,760	-	-	-	-	-
	Training Services	28,175	5,025	6,750	-	-	(6,750)	-
	Grants	1,770,631	763,881	1,004,991	1,156,477	1,400,000	395,009	243,523
	Forensic Services	20,225	26,900	16,634	38,024	38,024	21,390	-
	Real Estate Commission Rebate	-	-	-	1,338	-	-	(1,338)
	Interest Income	4,170	4,622	6,065	114,514	102,416	96,350	(12,099)
Total	Income	26,722,338	26,467,832	26,672,784	26,940,747	28,770,833	2,098,050	1,830,087



		FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Forecast	FY21 Budget	FY21B vs. FY19	FY21B vs. FY20FCST
F	Personnel:							
	Salary Base - Civilian	10,219,603	12,302,415	14,808,656	14,870,302	15,597,268	788,613	726,967
	Pension - Civilian	630,091	745,657	877,783	873,196	924,528	46,745	51,332
	FICA - Civilian	725,319	901,257	1,041,807	1,060,364	1,097,287	55,480	36,923
	Health Insurance - Active Civil	729,929	982,243	1,016,233	1,335,511	1,388,932	372,699	53,420
	Basic Life Ins - Active Civil	75,294	83,701	90,515	45,455	95,335	4,820	49,880
	Workers Comp - Civilian Adm	35,932	44,705	48,430	48,585	51,009	2,579	2,424
	Workers Comp - Civil Claims	-	-	236	101	249	13	148
	Unemployment Claims - Admin	12,138	-	-			-	-
	Unemployment Taxes - Admin	-	29,834	39,884	37,290	42,008	2,124	4,717
		12,428,306	15,089,811	17,923,543	18,270,804	19,196,616	1,273,073	925,812



		FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Forecast	FY21 Budget	FY21B vs. FY19	FY21B vs. FY20FCST
Sı	upplies:							
	Chemical Gases & Special Fluids	14,094	13,683	21,159	20,979	20,979	(180)	
	Computer Supplies	47,407	16,568	7,676	3,198	3,198	(4,478)	
	Paper & Printing Supplies	29,730	22,692	21,967	9,500	9,500	(12,466)	
	Publications & Printed Material	16,931	9,163	3,064	11,576	11,576	8,512	
	Postage	1,310	930	815	388	388	(426)	
	Miscellaneous Office Supplies	99,867	101,210	106,618	81,514	81,514	(25,104)	
	General Laboratory Supply	1,381,674	1,093,073	679,281	1,093,073	1,343,940	664,659	250,867
	Small Technical & Scientific Eq	18,928	8,500	5,369	4,694	4,694	(675)	
	Clothing	29,028	29,697	13,649	15,634	15,634	1,985	
	Food/Event Supplies	17,988	11,738	25,222	24,998	24,998	(224)	
	Weapons Munitions & Supplies	8,133	5,648	6,060	3,622	3,622	(2,438)	
	Small Tools & Minor Equipment	11,798	12,342	4,272	17,971	17,971	13,699	
	Miscellaneous Parts & Supplies	5,787	9,202	9,317	14,869	14,869	5,552	
		1,682,675	1,334,445	904,468	1,302,016	1,552,883	648,414	250,867

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Forecast	FY21 Budget	FY21B vs. FY19	FY21B vs. FY20FCST
Services:							
Temporary Personnel Services	7,195	27,111	1,659	-	-	(1,659)	-
Accounting & Auditing Svcs	30,875	40,168	41,668	47,601	47,601	5,934	-
Computer Info/Contracting Svcs	28,396	55,981	4,335	-	-	(4,335)	-
Medical Dental & Laboratory Ser	494,713	190,433	1,005,525	1,049,253	200,000	(805,525)	(849,253)
Management Consulting Services	550,285	290,897	222,309	154,430	154,430	(67,879)	-
Banking Services	3,243	3,669	3,467	3,016	3,016	(451)	-
Photographic Services	318	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misc Support Serv Recruit Relo	88,324	127,128	52,471	69,190	69,190	16,719	-
Real Estate Rental	1,016,067	1,008,654	1,081,384	795,631	898,611	(182,773)	102,980
Refuse Disposal	4,493	3,512	33,706	50,260	50,260	16,554	-
Computer Equip/Software Maint.	429,441	1,054,234	963,800	901,119	988,619	24,818	87,500
IT Application Services	42,827	160,719	94,559	30,019	30,019	(64,540)	-
Vehicle & Motor Equip. Services	3,424	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Equipment Services	273,672	361,746	242,722	478,307	242,722	-	(235,585)
Credit/Bank Card Svcs	999	134	-	128	128	128	-
Printing & Reproduction Serv.	13,607	3,401	4,400	27,656	27,656	23,255	-
Public Information Svcs	7,431	13,640	6,982	2,091	2,091	(4,891)	-
Insurance (Non-Medical)	109,284	107,149	117,289	133,594	133,594	16,305	-
Contributions	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Membership & Prof. Fees	46,130	35,695	27,214	26,033	26,033	(1,181)	-

		FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Forecast	FY21 Budget	FY21B vs. FY19	FY21B vs. FY20FCST
Se	rvices:							
	Education & Training	91,978	177,494	225,710	355,246	193,247	(32,463)	(161,999)
	Tuition Reimbursement	42,039	50,924	16,803	9,008	9,008	(7,795)	-
	Travel - Training Related	170,157	193,829	156,185	152,248	193,247	37,062	40,999
	Travel - Non-training Related	18,450	17,112	38,648	44,897	44,897	6,249	-
	Building Maintenance Services	24,961	30,971	18,783	7,797	7,797	(10,986)	-
	Utilities	11,374	4,145	4,283	5,421	5,421	1,138	-
	Data Services	56,987	98,862	191,130	159,764	159,764	(31,367)	-
	Voice Services, Equip & Labor	65,393	55,315	61,692	51,089	51,089	(10,602)	-
	Vehicle/Equipment Rental/Lease	463	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Rental Fees	23,694	38,766	48,261	67,693	67,693	19,432	-
	Parking Space Rental	134,129	167,680	210,045	197,079	197,079	(12,966)	-
	Legal Services	2,325	45,623	43,263	25,000	25,000	(18,263)	-
	Metro Commuter Passes	66,667	71,450	65,142	37,204	37,204	(27,938)	-
	Freight	20,347	17,190	13,447	26,687	26,687	13,240	-
	Misc. Other Services & Chrgs	135,395	157,383	54,745	90,572	90,572	35,827	-
	Sub-Contractor (COH)	6,192,722	2,679,910	1,294,200	782,064	896,970	(397,230)	114,906
	Civilian Payroll	2,518,213	1,313,735	845,716	764,799	880,571	34,855	115,772
	Civilian Salaries	1,670,388	802,329	463,170	431,241	483,965	20,794	52,724
	Civilian Benefits	847,824	511,407	382,546	333,558	396,606	14,061	63,048
	Classified Payroll	3,616,993	1,340,620	430,572	867	-	(430,572)	(867)
	Classified Salaries	2,489,878	673,233	232,726	-	-	(232,726)	-
	Classified Benefits	1,127,115	667,387	197,845	867	-	(197,845)	(867)
	Supplies	25,550	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Services	31,966	25,555	17,912	16,398	16,398	(1,514)	-
		10,208,805	7,290,926	6,345,826	5,780,095	4,879,644	(1,466,182)	(900,452)
	Services without CoH	4,016,083	4,611,016	5,051,626	4,998,032	3,982,674	(1,068,952)	(1,015,358)

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Forecast	FY21 Budget	FY21B vs. FY19	FY21B vs. FY20FCST
Interest Expense	-	-	271,270	1,083,470	1,073,135	801,866	(10,334
Non-Capital Expenditures		_				_	
Furniture and Fixtures	90,436	50,181	88,301	287,722	25,000	(63,301)	(262,722
Computer Equipment	148,058	244,573	84,289	125,749	75,000	(9,289)	(50,749
Scientific/Medical Equipment	58,204	13,367	3,181	9,752	9,752	6,571	
Non-Capital - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Non-Capital Expenditures	296,698	308,120	175,771	423,224	109,752	(66,019)	(313,471
Capital Expenditures							
Capital - Vehicles	-	100,379	-	60,000	210,000	210,000	150,000
Computer Hardware/SW	396,820	230,112	51,402	-	-	(51,402)	
Scientific/Foren Eqmt	342,454	86,541	(48,870)	166,947	214,817	263,687	47,87
Intangible - Right - Bldg	-	-	1,679,867	-	-	(1,679,867)	
LIMS - JT	-	-	-	(7,570)	-	-	7,570
Intangible Assets	-	-	-	166,173	-	-	(166,173
Const in Progress	684,338	857,991	(1,353,503)	-	38,000	1,391,503	38,000
Total Capital Expenditures	1,423,612	1,275,023	221,544	405,879	462,817	241,274	56,93
otal Expense and Capital Before Depreciation	26,040,096	25,298,324	25,842,421	26,182,018	26,201,711	359,290	19,693
Depreciation	432,917	488,011	891,893	1,711,713	1,710,851	818,958	(862
otal Expense and Capital After Depreciation	26,473,013	25,786,336	26,734,314	27,893,731	27,912,562	1,178,248	18,83
	249,325	681,496	(61,530)	(952,984)	858,271	919,802	1,811,256
ther Expense:							
City of Houston Direct Overhead	1,460,000	1,460,000	1,403,692	326,790	-	(1,403,692)	(326,790
Grant and Training Expense	-	-	-	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
FA Gain/Loss	48,082	_	168,218	21,143	-	(168,218)	(21,143

HFSC VEB (1305 Dart Street) ILA/Project Update, 500 Jefferson Update Requesting VEB ILA and delegated authority

VEB ILA and Delegated Authority Requested

 HFSC is requesting the HFSC board approve and delegate authority to HFSC's CEO to enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between City of Houston and HFSC, to allow the City to provide construction, engineering and architectural services for the Vehicle Examination Building (VEB, 1305 Dart Street). The ILA will require City approval

VEB ILA Status/Actions

- Latest version of ILA attached
- City will provide engineering, architecture and construction services, through its City General Services Department, Design and Construction Division (D&C). HFSC will leverage City D&C expertise and processes
- City, with HFSC, will prepare plans and specifications for VEB repair, alteration and renovation
- City will use its existing Job Order Contracting process, which satisfies the requirement for competitive bids for purchase of goods and services
- City will provide HFSC with project updates and summaries. HFSC's Director of Business Development is HFSC's primary contact
- HFSC is requesting the HFSC Board delegate authority to HFSC's CEO to enter into this ILA. HFSC will update the board on progress/actions

VEB Project Status

- Project primarily grant funded (\$114,000 federal funding, requires HFSC match \$38,000, 25% of total project cost,) complete work in calendar year 2020
- VEB is used by CSU for vehicle examination, photography, trace collection, documentation of bullet path and trajectories, fingerprints and DNA collection

- CSU processes an average of 46 vehicles/month at VEB
- VEB will remain operational during construction, adds complexity/cost
- Renovations are necessary to better minimize contamination of evidence and allow crime scene unit to improve services
- City approved "Job Order Contracting" contractor visited VEB, HFSC/City discussed scope, contractor preparing itemized work scope/cost for HFSC/City evaluation
- Critical issue is affordability, HVAC may be costly, HFSC may need to develop a plan to complete full project scope over time, evaluation-inprogress. HFSC's budget tight, evaluate cost/value of all items

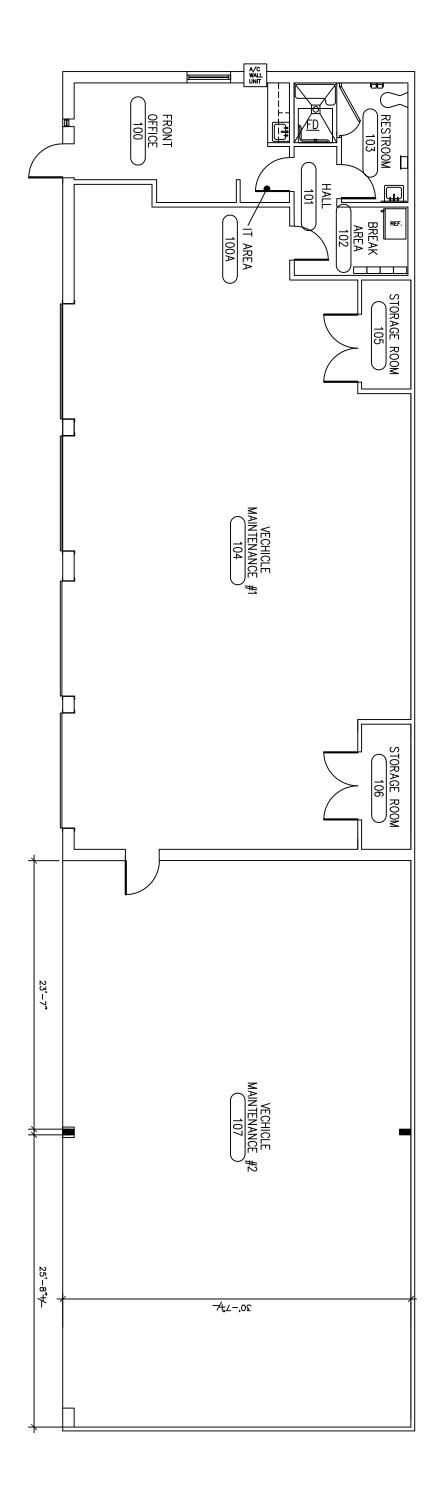
500 Jefferson Update

- Moved remaining biology/DNA freezers out of Travis 26th floor to 500
 Jefferson 18th floor, 2/19/2020. Walk-in-freezer at Travis has been emptied.
 All HFSC operations now out of Travis
- Installed lab/basement landline phones, installed 18th floor intercom/pager wiring and speakers
- Installing three additional 18th floor lab purge buttons and one lab pressure sensor following post-move-in assessment
- Installed/installing additional cameras, plus relocating some cameras to maximize camera/security effectiveness
- Still working firearms basement firing range venting

HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors March 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Action Item No.:	12.a. Consider delegating authority to Dr. Stout to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for construction, engineering, and architectural services between the City of Houston and the Houston Forensic Science Center, relating to the repair, alteration and renovation of the vehicle examination building located at 1305 Dart St. (FY2017 EICE Grant funds.)
Subject:	Delegating authority to Dr. Stout to negotiate and enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Houston (the City) to provide services relating to the Vehicle Examination Building repair.
Background:	In 2017, HFSC was awarded the forensic DNA laboratory Efficiency Improvement and Capacity Enhancement Program (FY2017 EIC) federal grant. The grant expires at the end of calendar year 2020. HFSC has been awarded \$114,000 in grant funds to complete the repair, alteration and renovation of the Vehicle Examination Building (VEB). This facility is owned by the City and utilized by HFSC Crime Scene Unit to process vehicles the Houston Police Department (HPD) submits for evidence processing and collection.
Executive Summary:	The First Interlocal Agreement between HFSC and the City, approved by City Council on June 6, 2012, provided for HFSC's use of the leasehold and certain shared spaces, including the VEB. The City routinely enters into job order contracts to perform minor construction, repair, rehabilitation and alteration of City facilities, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Subchapter I. Repair and rehabilitation of the VEB would be an improvement of a City facility. HFSC has determined these services can be most efficiently and expeditiously completed by the City.
	HFSC and the City find it necessary to enter into an ILA to accomplish the necessary repairs to the VEB. The proposed agreement allows HFSC to utilize construction-related services contracted by the City, through its job order contracts, in accordance with Government Code Section 2269.407. Details regarding how HFSC will make payments to the City are still being negotiated. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 791.025, an ILA for the purchase of goods and services satisfies the statutory requirement to seek competitive bids.
Fiscal Impact:	No anticipated additional fiscal impact within the current budget cycle.
Staff Recommendation:	Staff recommends authorizing the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an ILA with the City on behalf of the Corporation.
Ву:	Charles Evans, Director of Business Development Legal review and approved by General Counsel



Crime Scene and Multimedia

March 13, 2020

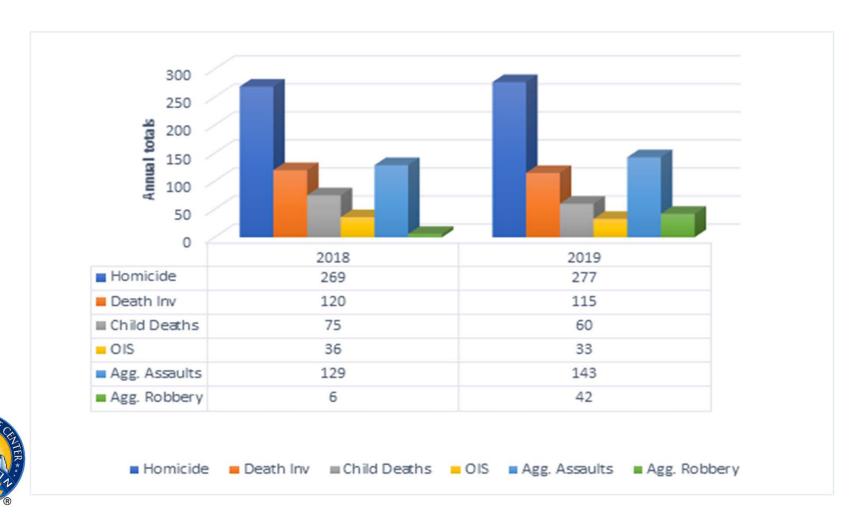


Crime Scene Unit in Numbers

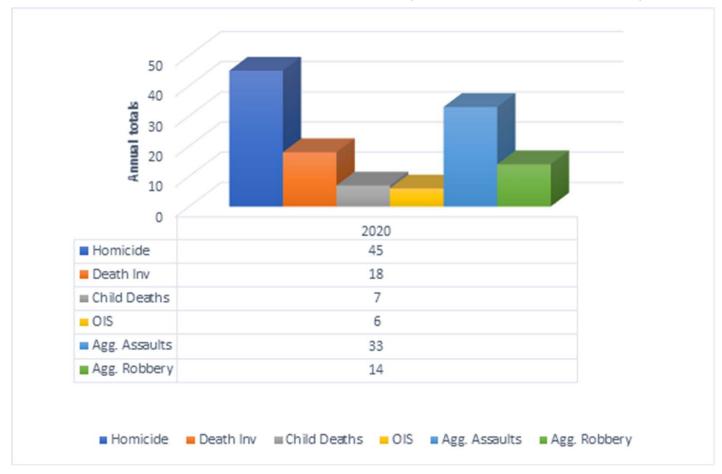
- 15 percent increase in homicide calls in January-February 2020 compared to January-February 2019
- 60 percent increase in homicide calls in January 2020 compared to January 2019
- HFSC responded to 33 aggravated assaults in January-February 2020 compared to just 16 in January-February 2019, a 103 percent increase



Crime Scene Unit: 2018 & 2019

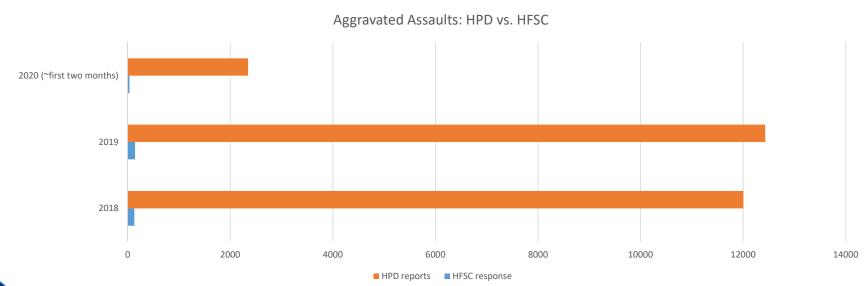


Crime Scene Unit: January & February 2020





HFSC response vs. Houston's needs

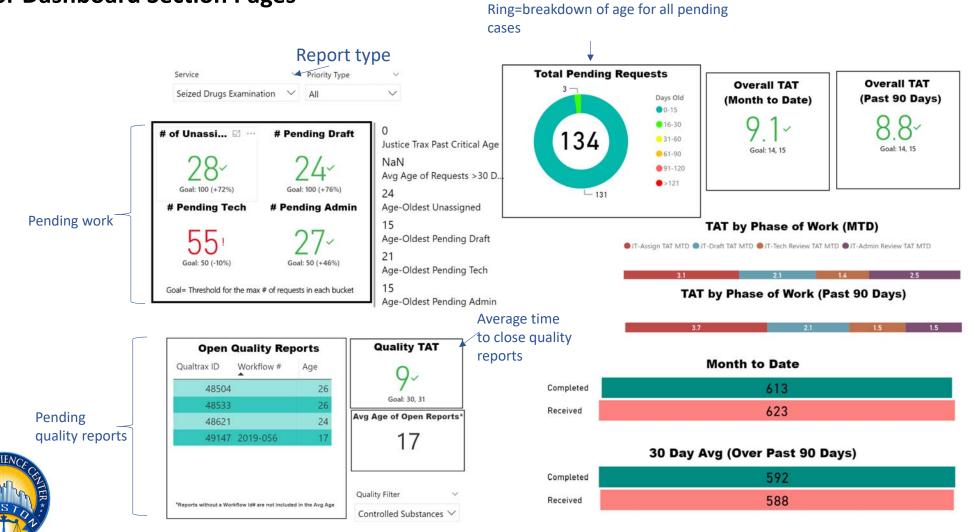




Detail data



Key for Dashboard Section Pages



Center of ring=total pending cases

TAT= Turnaround Time MTD= Month to date Critical age=30 days Critical pending=requests open over 30 days

Key for Dashboard Historical Pages 1/2 Type of testing **Date Range** 8/1/2018 8/31/2019 Firearms Examination **Total TAT by Month** Priority Type ● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT ● Total TAT 27.6 30 32.5 26.3 25.7 24.9 20.9 20.9 26.11 16.08 February 2019 March 2019 April 2019 May 2019 June 2019 July 2019 August 2019 Data broken **Requests Completed** down by month 44 38 38 36 36 36 11 238 **Requests Completed** 6 14 10 11 17 29.83 % 33 30 26 25 10 24 21 8

July 2019

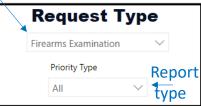
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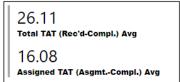
TAT= Turnaround Time

April 2019

■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed



Selected Time Frame Averages



Overall average for the selected date range



Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests

Key for Dashboard Historical Pages 2/2



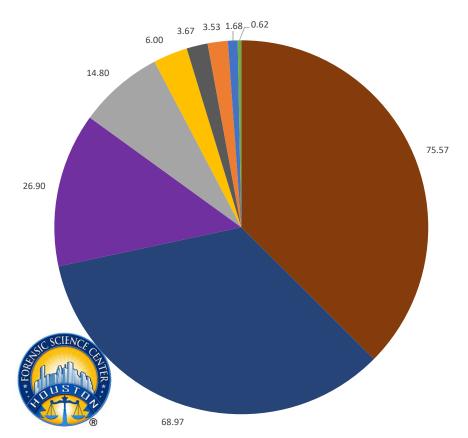
Client Services and Case Management (CS/CM)



CS/CM – February

Total Time by Section (Hours)

See Time Categories by Section slide for breakdown



■ Seized Drugs

■ Morgue Run **■** Firearms Biology ■ Toxicology

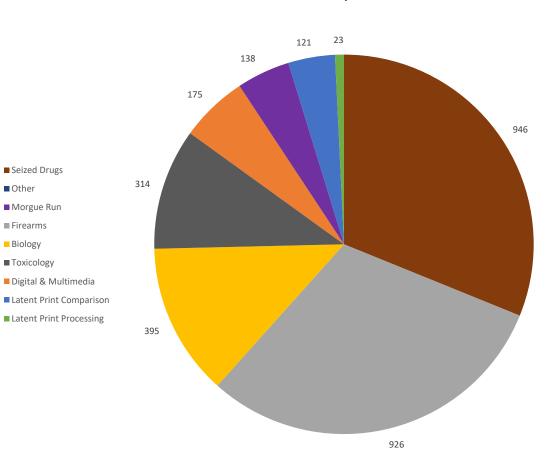
Digital & Multimedia

■ Latent Print Processing

■ Other

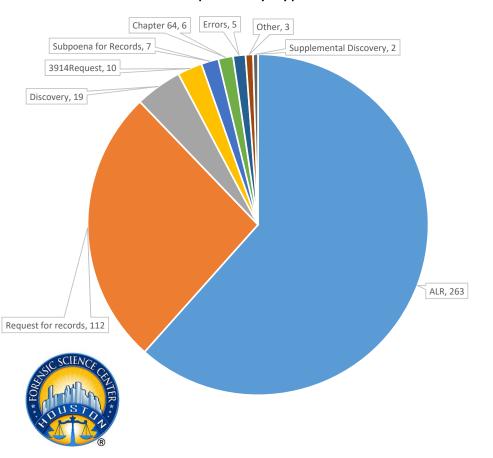
Evidence Handling

Total Items by Section



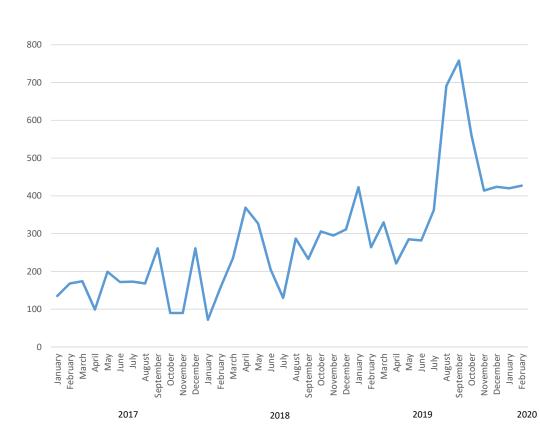
CS/CM – February

Requests by Type



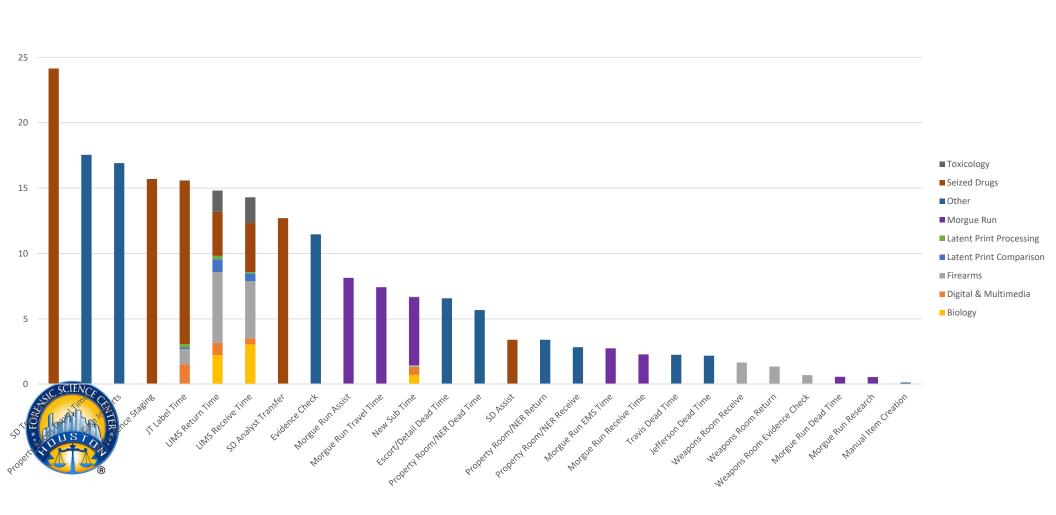
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Record Requests 2017-Present



Time Categories - February

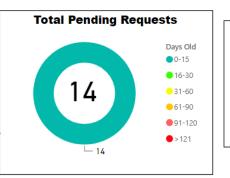
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Age-Oldest Pending Tech
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Age-Oldest Pending Admin



Overall TAT (Month to Date)

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

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Goal: 5, 10

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



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Month to Date

Completed	521
Received	478

30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

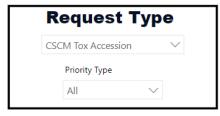
Completed	562
Received	518







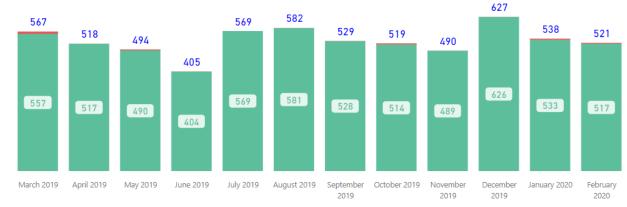
Date Range 3/1/2019 2/28/2020 **Total TAT by Month** ● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT ● Total TAT 10 5.7 5.6 4.4 3.5 5.6 3.6 March 2019 April 2019 July 2019 May 2019 June 2019 August 2019 September October 2019 November December January 2020 February 2019



Selected Time Frame Averages

5.93
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
2.97
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete
6359
Requests Completed
34
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
0.53 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests







Completed by Month



Total Completed

6,359

Completed per Month (Avg)*

530

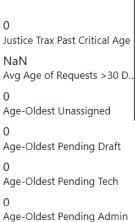


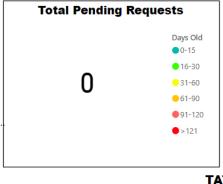
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Priority Type

Service







Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



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Month to Date

Completed	14
Received	14

30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

Completed	13
Received	13



Date Range





Selected Time Frame Averages

4.76
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
4.63
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete

168
Requests Completed

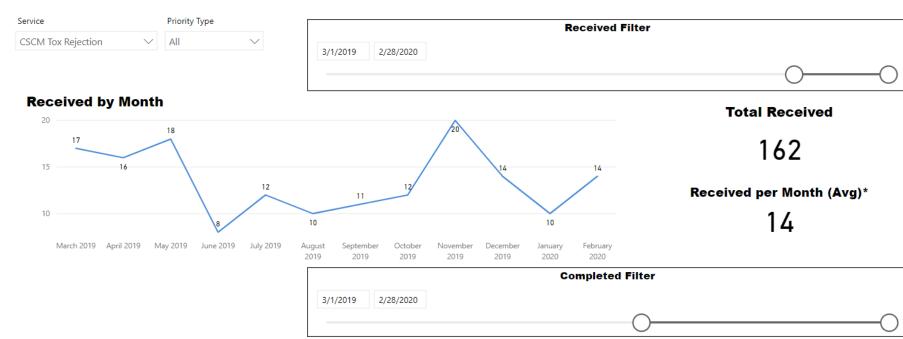
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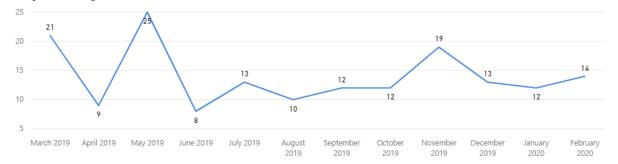
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Completed by Month



Total Completed

168

Completed per Month (Avg)*

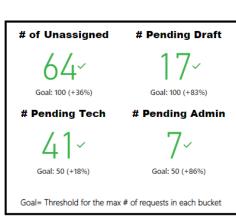
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Seized Drugs





Open Quality Reports

Workflow #

Qualtrax ID

57898

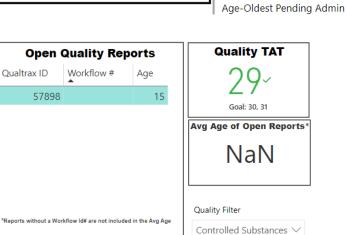
Seized Drugs Examination V All

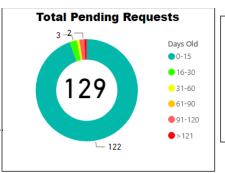
Priority Type

15

Service



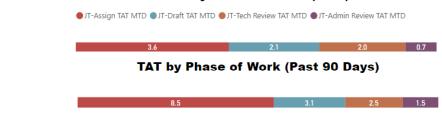




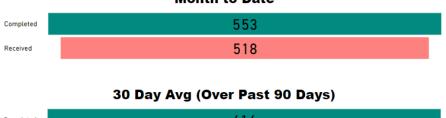


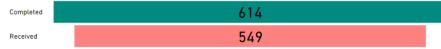
Overall TAT (Past 90 Days) Goal: 14, 15

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



Month to Date



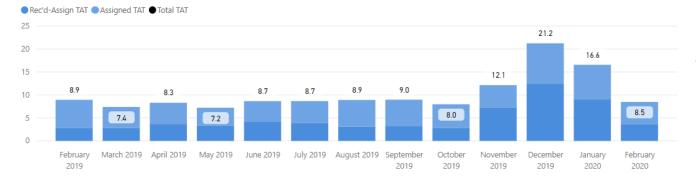




Date Range

2/1/2019 2/28/2020

Total TAT by Month



Request Type Seized Drugs Examination Priority Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

10.37
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
5.58
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Received to Complete

Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

% Completed > 30 Days Old

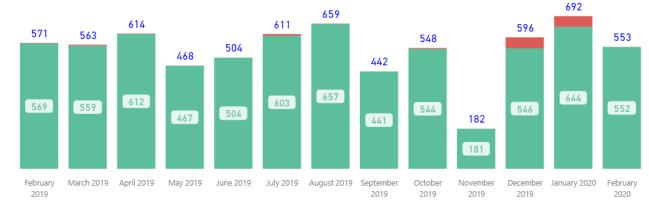
7003

124

1.77 %

Requests Completed

Requests Completed



Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests

■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed







7,003

Completed per Month (Avg)*

539



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Toxicology





of Unassigned # Pending Draft

1839! 94

Goal: 50 (-3578%) Goal: 120 (+21.67%)

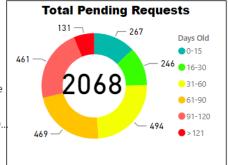
Pending Tech # Pending Admin

62

Goal: 90 (+31.11%) Goal: 90 (+18.89%)

Goal= Threshold for the max # of requests in each bucket

1555
Justice Trax Past Critical Age
80
Avg Age of Requests >30 D..
119
Age-Oldest Unassigned
130
Age-Oldest Pending Draft
130
Age-Oldest Pending Tech
129
Age-Oldest Pending Admin



Overall TAT (Month to Date)
121.3!
Goal: 30, 31

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

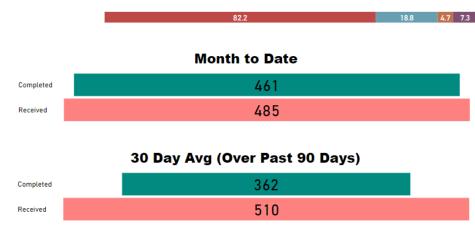
1 1 2 8 !

Goal: 30, 31

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

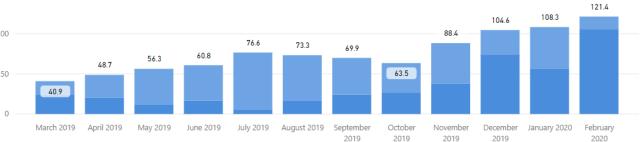




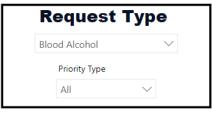




Date Range 3/1/2019 2/28/2020 ● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT ● Total TAT



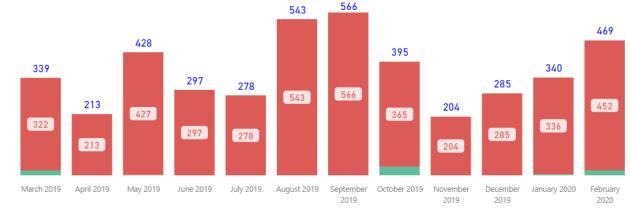
Total TAT by Month



Selected Time Frame Averages

76.60 Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg 41.01 Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed





Requests Completed > 30 Days Old 98.42 % % Completed > 30 Days Old

Received to Complete

4357

4288

Requests Completed

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests

Service		Priority Type	
Blood Alcohol	~	All	~



Received by Month



Total Received

5,890

Received per Month (Avg)*

491

Completed Filter

3/1/2019 2/28/2020

Completed by Month



Total Completed

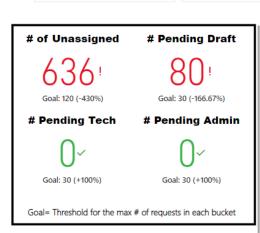
4,358

Completed per Month (Avg)*

363



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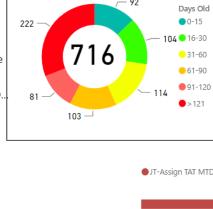
Service

Toxicology

Priority Type

✓ All





Total Pending Requests

Overall TAT (Month to Date)

159.0!

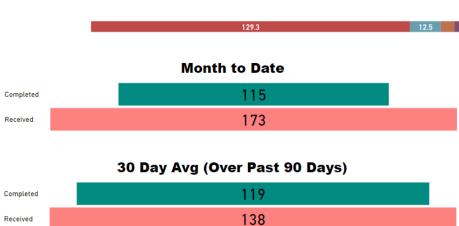
Goal: 90, 91

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

1513!

Goal: 90, 91

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD) JT-Assign TAT MTD JT-Draft TAT MTD JT-Tech Review TAT MTD JT-Admin Review TAT MTD 144.9 TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days) 129.3 Month to Date Completed







Quality TAT



Date Range 3/1/2019 2/28/2020 **Total TAT by Month** ● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT ● Total TAT 159.0 152.8 145.8 150 121.5 119.2 104.0 96.9 100 115.8 53.9 51.4 May 2019 June 2019 July 2019 August 2019 September December January 2020 February 2019 2019 2019



Selected Time Frame Averages

128.75
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
47.66
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Received to Complete

Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests Completed

941

925

98.30 %

Requests Completed



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■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed





Completed by Month



Total Completed

941

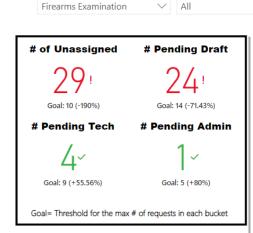
Completed per Month (Avg)*



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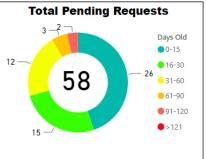
Firearms





Service





Overall TAT (Month to Date)

50.4!

Goal: 40, 41

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)
44.3!

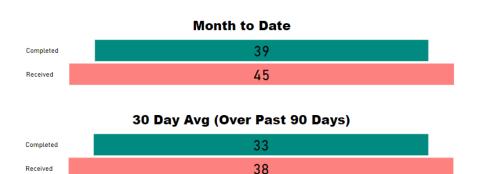
Goal: 40, 41

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)





Priority Type





Date Range 3/1/2019 2/28/2020 **Total TAT by Month** ■ Rec'd-Assign TAT ■ Assigned TAT ■ Total TAT 50.4 43.6 36.5 40 32.5 27.6 25.7 25.1 23.5 20 22.8 20.9 19.5 March 2019 April 2019 May 2019 June 2019 July 2019 August 2019 September October 2019 November December January 2020 2019



Selected Time Frame Averages

30.28
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
17.95
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete
393
Requests Completed
142
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
36.13 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

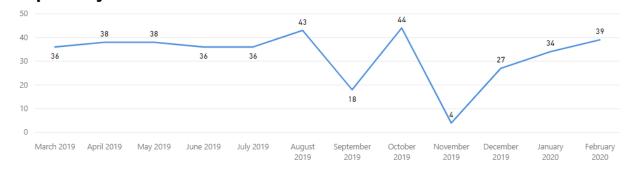
Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests







Completed by Month



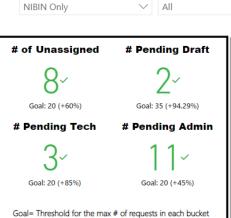
Total Completed

393

Completed per Month (Avg)*



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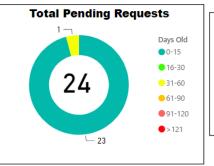
Service



Age-Oldest Pending Admin



Priority Type



Completed

Received

Overall TAT (Month to Date)

4.8

Goal: 7, 8

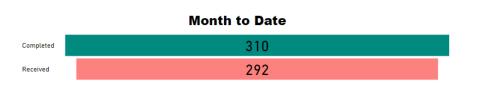
Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

8.7!

Goal: 7, 8

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)





30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days) 363



Date Range 3/1/2019 2/28/2020 • Rec'd-Assign TAT • Assigned TAT • Total TAT

Total TAT by Month

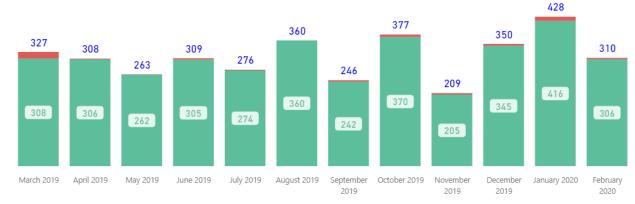


Request Type NIBIN Only Priority Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

8.66
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
5.18
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete
3763
Requests Completed
64
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
1.70 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests

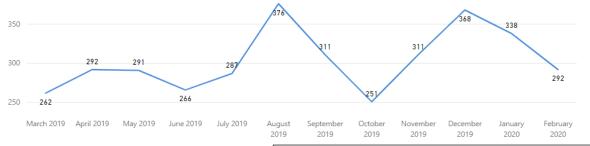




Service		Priority Type	
NIBIN Only	~	All	~



Received by Month



Total Received

3,645

Received per Month (Avg)*

304

Completed by Month



Total Completed

3,763

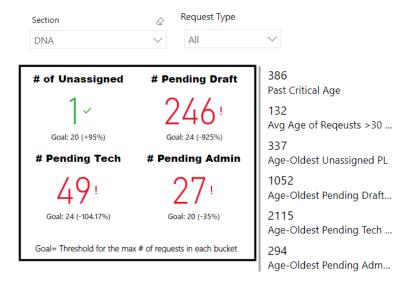
Completed per Month (Avg)*

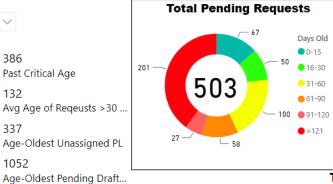


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Overall TAT (Month to Date)

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

Output

Goal: 30, 31

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

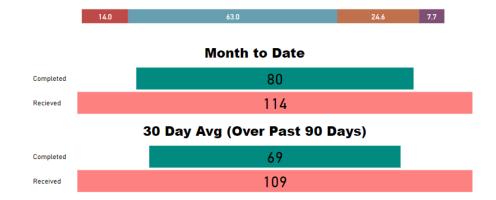
● PL-Assign TAT MTD ● PL-Draft TAT MTD ● PL-Tech Review TAT MTD ● PL-Admin Review TAT MTD

11.0 55.0 14.5 5.1

TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

Open Quality Reports				
Qualtrax ID	Workflow #	Age	^	
33435	2018-085	371		
34624	2018-094	353		
47766	2019-043	160		
48832	2019-057	142		
49436	2019-IA-15	135		
55267	2019-078	50		
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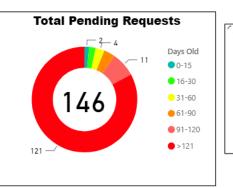














Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

123.2!

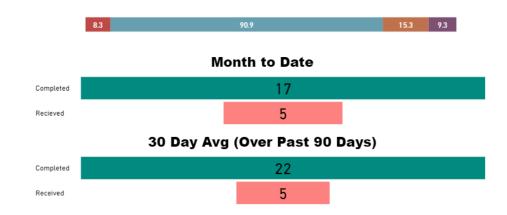
Goal: 30, 31

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD) • PL-Assign TAT MTD • PL-Draft TAT MTD • PL-Tech Review TAT MTD • PL-Admin Review TAT MTD 28.3 88.2 17.6 5.5

TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)









Date Range2/1/2019 2/28/2020

■ Rec'd-Assign TAT ■ Assigned TAT ■ Total TAT 250 233.7 189.3 200 170.8 150.2 143.5 150 102.8 128.6 100 80.0 69.1 56.0 85.1 50 0

Total TAT by Month



Selected Time Frame Averages

131.61 Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg 107.65 Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed

2019

October

2019

November

2019

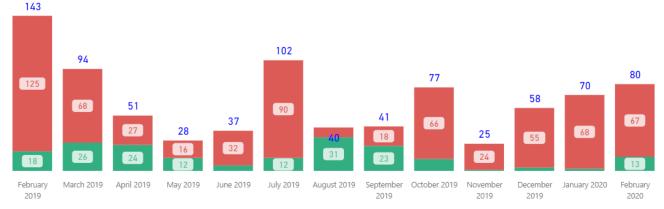
2019

2020

February

2020

August 2019



Received to Complete

846
Requests Completed

665
Requests Completed > 30 Days

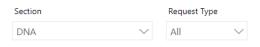
78.61 %
% Completed > 30 Days

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



February March 2019 April 2019 May 2019 June 2019 July 2019







Received by Month



Total Received

1103

Received per Month (Avg)*

85

2/1/2019 2/28/2020 — O

Completed by Month



Total Completed

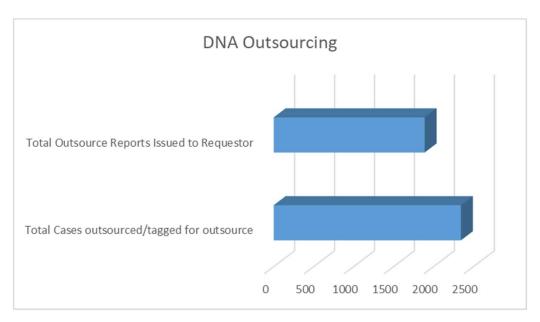
846

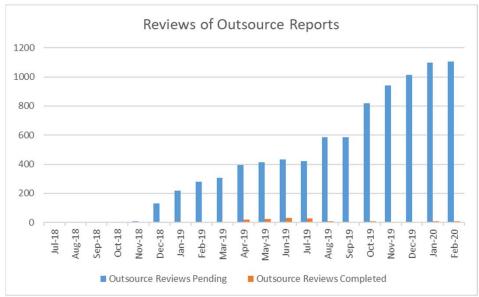
Completed per Month (Avg)*



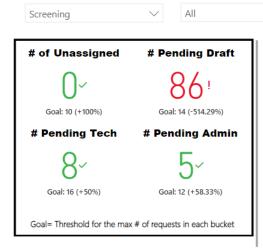
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Forensic Biology -- Outsourcing



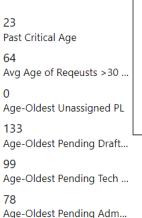


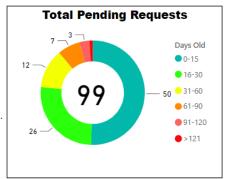




Section

Request Type





Overall TAT (Month to Date)

48.5 |

Goal: 10, 11

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

42.6

Goal: 10, 11

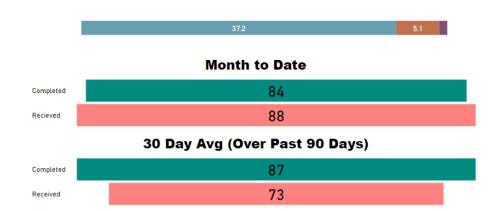
TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

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TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)





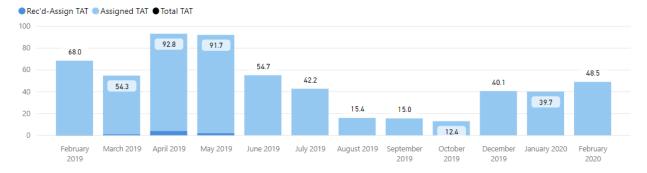




Date Range

2/1/2019 2/28/2020

Total TAT by Month

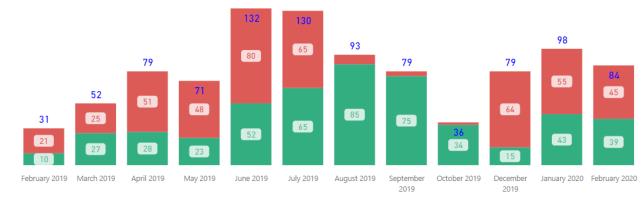


Request Type Screening Request Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

47.38
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
47.36
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete

964
Requests Completed

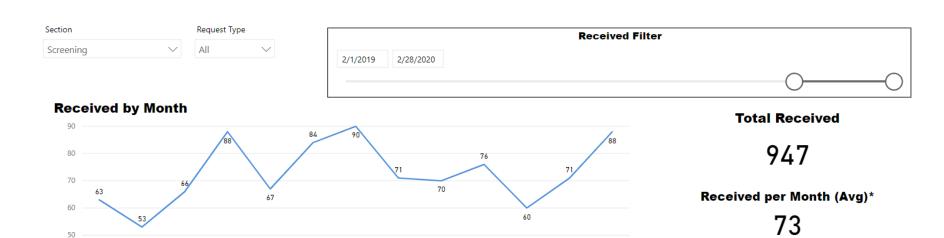
468
Requests Completed > 30 Days

48.55 %
% Completed > 30 Days

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests







November December

2019

2019

October

2019

September

2019

2/1/2019 2/28/2020 Completed Filter

February

January

Completed by Month

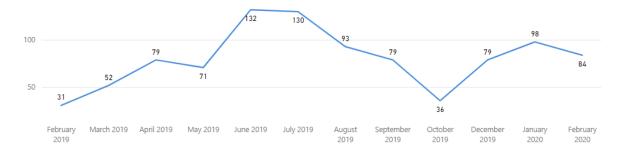
March

2019

April 2019 May 2019 June 2019 July 2019

February

2019



August

2019

Total Completed

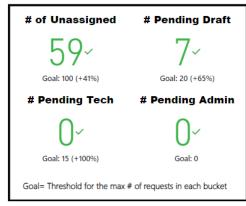
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Completed per Month (Avg)*

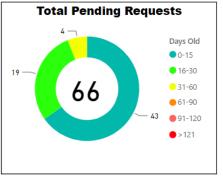


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Overall TAT (Month to Date)

7.2

Goal: 30, 31

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

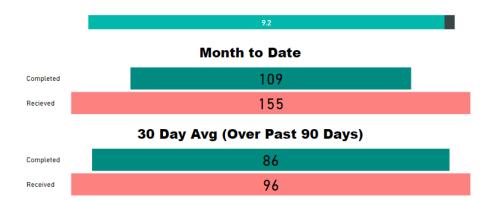
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TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

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48832	2019-057	142		
49436	2019-IA-15	135		
55267	2019-078	50		
55268	2019-083	50	~	
*Reports without a Worl	kflow Id# are not included	in the Avg Age	•	

Quality TAT	
37-	
Goal: 40, 41	
Avg Age of Open Reports*	
86	
Quality Filter	

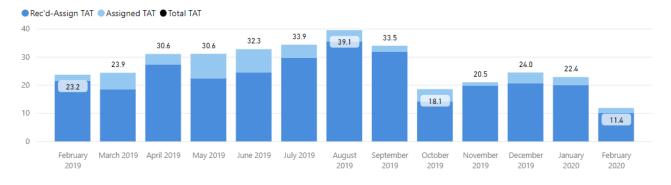


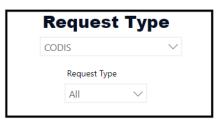


Date Range

2/1/2019 2/28/2020

Total TAT by Month

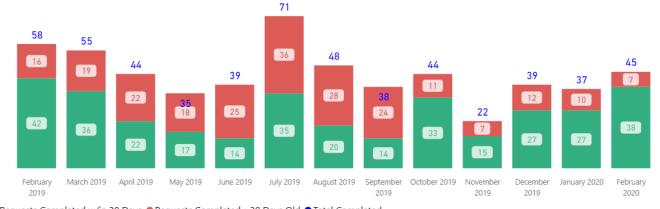




Selected Time Frame Averages

26.82
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
4.19
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



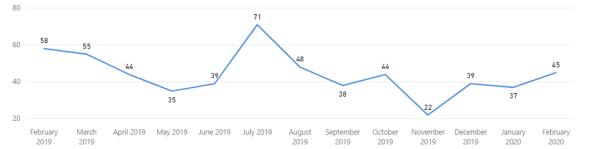
Received to Complete
575
Requests Completed
235
Requests Completed > 30 Days
40.87 %
% Completed > 30 Days

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests









Total Completed

575

Completed per Month (Avg)*

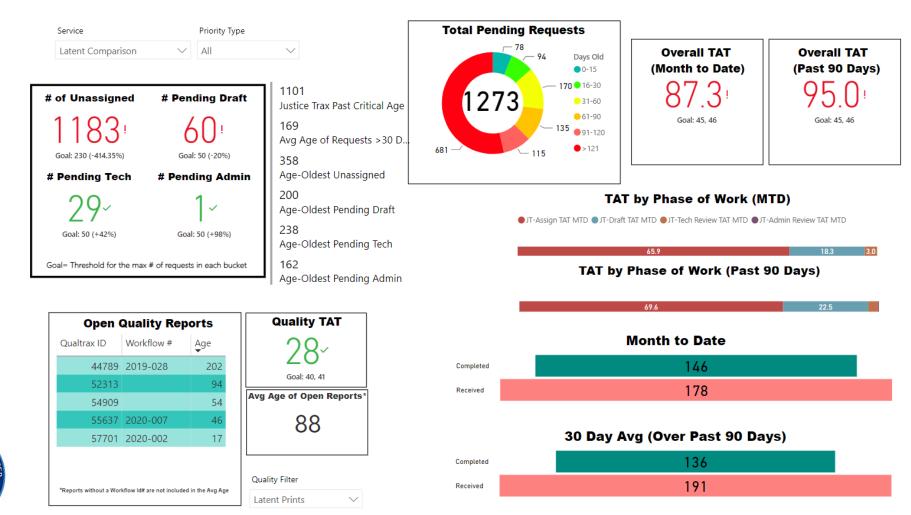


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Latent Prints

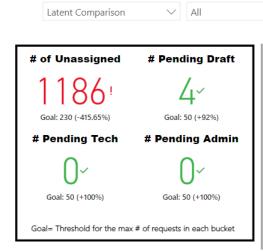


Requests Received after 2/1/2019 (to allow for targets on incoming requests vs historical backlog)





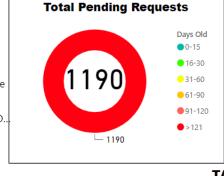
Requests Received prior to 2/1/2019 (to allow for targets on incoming requests vs historical backlog)



Priority Type

Service







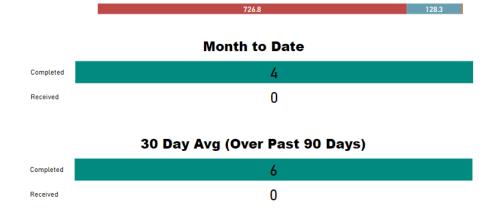
Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

Soal: 45, 46

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD) JT-Assign TAT MTD JT-Draft TAT MTD JT-Tech Review TAT MTD JT-Admin Review TAT MTD 491.3 252.3 TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)









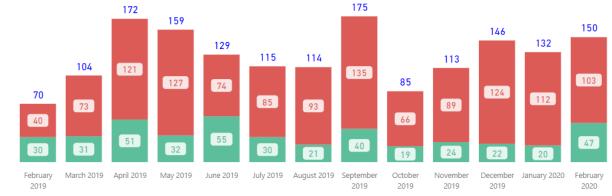
Date Range 2/1/2019 2/28/2020 **Total TAT by Month** ■ Rec'd-Assign TAT ■ Assigned TAT ■ Total TAT 124.6 143.5 140.5 97.2 100 84.5 106.8 104.8 56.0 83.4 71.0 50 52.9 40.2 March 2019 April 2019 May 2019 June 2019 July 2019 August September October February 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2020 2020

Request Type Latent Comparison Priority Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

91.04
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
26.89
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



● Requests Completed w/in 30 Days ● Requests Completed > 30 Days Old ● Total Completed



Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests





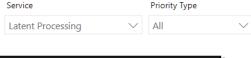


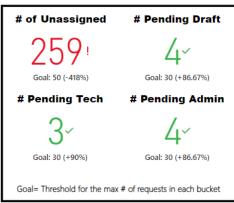
1,664

Completed per Month (Avg)*

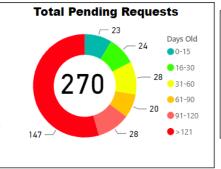


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Overall TAT (Month to Date)

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



Open Quality Reports Qualtrax ID Workflow # 52313 94 54 54909 44789 2019-028 202 57701 2020-002 17 55637 2020-007 46 *Reports without a Workflow Id# are not included in the Avg Age





22 Completed 53 Received

30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

24 Completed 48 Received



Date Range

2/1/2019 2/28/2020

Total TAT by Month

● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT ● Total TAT

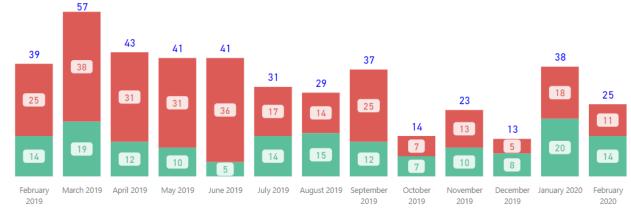


Request Type Latent Processing Priority Type All

Selected Time Frame Averages

75.48
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
27.20
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed

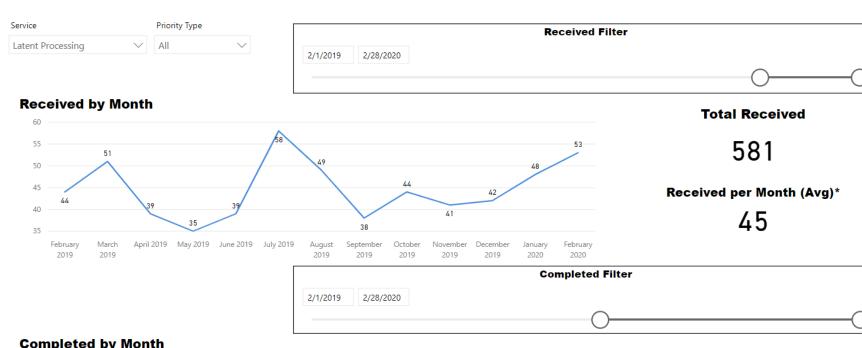


Received to Complete
431
Requests Completed
271
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
62.88 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests







Completed by Month



Total Completed

431

Completed per Month (Avg)*



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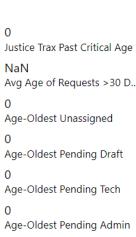
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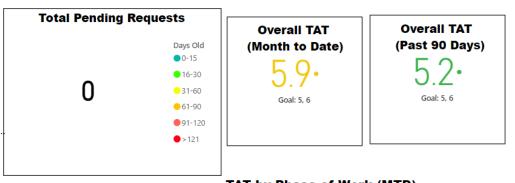


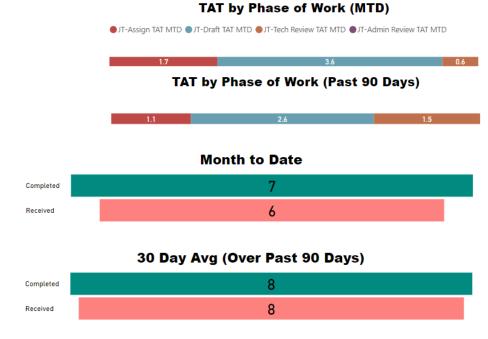


Priority Type

Service







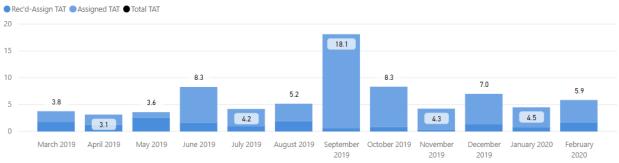


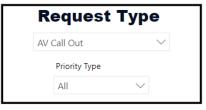




Date Range3/1/2019 2/28/2020

Total TAT by Month





Selected Time Frame Averages

6.41
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
5.15
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



Received to Complete
116
Requests Completed
1
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
0.86 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed





Received by Month



Total Received

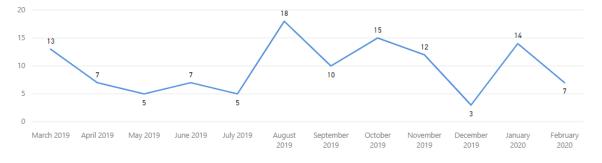
114

Received per Month (Avg)*

10



Completed by Month



Total Completed

116

Completed per Month (Avg)*



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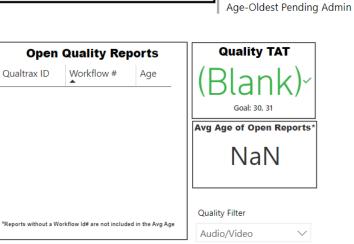


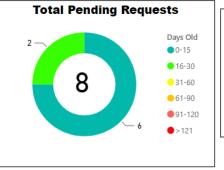


Workflow #

Qualtrax ID

Justice Trax Past Critical Age NaN Avg Age of Requests > 30 D.. Age-Oldest Unassigned Age-Oldest Pending Draft Age-Oldest Pending Tech





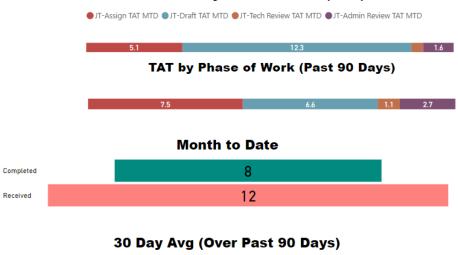
Completed

Received

Overall TAT (Month to Date)

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

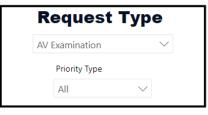
TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



12



Date Range 3/1/2019 2/28/2020 **Total TAT by Month** ■ Rec'd-Assign TAT ■ Assigned TAT ■ Total TAT 23.8 24.3 22.3 22.5 27.1 19.2 19.6 18.1 17.7 20 17.4 15.5 10



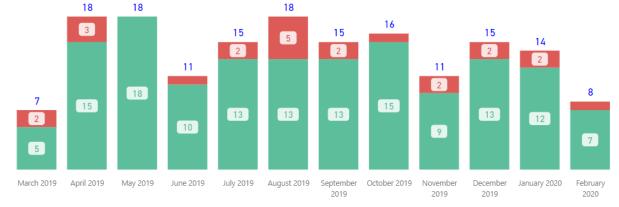
Selected Time Frame Averages

20.41
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
11.62
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed

July 2019 August 2019 September October 2019 November

December



Received to Complete

166
Requests Completed

23
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

13.86 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

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March 2019 April 2019

May 2019

June 2019





Completed by Month



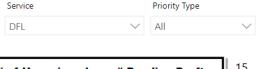
Total Completed

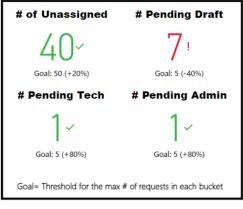
166

Completed per Month (Avg)*

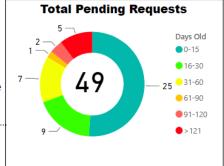


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Justice Trax Past Critical Age
99
Avg Age of Requests >30 D..
183
Age-Oldest Unassigned
212
Age-Oldest Pending Draft
130
Age-Oldest Pending Tech
30
Age-Oldest Pending Admin



Overall TAT (Month to Date)

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

Goal: 45, 46

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

●JT-Assign TAT MTD ●JT-Draft TAT MTD ●JT-Tech Review TAT MTD ●JT-Admin Review TAT MTD

TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

Open Quality Reports

Qualtrax ID Workflow # Age

*Reports without a Workflow Id# are not included in the Avg Age

34! Goal: 30, 31

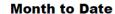
Quality TAT

Avg Age of Open Reports*

NaN

Quality Filter

Digitial Forensics



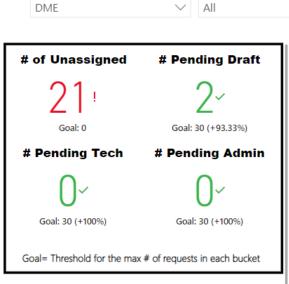
Completed 56

Received 52

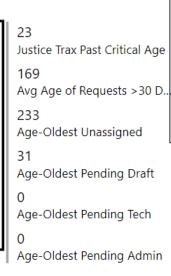
30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

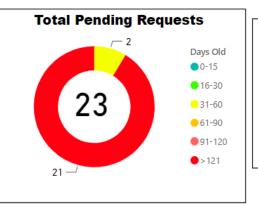
Completed 64
Received 51





Service



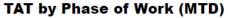




Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

1790!

Goal: 30, 31



● JT-Assign TAT MTD ● JT-Draft TAT MTD ● JT-Tech Review TAT MTD ● JT-Admin Review TAT MTD

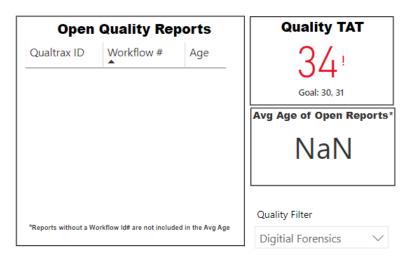
TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

Month to Date

Completed
Received

30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

Completed
1
Received
1



Priority Type

DFL and **DME**



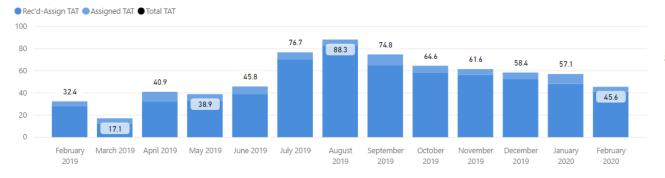
Selected Time Frame Averages

57.86
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6.29
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

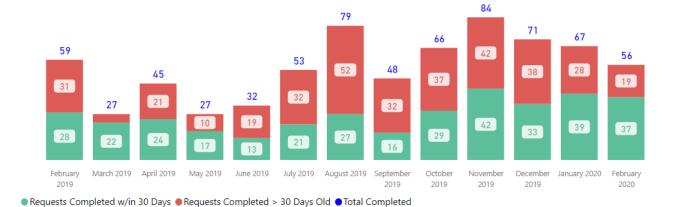
Date Range



Total TAT by Month



Requests Completed



Received to Complete

714

Requests Completed

366

Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

51.26 %

% Completed > 30 Days Old

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DFL and **DME**





Received by Month



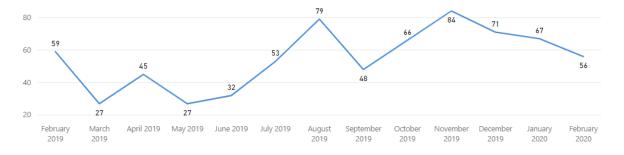
Total Received

721

Received per Month (Avg)*

55

Completed by Month



Total Completed

714

Completed per Month (Avg)*

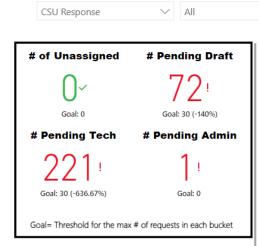
55



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Crime Scene Unit



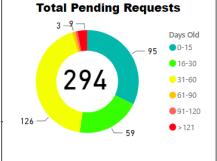


Priority Type

Service



Age-Oldest Pending Admin



Overall TAT (Month to Date)

36.1

Goal: 30, 31

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days) 30.8•

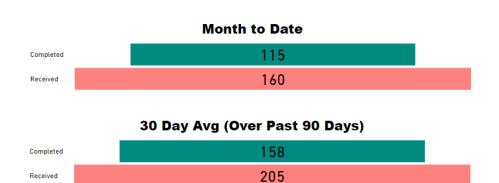
TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

● JT-Assign TAT MTD ● JT-Draft TAT MTD ● JT-Tech Review TA	T MTD JT-Admin Review TAT MTD		
21.1	15.0		
TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)			

TAT BY Thase of Work (Fast 90 Days)

Open Quality Reports Qualtrax ID Workflow # Age 55890 40 51462 2019-073 107 55847 2019-094 41 55886 2019-095 41 58430 2020-017 10 *Reports without a Workflow Id# are not included in the Avg Age







Date Range 3/1/2019 2/28/2020 **Total TAT by Month** ● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT ● Total TAT 39.8 40 36.1 34.6 42.2 32.2 38.3 30 27.9 20 23.6 21.7 10 March 2019 April 2019 August 2019 September October 2019 November May 2019 June 2019 July 2019 December January 2020 February 2019 2019 2019



Selected Time Frame Averages

35.06
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
34.31
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

Requests Completed



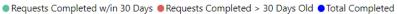
Received to Complete

2175
Requests Completed

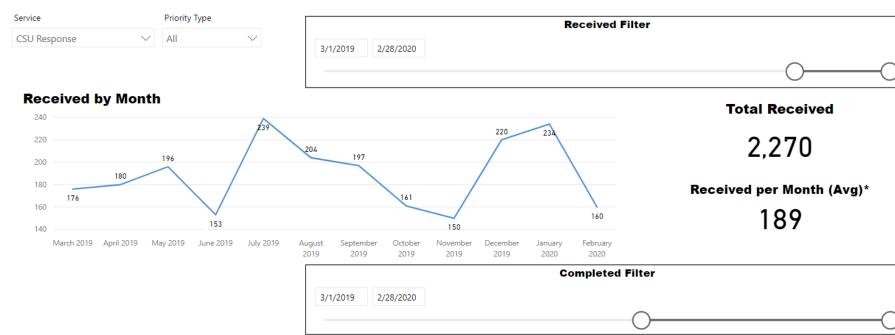
973
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

44.74 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

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Completed by Month



Total Completed

2,176

Completed per Month (Avg)*

167

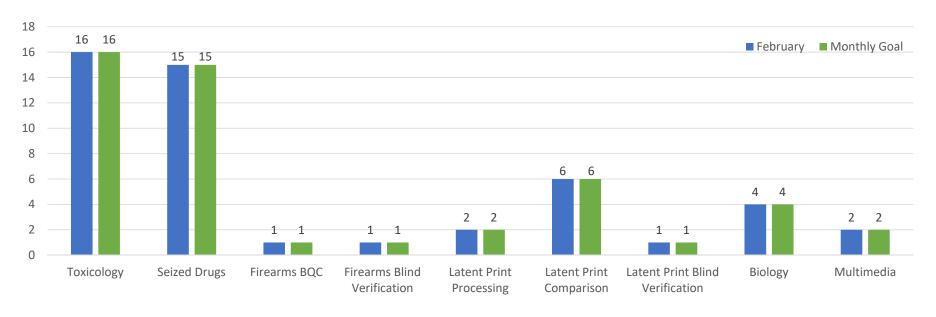


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Quality Division Report March 13, 2020



BQCs Submitted in February





Blind Quality: Accomplishments and Challenges

- Blind quality presentation to Council of Federal Forensic Laboratory Directors (CFFLD) in March
- Blind quality workshop at Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE) annual seminar in May
- Blind quality presentation to Texas Division of the International Association for Identification (TDIAI) in June
- Lab tour with HPD to solidify seized drug blind quality control process
- 4 latent print comparison blinds discovered

Forensic Discipline	Cases Completed in February
Toxicology – BAC	16
Seized Drugs	21
Biology	2 (DNA) 3 (screening)
Firearms – Blind Verification (BV)	1
Firearms	0
Latent Print Processing	2
Latent Print Comparison	11
Latent Print – Blind Verification (BV)	1
Multimedia	4



"Supernatural" Print



2019 Proficiency Testing

Discipline		Tests in Progress	Tests Completed	Comments
Seized Drugs		-	15	Complete for 2019
Toxicology		-	14	Complete for 2019
Firearms		1	24	
Crime Scene Unit		-	26	Complete for 2019
Latent Prints		-	18	Complete for 2019
Multimodia	Audio/Video	-	7	Complete for 2019
Multimedia	Digital	-	4	Complete for 2019
Forensic Biology		1	44	



2020 Proficiency Testing

Discipline		Tests in Progress	Tests Completed	Comments	
Seized Drugs		-	n/a		
Toxicology		4	n/a		
Firearms		1	n/a		
Crime Scene		-	n/a		
Latent Prints		8	n/a		
Multimedia	Audio/Video	-	n/a		
iviuitimedia	Digital	-	n/a		
Forensic Biology		9	n/a		



2020 Testimony Data

- 15 analysts have testified this year
- 14 of 15 have been monitored
 - 1 analyst was not monitored- will be monitored at next testimony or transcript will be requested
- Transcript review project
 - 7 transcripts were requested for first round in 2020



Detailed Data



Quality Division Notifications

Incidents, Corrective and Preventive Actions

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	Quality Notified	Summary of Notification	Comments
Biology			
2020-013 CAR	2/4/2020	While processing an evidence item in a proficiency test, an analyst used an instrument that she was trained to use but was not yet authorized to use. The item was then reprocessed using an instrument that the analyst was authorized to use. The results from each instrument were consistent.	
2020-015 IR	2/5/2020	During the differential extraction of a sexual assault kit swab, sample volume was lost. The analyst performing the extraction procedure accidently dispelled some of the liquid from the pipette tip before placing the pipette tip securely in the tube. The remaining sample volume was dispelled into the appropriate tube. The procedure was completed with the remaining sample volume.	
2020-016 Pending	2/13/2020	During the differential extraction of a sexual assault kit swab, sample volume was lost. The analyst performing the extraction procedure accidently got his glove caught in an instrument which caused a sample to spill. The procedure was completed with the remaining sample volume.	
2020-018 CAR	2/13/2020	Even though there is documentation that an analyst completed the required test to reinterpret legacy data, his authorization memo cannot be located. A supplemental authorization memo has been created to acknowledge his ability to reinterpret legacy data from the date of his completion of the required test.	

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	Quality Notified	Summary of Notification	Comments
2020-017 CAR	2/20/2020	Due to exigent circumstances, a crime scene investigator (CSI) did not observe tire track evidence at a night scene and the evidence was therefore not collected or documented. The tire tracks were later observed while the CSI was reviewing her scene photographs and have been determined to be nonrecoverable.	
Forensic Mul	ltimedia Unit		
2020-019 IR	2/7/2020	Eighteen reports (from 17 case records) contained a statement indicating that laboratory activities had occurred at the 1301 Fannin Street address even though the Multimedia section had already relocated to the 500 Jefferson Street address. Two reports were issued without a statement indicating that a portion of the laboratory activities has occurred at the 1301 Fannin Street address.	
Managemen	t		
2020-PAR1 PAR	2/7/2020	This document is confidential pursuant to Texas government code 551.139 and 552.101 (in conjuction with government code 418.1777, 418.182). To request this document, please contact HFSC General Counsel at legal@houstonforensicscience.org	

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