Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

## Board of Directors Meeting

February 9, 2018


## HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## February 9, 2018

Notice is hereby given that beginning at 9:00 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

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll call; confirmation of presence of quorum.
3. Discussion of board changes, including introduction of Mr. Philip Hilder as new board member.
4. Reading of draft minutes of January 12, 2018 Board meeting. Consideration of proposed corrections, if any. Approval of minutes.
5. Public Comment.
6. Report from Board Chair including a monthly update of activities and other announcements.
7. Report from President and CEO including technical updates, outreach efforts, staffing changes and other corporate business items.
8. Director of Information Strategy status update on progress in the rollout of a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).
9. Monthly operations report from Vice President and COO, including a review of turnaround times and backlogs.
10. Treasurer's report regarding company financials and other fiscal updates.
11. Discussion of proposed FY'19 budget and possible related action.
12. Report from Ms. Lori Wilson regarding quality assurance.
13. Executive session in accordance with Sections 551.071, consultations with attorney, 551.072, deliberation regarding real property and 551.074, personnel matters, of the Texas Government Code and possible related action.
14. Adjournment.
-NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL NEEDS -
Persons requiring accommodations for special needs may contact the HFSC at 713-9296760 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 may address any subject relevant to the purpose of the Corporation; however, under Texas law the Board may not respond to or otherwise discuss a subject not listed on the Agenda set out above. (Exception: The Board may discuss a proposal to place a subject on the agenda for a future meeting.) 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 meeting or session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any items included in this Notice, then such closed or executive meeting or 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 that date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by the Notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071-551.089, inclusive, of the Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to:
Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney
Section 551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property
Section 551.073 - Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters
Section 551.076 - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices
Section 551.084 - Exclusion of Witness
Section 551.087 - Economic Development Negotiations
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, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either: A. The open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting, or
B. At a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

## 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 6th day of February, 2018 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 6th day of February 2018.

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# Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. <br> MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS <br> MINUTES <br> January 12, 2018 

The undersigned, being the duly appointed secretary of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc., (the "Corporation") hereby certifies the following are true and correct minutes of the January 12, 2018 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 filed on January 9, 2018, 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 Nicole B. Cásarez, Board chairwoman, at approximately 9:01 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018 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: Nicole B. Cásarez, Anthony Graves, Francisco G. Medina, Janet Blancett, Dr. Stacey A. Mitchell, Chief Mary Lentschke.

The following directors were absent: David M. Feldman, Dr. Robert "Bob" H. McPherson, Sandra Guerra Thompson and Tom P. Allen (ex-officio).

Chairwoman Cásarez declared a quorum was present.
E. Ms. Thompson joined the meeting at approximately 9:05 a.m.
F. Chairwoman Cásarez noted a draft of the minutes of the Corporation's meeting on December 8, 2017 had been distributed to the Board. Dr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Medina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were adopted.
G. Chairwoman Cásarez asked if any members of the public wished to address the Board. No one addressed the Board. The meeting continued.
H. Chairwoman Cásarez provided a chair's report. She thanked Technical Advisory Group (TAG) member, Dr. Darrell Davis, for joining the meeting remotely. Ms. Cásarez reported that Mr. Feldman had resigned from the Board, effective upon the confirmation by City Council of his replacement. Ms. Cásarez thanked Chief Lentschke for agreeing to replace Mr. Feldman on the budget working group. Ms. Cásarez reminded board members a quorum will be needed at the February 9 meeting to review and vote on a preliminary budget. Chairwoman Cásarez reported there is no new information to share regarding ongoing negotiations with the University of Houston for a new facility. The Chairwoman noted various activities by Board members, and said Board member Mr. Anthony Graves would have a book signing for his newly released book later in the month. She also recommended an article in Rolling Stone magazine that emphasized how HFSC has become a model, in part because of its blind testing program.
I. Dr. Amy Castillo, vice president and COO, provided the operation's report and an update on the new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). Dr. Castillo reviewed the lab's overall turnaround time (TAT) and requests received for the month. She presented each technical section's scorecard showcasing overall TAT, progress and impacts from the ongoing transition to LIMS and staffing updates. She highlighted recent community outreach efforts, as well as recent certifications and staffing updates. She noted HFSC has had more success attracting qualified job applicants. Dr. Castillo noted three sections had transitioned to the new LIMS, and that HFSC will now focus its efforts on moving to its own independent computer network in order to meet a March deadline outlined in the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City.
J. Ms. Aimee Grimaldi, quality specialist, provided an update on HFSC's blind quality control (BQC) program. She reviewed the BQC program's purpose, growth, and goals for 2018 as well as the benefits and challenges associated with the program. Ms. Grimaldi noted that 400 BQC cases went through six technical sections with satisfactory results in 2017. She thanked Dr. Stout, the District Attorney's Office, Harris County AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) and the Houston Police Department for their collaboration.
K. Mr. David Leach, treasurer and CFO, requested board approval to reallocate funds in the FY18 budget. Dr. Mitchell made a motion to approve. Mr. Graves seconded the motion. With no objections, the motion was approved.
L. Mr. Leach presented a treasurer's report. He stated HFSC was awaiting two additional payments from Fund 2213, and that the budget is on its proper track for the year.
M. Ms. Lori Wilson, quality director, gave an update for December 2017. Ms. Wilson reviewed transcript reviews, proficiency and blind testing, incidents and corrective actions and testimony monitoring. She reviewed a disclosure made from the audio/video section to the Texas Forensic Science Commission (TFSC), which will be on the TFSC's February 2 meeting agenda. Ms. Wilson reminded the Board that HFSC is to be reaccredited this year, and noted that the Client Services/Case Management Division is also seeking accreditation.
N. Pursuant to Section 551.071, consultations with attorney, of the Texas Government Code, the Board went into executive session at approximately 10:18 a.m. HFSC's general counsel, Ms. Renee Byas, Dr. Castillo and Ms. Benton, Board secretary, were present in the executive
session.
O. The executive session concluded at approximately 10:39 a.m. The meeting reconvened in open session.
P. Mr. Medina made a motion to allow Chairwoman Cásarez to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Houston for legal representation for the Beckwith lawsuit. Ms. Blancett seconded the motion. With no objection, the motion was approved.
Q. The meeting ADJOURNED at 10:41 a.m.

By:
Jordan Benton Secretary

# President's Report 

February 9, 2018

## Texas Forensic Science Commission: Disclosures Update

## Biology complaint

- Complaint from member of public about contamination
- LOTS of data provided for review
- TFSC staff and commission member to visit HFSC to finish review and discuss
- Likely finalized at next meeting

CSU self-disclosure

- Errors in crime scene collections
- Brief discussion acknowledging HFSC has adequately addressed the issues
- No further action


## Texas Forensic Science Commission: Disclosures Update

A/V self-disclosure

- Incorrect video segment extracted
- Made equipment and policy changes
- No further action

A/V analyst

- Destruction of original field notes
- Notes were recreated and dated back to the scene date
- Will be a disclosure to TFSC as potential professional misconduct


## Requests Completed by Section

## Average Turnaround Time for January 2018



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## Average Turnaround Time for January 2018



## From the start of HFSC

$\boxed{84 \% * \text { in Avg TOTAL turnaround }}$ (TAT) time
565\% in backlogged requests
$41 \%$ in Avg PROCESS TAT
, $87 \%$ * in WAIT gap

* Total turnaround time calculation affected by latent backlog, values presented with and without latent prints TAT.



## Requests received




* Total turnaround time calculation affected by latent backlog. 7 Calculated without latent prints


## Outreach

- Tour with students from Lone Star Community College
- Presentation to MENSA
- TFSC presentation on blind quality controls and Rapid DNA
- Tour with defense attorneys


## Certifications

- Natalie Azzarello - Certified Crime Scene Analyst (IAI)


## Staffing - February 6, 2018

- 194 staff members
- 15 COH civilians
- 8 COH classified
- 171 HFSC
- 13 open positions; 5 offers accepted
- Internal promotion/transfers effective 2/10/18
- 1 deputy director - CSU/digital \& multimedia evidence
- 3 forensic analysts - FBIO
- 1 supervisor latent prints
- 8 active vacancies
- 1 assistant technical lead - FBIO
- 2 crime scene investigators
- 2 forensic analysts - FBIO
- 1 forensic analyst - toxicology
- 1 logistics specialist
- 1 quality specialist
- 5 vacancies pending
- 1 forensic analyst - multimedia
- 2 supervisors - CSU
- 1 systems support specialist
- 1 triage (exact title TBD) - FBIO


## Major Initiatives - Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

## Go Live:

- Temporarily paused bringing new disciplines online
- Moving legacy LIMS to Azure on HFSC network for some disciplines.


## Updates:

- LIMS portal:
- Working with vendor and HPD IT on authentication and EMS interface
- Designing user interface
- Working on interim solution


## Current tasks:

- Preparing for full transition to HFSC network
- Working with vendor to develop analytical reports and worksheets for remaining disciplines
- Supporting disciplines live in new LIMS


## Next steps:

- Replacing computers to have all staff on HFSC network by March 2018
- Continued acceptance testing of interfaces and reports for remaining disciplines


# Operations Report 

February 9, 2018

## CS/CM -- December

Administrative Support


Record Management \& Evidence Handling


## Accreditation

- Working toward International Association of Property \& Evidence (IAPE) accreditation (target mid-2018)


## CS/CM -- December

Toxicology Support

Toxicology Support


Biology Support


## Seized Drugs



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CS: 11-day avg,
    3 pending request >30 day
Target: <14 days
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## Critical issues

- Potential impacts of additional expedited case needs
- 2 -day ice closure ( 22 requests able to be completed vs 242 week prior/171 week after)
- Staff have transitioned to HFSC network


## Projections for next 90 days

- Reduction in TAT to pre-LIMS transition
- Continued pressure on resources from increased case complexity
- Continue to track submission of opioid cases/lab safety measures in place


## Firearms

Exams: 29-day avg,
2 pending requests $>30$ day
IBIS: 36-day avg,
322 pending requests >30 day

Target: <25 days

## Critical issues

- Backlog in NIBIN requests for guns
- Transition to new LIMS and network (3-day planned LIMS outage)
- 2-day ice closure


## Projections for next 90 days

- 48-hour NIBIN results for casings continue
- NIBIN staffed to reduce gun backlog (fully staffed 2/18, overtime)
- Continued TAT sub 25 days
- Transition to HFSC network
- Transition to Justice Trax LIMS


## Digital and Multimedia

A/V:

AVCO: 4-day avg,
0 pending requests $>30$ day
Digital: 9-day avg,
2 pending request $>30$ day

## Critical issues

- A/V focus on backlog during JusticeTrax transition
- Increasing callout support
- Transition to new LIMS and network (3-day planned LIMS outage)
- 2-day ice closure


## Projections for next 90 days

- Backlog in A/V as audit issues addressed. In part reflective of shifting workload to greater callout support
- Transition to HFSC network
- A/V to transition to Justice Trax LIMS


## Toxicology

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Alcohol: 21-day avg,
    1 pending requests >30 day
Tox: 31-day avg
    19 pending requests >30 day
Out-Tox: 18-day avg
    0 pending requests >30 day
```


## Critical issues

- Legacy GC/MS instruments
- Operating on two floors to validate new robotics
- Down three analysts; two in training
- Transition to new LIMS and network (3-day planned LIMS outage)
- 2-day ice closure


## Projections for next 90 days

- Training of two new alcohol analysts completed (one in February, one in May)
- Transition to HFSC network
- Transition to Justice Trax LIMS
- DWI alcohol sub 21 days (target threshold)
- Drug methods online in March
- Validation of new robotics


## Forensic Biology

| SA Kit: <br> SA "other" | 73-day avg |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 98-day avg, |
|  | 112 pending SAK requests $>30$ day |
|  | of those: ~44 >60 day |
| Non-SAK DNA: 294-day avg |  |
|  | 556 total requests >30 day |

** All sexual assault requests are in process

## Critical issues

- Target: minimum 12 DNA report writers, currently 6
- Training "boot camp" (5 began in December, 10 in April)
- Transition to new LIMS and network (3-day planned LIMS outage)
- Develop, hire assistant technical lead position
- 2-day ice closure


## Projections for next 90 days

- 5 Additional DNA report writers
- Assistant technical lead hired
- Transition to HFSC network
- Transition to Justice Trax LIMS
- Additional process improvement projects
- No SAKs over 60 days

Profiles Entered: 93
Hits: Local: 8
State: 63
National: 14
CODIS Hit Report: 21-day avg,
11 pending requests $>30$ day

## Critical issues

- Source ID and partial mixture projects
- Transition to new LIMS and network (3-day planned LIMS outage)
- Transition to new CODIS staff structure
- 2-day ice closure


## Projections for next 90 days

- Continued TAT for CODIS hit reports <30 days
- Source ID project completed


## Latents

Comparisons: 574-day avg TAT from request, 2,659 pending requests $>30$ day

Processing: 84-day avg TAT from request, 90 pending requests $>30$ day

## Critical issues

- TAT increases as work through aging backlog
- Transition to new LIMS: Went live December 18, moving to HFSC network
- 2-day ice closure


## Projections for next 90 days

- Anticipate entire backlog to be cleared by the end of 2018
- Complete transition to HFSC network
- As of $2 / 2 / 18$ no backlog of cases in violent crime
- New examiner anticipated to be working independently by March, one staff member being fully trained to become examiner
- DPS training completed; seven examiners trained and allowed full access to state and national databases

CSU Callouts: 60, 4 Officer-Involved Shooting Cars processed at VEB: 45

## Critical issues

- New CSIs sign off for independent casework in progress
- Transition to new LIMS and network (3-day planned LIMS outage)


## Projections for next 90 days

- Transition to HFSC network
- Fully civilian: all classified officers have transitioned back to HPD
- Continue training and accreditation efforts

Detail data

## Seized Drugs




CS Live in Justice Trax on 12/11/17, metrics combined/manually tracked from Jtrax and Porter Lee for December

## Firearms




Note: change in presentation at February 2017. Requests now for FBIO and Sexual Assault Kits.
Forensic Biology -- Total
Turnaround time is a combined average time. Green bars represent the change in metric status.


Note: change in presentation at February
 requests by month


## Toxicology: Alcohol




Approximately 300 legacy toxicology analysis cases

## Toxicology: Other Drugs

 that preceded HFSC were closed out in February. With the collaboration of HPD, no analysis was conducted, but reports were issued with instructions for ordering analysis should it be needed.


## Latents



*Digital went live in JusticeTrax LIMS on 11/14/17, for the month of November metrics are in both Porter Lee and JusticeTrax, therefore TAT and admin close accuracy are impacted by transition. By January reporting all metrics will come from JusticeTrax December-Metrics tracked from Both systems still- Process TAT not available, Total TAT available



## DME -- A/V




Starting with December Metrics-A/V and AVCO metrics both reported together


HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - Accrual basis
For the Period July 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018


HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - ACCRUAL bASIS
For the Period July 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018

|  |  | Current Month (Preliminary) |  |  |  |  |  |  | YTD |  |  |  |  |  |  | FY18 |  |
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|  |  | FY18 | FY18 | FY17 |  |  |  |  | FY18 | FY18 | FY17 |  |  |  |  | FY18 | \% Year |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Jan 1- Jan 31, } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ | Budget | $\underset{2017}{\substack{\text { Jan 1- Jan 31, }}}$ | Budget - Actual | \% | FY18-FY17 | \% | $\begin{gathered} \text { July 1- Jan } \\ 31,2018 \end{gathered}$ | Budget | $\begin{gathered} \text { July 1- Jan } \\ 31,2017 \end{gathered}$ | Vs. Budget | \% | Vs. FY/7 | \% | Budget V1 | Completed |
| Services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 520100 | Temporary Personnel Services | ${ }^{(0)}$ | $\cdot$ |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 1 | $\cdot$ | 7 | ${ }^{(1)}$ | 0\% | ${ }^{6}$ | 0\% |  | 0\% |
| 520105 | Accounting \& Auditing Svcs | ${ }^{3}$ | 3 | 2 | (0) | -8\% | ${ }^{(1)}$ | -89\% | 22 | 19 | 16 | ${ }^{(3)}$ | -14\% | ${ }^{(6)}$ | -37\% | 33 | 66\% |
| 520106 | Architectural Svcs | - | - |  | - |  | - |  | - | $\cdot$ |  | $\cdot$ | 0\% | - | 0\% |  | 0\% |
| 520107 | Computer Into/Contracting Svas | - | 2 |  | 2 | 100\% | - |  | 0 | 17 | 9 | 17 | 100\% | 8 | 100\% | 28 | 0\% |
| 520109 | Medical Dental \& Laboratory Ser | 0 | 15 | 6 | 14 | 98\% | 6 | 96\% | 32 | 102 | 353 | 70 | 69\% | 321 | 91\% | 175 | 18\% |
| 520110 | Management Consulting Services | 5 | 25 | 94 | 20 | 80\% | 89 | 95\% | 260 | 174 | ${ }^{424}$ | ${ }^{(85)}$ | 49\% | 164 | 39\% | 99 | 87\% |
| 520112 | Banking Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29\% | 0 | 36\% | ${ }^{2}$ | ${ }^{2}$ | 2 | 0 | 24\% | (0) | 20\% | 3 | 44\% |
| 520113 | Photographic Services |  | 0 |  | 0 | 100\% |  |  | ${ }^{1}$ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16\% | ${ }^{(0)}$ | -103\% | 1 | 49\% |
| 520114 | Misc Support Serv Recruit Relo | 8 | 7 | 9 | ${ }^{(1)}$ | -15\% | 1 | 9\% | 78 | 20 | 45 | ${ }^{(29)}$ | 59\% | ${ }^{(33)}$ | -74\% | 84 | 93\% |
| 520115 | Real Estate Rental | 85 | 90 | 83 | 5 | 6\% | ${ }^{(2)}$ | -2\% | 591 | 629 | 595 | ${ }^{38}$ | 6\% | ${ }^{3}$ | 1\% | 1,079 | 55\% |
| 520118 | Refuse Disposal |  | 0 | ${ }^{3}$ | 0 | 100\% | ${ }^{3}$ | 100\% | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 71\% | 4 | 0\% | 4 | 17\% |
| 520119 | Computer Equip/Sotware Maint. | 125 | 35 | 23 | (90) | -257\% | (102) | -445\% | 447 | 246 | 172 | (202) | 32\% | ${ }^{(275)}$ | -160\% | 421 | 106\% |
| 520121 | $\pi$ Application Services | ${ }^{33}$ | ${ }^{11}$ | 0 | (22) | -206\% | ${ }^{(33)}$ | -480658\% | ${ }^{98}$ | 76 | ${ }^{6}$ | ${ }^{(23)}$ | 30\% | ${ }^{(92)}$ | 0\% | 130 | 76\% |
| 520123 | Vehicle \& Motor Equip. Services |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100\% | 0 | 100\% | ${ }^{0}$ | 5 | 1 | ${ }^{5}$ | 100\% | 1 | 100\% | 8 | 0\% |
| 520124 | Other Equipment Services | 5 | 25 | 5 | ${ }^{21}$ | 82\% | ${ }^{(0)}$ | -3\% | 70 | 176 | 124 | 106 | 60\% | 54 | 43\% | 302 | 23\% |
| 520143 | Creditizank Card Sves | . | 0 |  | 0 | 100\% |  |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 44\% | 1 | 85\% | 0 | 33\% |
| 520145 | Criminal Intelligence Services | - | - |  | - |  | - |  | ; | ; |  | - | 0\% | - | 0\% |  | 0\% |
| 520520 | Printing \& Reproduction Serv. | O | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100\% | (0) | 100\% | 3 | 7 | ${ }_{5}^{5}$ | 4 | 55\% | 7 | 33\% | 12 12 | 27\% |
| 520605 520705 | Public Intorration Svcs Insurance (Non-Medical) | ${ }_{8}$ | 1 12 |  | 1 | $100 \%$ $36 \%$ | ${ }^{(0)}$ |  | 57 | 83 | 59 | 26 | $71 \%$ $31 \%$ | 7 | $78 \%$ $3 \%$ | 12 142 14 | $17 \%$ $40 \%$ |
| 520705 | Insurance (Non-Medical) | 8 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 36\% | 0 | 2\% | 57 | 83 | 59 | ${ }^{26}$ | 31\% | 2 | 3\% | 142 | 40\% |
| 520760 | Contributions | - | 0 |  | ${ }^{0}$ | 100\% | - |  | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100\% | 1 | 0\% | 1 | 0\% |
| 520765 | Membership \& Prot. Fees | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 34\% | 1 | 33\% | 9 | ${ }^{25}$ | 32 | ${ }^{16}$ | 64\% | ${ }^{23}$ | 71\% | ${ }^{43}$ | 21\% |
| 520805 | Education \& Training | 17 | 12 | ${ }^{13}$ | ${ }^{(6)}$ | -49\% | ${ }^{(4)}$ | -34\% | 80 | 81 | 57 | 1 | ${ }^{1 \%}$ | (23) | -41\% | 139 | 58\% |
| 520815 | Tuition Reimbursement | 14 | 2 | 9 | (12) | -518\% | ${ }^{(5)}$ | -50\% | ${ }^{29}$ | 16 | 20 | ${ }^{(13)}$ | 82\% | (9) | -46\% | ${ }^{27}$ |  |
| 520905 | Travel - Training Related | 5 | 13 | 2 | 8 | 61\% | ${ }^{(3)}$ | -156\% | 92 | 91 | 94 | ${ }^{(1)}$ | -2\% | 2 | 2\% | 156 | 59\% |
| 520910 | Trave - Non-training Related | 0 | 2 | ${ }^{(0)}$ | ${ }^{2}$ | 94\% | ${ }^{(0)}$ |  | 7 | 12 | 11 | 5 | 42\% | , | 36\% | 20 | 34\% |
| 521405 | Building Maintenance Services | ${ }^{3}$ | 3 | ${ }^{3}$ | ${ }^{(1)}$ | -36\% | ${ }^{(0)}$ | 0\% | 19 | 18 | 19 | ${ }^{(1)}$ | -8\% | ${ }^{(0)}$ | -3\% | ${ }^{31}$ | 63\% |
| 521505 | Utilities | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 77\% | (0) | -21\% | ${ }^{3}$ | 8 | 10 | 5 | 67\% | 7 | 73\% | 14 | 19\% |
| 521605 | Data Services | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 22\% | 1 | 26\% | 24 | 32 | 29 | 8 | 26\% | 5 | 18\% | 55 | 43\% |
| 521610 | Voice Services, Equip \& Labor | 2 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 63\% | 4 | 62\% | ${ }^{33}$ | 42 | 32 | 9 | 21\% | ${ }^{(1)}$ | -2\% | 71 | 46\% |
| 521705 | Vehicle/Equipment Renta/Lease |  | 0 |  | 0 | 100\% |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | (7) | 0\% | 0 | 0\% | 0 | 0\% |
| 521725 | Other Rental Fees | 2 | ${ }^{2}$ | 2 | ${ }^{(0)}$ | 22\% | ${ }^{(0)}$ | -7\% | ${ }^{20}$ | 13 | ${ }^{13}$ | ${ }^{(1)}$ | -49\% | (7) | -51\% | ${ }^{23}$ |  |
| 521730 | Parking Space Rental | 16 | 12 | 9 | ${ }^{(3)}$ | -27\% | ${ }^{(6)}$ | -68\% | 97 | ${ }^{86}$ | 79 | ${ }^{(11)}$ | -13\% | (18) | -22\% | 148 | 66\% |
| 521905 | Legal Services |  | 2 |  | 2 | 100\% |  |  | 19 | 15 | 2 | ${ }^{(5)}$ | -33\% | (18) | 0\% | 25 | 78\% |
| 522205 | Metro Commuter Passes | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 88\% | 4 | 87\% | 29 | 37 | 32 | 8 | 22\% | 3 | 10\% | 64 | 45\% |
| 523305 | Shipping and Freight | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 25\% | (0) | -42\% | 10 | 13 | 13 | 3 | 20\% | 2 | 20\% | 22 | 47\% |
| 522430 | Misc. Other Services \& Chrgs | 20 | 13 | 2 | ${ }^{(7)}$ | .57\% | (18) | -1064\% | 97 | 90 | 119 | (7) | -8\% | ${ }^{22}$ | 19\% | 154 | 63\% |
| 522720 | Insurance - General \& Professional |  | - |  | 5 |  |  |  | - | $\cdot$ |  | - | 0\% | - | 0\% |  | 0\% |
| 523100 | Civilian Payroll | 140 | 214 | 241 | 75 | 35\% | 102 | 42\% | 971 | 1,500 | 1,538 | 529 | 35\% | 567 | 37\% | 2,571 | 38\% |
| 523200 | Classified Payroll | 119 | 205 | 288 | 86 | 42\% | 169 | 59\% | 929 | 1,435 | 2,444 | 506 | 35\% | 1,515 | 62\% | 2,460 | 38\% |
| 523300 | Supplies |  | 0 |  | 0 | 100\% |  |  | ${ }^{0}$ | 0 | ${ }^{29}$ | , | 35\% | 29 | 0\% | 0 | 38\% |
| 523400 | Services | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 49\% | 1 | 48\% | 14 | 22 | 10 | 8 | 35\% | (4) | -47\% | 7 | 38 |
| 523000 | Sub-Contractor (COH-HPD) Total | 260 | 422 | 532 | 162 | 38\% | 272 | 51\% | 1,914 | 2,956 | 4,020 | 1,042 | 35\% | 2,106 | 52\% | 5,068 | 38\% |
|  |  | 620 | 733 | 827 | 113 | 15\% | 206 | 25\% | 4,147 | 5,131 | 6,414 | 984 | 19\% | 2,267 | 35\% | 8,796 | 476 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - ACcrual basis
For the Period July 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018

| Non-Capital Expenditures |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 551010 | Furniture and Fixtures |
| 551015 | Computer Hardware/SW |
| 551025 | Scientific/Foren Eqmt |
|  | Total Non-Capital Expenditures |
| Capital Expenditures |  |
| 170140 | Improvements |
| 170210 | Furniture \& Fixtures |
| 170230 | Computer Hardware/SW |
| 170240 | Scientific/Foren Eqmt |
| 170980 | Const in Progress |
|  | Total Capital Expenditures |
| Total Expense and Capital Before Depreciation |  |
| 561230 | Depreciation |
| 570505 | FA Gain/Loss |
| 610000 | City of Houston Direct Overhead |
|  | Grant and Training Expense |


| Current Month (Preliminary) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FY18 | FY18 | FY17 |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan 1- Jan 31, } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ | Budget | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan } 1 \text { - Jan 31, } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ | Budget - Actual | \% | FY18-FY17 | \% |
| 3 | 8 | 11 | 5 | 63\% | 8 | 71\% |
| 32 | 13 | 1 | (18) | -138\% | (31) | -5199\% |
| 2 | 2 |  | (0) | -10\% | (2) |  |
| 37 | 23 | 11 | (13) | -57\% | (25) | -226\% |
| - | - | - | - |  | - |  |
| - | - | - | - |  | - |  |
| 6 | - |  | (6) |  | (6) |  |
| 5 | 53 |  | 48 | 91\% | (5) |  |
| 148 | . |  | (148) |  | (148) |  |
| 159 | 53 | - | (106) | -200\% | (159) |  |
| 2,084 | 2,294 | 1,965 | 210 | 9\% | (119) | -6\% |
| 40 | 36 | 38 | (4) | -11\% | (2) | -4\% |
| 122 | 122 | 122 | (0) | 0\% | - | 0\% |
|  | 49 |  | 49 | 100\% | - |  |
| 2,246 | 2,501 | 2,125 | 255 | 10\% | (121) | -6\% |
| $(2,098)$ | (277) | $(1,825)$ | $(2,331)$ | 842\% | (273) | 15\% |


| YTD |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { FY18 } \\ \hline \text { July 1- Jan } \\ 31,2018 \end{gathered}$ | FY18 | FY17 | Variance |  |  |  |
|  | Budget | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } 1 \text { - Jan } \\ 31,2017 \end{gathered}$ | Vs. Budget | \% | Vs. FY17 | \% |
| 29 | 58 | 66 | 30 | 51\% | 37 | 56\% |
| 104 | 93 | 41 | (11) | -12\% | (63) | -154\% |
| 6 | 12 | 34 | , | 48\% | 28 | 82\% |
| 139 | 163 | 141 | 24 | 15\% | 2 | 1\% |
| - | - |  | - | 0\% | - | 0\% |
| - | - | - | - | 0\% |  | 0\% |
| 366 | - | 331 | (366) | 0\% | (35) | 0\% |
| 51 | 371 | 450 | 320 | 86\% | 399 | 89\% |
| 102 | - |  | (102) | 0\% | (102) | 0\% |
| 519 | 371 | 781 | (148) | -40\% | 262 | 34\% |
| 13,602 | 16,060 | 14,822 | 2,457 | 15\% | 1,220 | 8\% |
| 280 | 252 | 245 | (28) | -11\% | (35) | -14\% |
|  |  |  |  | 0\% |  | \% |
| 852 | 852 | 852 | (0) | 0\% | - | 0\% |
| - | 345 |  | 345 | 100\% | - | 0\% |
| 14,734 | 17,508 | 15,919 | 2,773 | 16\% | 1,184 | 7\% |
| 7,089 | $(1,938)$ | 4,693 | 9,027 | -466\% | 2,396 | 51\% |


| FY18 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| FY18 | \% Year |
| Budget V1 | Completed |
| 100 | 29\% |
| 160 | 65\% |
| 20 | 30\% |
| 280 | 50\% |
| - | 0\% |
|  | \%\% |
| 635 | \% |
|  | 0\% |
| 635 | 82\% |
| 27,531 | 49\% |
| 432 | 65\% |
| 1,460 | 58\% |
| 591 | 0\% |
| 30,014 | 49\% |
| $(3,323)$ | -213\% |

HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

By Quarter
(in '000's)

## ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents Bank of Texas-Operating
Total Current Assets
Accounts Receivable
Accounts Receivable
Total Accounts Receivable
Capital Assets Net of Depreciation
Capital Assets
Accumulated Depreciation
Total Net Capital Assets
Other Assets
Prepaid - HR
Prepaid - Insurance
Prepaid - Service Agreements
Prepaid - Other
Total Other Assets
TOTAL ASSETS
LIABILITIES
Accounts Payables
Payroll Tax Liability
Other Liabilities, Including Fund 2213 Billing Deferred - Others
Total Liabilities
NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE
Unrestricted/Unassigned
Temporarily Restricted - SAFE Funds
Net Investment in Capital Assets
Total Net Position
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.
Finance Division
List of Grant Contracts
As of February 5, 2018

## Awarded

| Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name of Project: NIJ FY 15 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program |  |  |  |
| Start and End Dates: 01/2016 to 12/2017 |  |  |  |
| Contact: Sherry Cochran |  |  |  |
| Award Number: 2015-DN-BX-0072 | Award Bal. | Invoiced Total | To Invoice Total |
| Amount of Award | \$ 1,172,752.00 |  |  |
| Grant Inception to date | \$ (1,119,143.66) | 955,301.23 | $(163,842.43)$ |
| Grant Balance | \$ 53,608.34 |  |  |

Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ

| Name of Project: | NIJ FY 16 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Start and End Dates: 01/01/2017-12/31/2018 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Contact: Alissa Genovese |  |  |  |  |  |
| Award Number: | 2016-DN-BX-0142 | Award Bal. |  | Invoiced Total | To Invoice Total |
|  | Amount of Award: | \$ | 741,000 |  |  |
|  | Grant Inception to date: | \$ | $(270,637)$ | 266,533.88 | $(4,102.69)$ |
|  | Grant Balance: | \$ | 470,363 |  |  |

Status: Awarded
Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ

Name of Project: | NIJ FY 17 DNA Capacity Enhancement |
| :--- |
| and Backlog Reduction Program |

Start and End Dates: 01/01/2018-12/31/2019
Contact: Monte Evans
Award Number: 2017-DN-BX-0027 Award Bal. Invoiced Total To Invoice

| Amount of Award: | $\$$ | 867,755 |  |
| ---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Grant Inception to date: | $\$$ | $(909.60)$ | $(909.60)$ |
|  | $\$$ | 866,845 |  |

Status: Awarded

| Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name of Project: $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cap Enhancement for Drug and DNA } \\ & \text { Testing in Sexual Assault Cases }\end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Start and End Dates: 01/01/2018-12/31/2020 |  |  |  |
| Contact: Monte Evans |  |  |  |
| Award Number: 2017-DN-BX-0176 | Award Bal. | Invoiced Total | To Invoice Total |
| Amount of Award: | 114,000.00 | - | 114,000.00 |
| HFSC Match | 38,000.00 | - | 38,000.00 |
| Grant Inception to date: | - | - | - |
| Grant Balance: | 114,000.00 |  |  |

Status: Awarded

Awarding Agency: Texas Mutual (HFSC's insurance provider)

| Name of Project: | pment - Ergonomic Chairs | Award Bal. |  | Invoiced Total | To Invoice <br> Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Start and End Dates: | One Time Funding |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Amount of Award: | \$ | 1,500 |  |  |  |
|  | Grant Inception to date: | \$ | $(1,500)$ | 1,500.00 | \$ | - |
|  | Grant Balance: | \$ | - |  |  |  |

Status: Awarded
Awarding Agency: Texas Mutual (HFSC's insurance provider)
Name of Project: $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hurricane Harvey Relief - Personnel Lost } \\ & \text { workday }\end{aligned}$ Award Bal. Invoiced Total To Invoice $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \end{aligned}$
Start and End Dates:
One Time Fundin
Amount of Award: \$ 10,000
Grant Inception to date: $\$ \quad(10,000) \quad 10,000.00 \quad \$ \quad-$

Grant Balance: \$

## HFSC's FY19 Budget Request

 Getting to the RIGHT ANSWER at the RIGHT TIME
# HFSC - Cost of Providing the Right Answer at the Right Time 



|  | FY17 Actual | FY18 Budget | Forecast FY18 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Proposed } \\ \text { FY19 } \\ \text { Budget } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HFSC | 14,875 | 16,922 | 16,922 | 21,089 |
| Fund 2213 | 8,545 | 7,239 | 7,239 | 3,072 |
| Grants | 1,771 | 1,016 | 345 | 890 |
| Other | 71 | 55 | 60 | 26 |
| Total Cash In | 25,262 | 25,231 | 24,566 | 25,076 |
| Personnel (HFSC) | 12,428 | 16,277 | 15,113 | 17,427 |
| Services (CoHFFund 2213) | 6,193 | 5,068 | 3,201 | 3,072 |
| Persaonnel - Total (HFSC + CoH) | 18,621 | 21,346 | 18,314 | 20,498 |
| Supplies | 1,683 | 1,542 | 1,466 | 1,567 |
| Services (Non CoH) | 4,016 | 3,728 | 3,636 | 3,434 |
| Non-Capital Expenditures | 297 | 280 | 281 | 309 |
| Capital Expenditures | 706 | 635 | 698 | 450 |
| Grant and Training Expenses |  | 591 | - | 890 |
| Total Cash Expenditures | 25,322 | 28,122 | 24,396 | 27,148 |
| Net Cash in / (out) | (60) |  | 169 | $(2,072)$ |
| Beginning Cash | 1,494 |  | 2,240 | 2,409 |
| Ending Cash |  |  | 2,409 | 337 |
| \% change in total cash expenditures |  | 11\% | -4\% | -3\% |
| \% change in people cost |  | 15\% | -2\% | -4\% |
| CASH BASIS, NO DEPRECIATION OR 1.46 m OVERHEAD CHARGE |  |  |  |  |





|  | FY16 | FY17 | FY181st H FY18FCST | FY19B |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 115 | 138 | 162 | 171 | 180 |
| HFSC Employees | 67 | 51 | 29 | 27 | 24 |
| CoH Employees | 19 | 16 | 15 | 8 | 0 |
| Open Positions | 201 | 205 | 206 | 205 | 204 |
| Total number of Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |




HFSC FY19 Budget - Services


## HFSC FY19 CAPITAL SPENDING

Triple Quad Mass Spectrometer

- Adds capacity for drug confirmation testing in Toxicology unit for drugs current machines cannot test
- Reduce turn-around time
- Newer technology has made the machine smaller than current machines which is critical given current facility challenges
- Looking at 2 machines, purchase 1 and a collaboration opportunity
- Estimated \$450K


## HFSC FY19 BUDGET REQUEST SUMMARY

- Request your approval of the presented budget which is flat with the FY18 approved budget
- It is critical for HFSC to keep and apply all FY18 amounts not spent in FY18 and apply those funds to FY19
- The main changes year over year are that of personnel which are made up of:
- Open positions
- Movement from CoH to HFSC positions



|  |  |  |  | FY17 Actual | FY18 Budget | FY18 <br> Forecast | FY19 Budget | FY19B vs. FY18B | FY19B vs. FY18FCST |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Supplies: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 511010 |  | Chemical Gases \& Special Fluids | 14,094 | 14,555 | 13,164 | 14,094 | (461) | 930 |
|  | 511015 |  | Cleaning \& Sanitary Supplies | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 511020 |  | Construction Materials | - | - | 100 | 67 | 67 | (33) |
|  | 511025 |  | Eectrical Hardw are \& Parts | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 511030 |  | Mechanical Hardw are \& Parts | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 511035 |  | Meters, Hydro \& Plumb | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 511040 |  | Audio Visual Supplies | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 511045 |  | Computer Supplies | 47,407 | 56,119 | 28,938 | 38,954 | $(17,165)$ | 10,017 |
|  | 511050 |  | Paper \& Printing Supplies | 29,730 | 30,029 | 23,583 | 25,041 | $(4,988)$ | 1,458 |
|  | 511055 |  | Publications \& Printed Material | 16,931 | 17,661 | 11,778 | 14,070 | $(3,591)$ | 2,292 |
|  | 511060 |  | Postage | 1,310 | 1,278 | 1,233 | 1,341 | 64 | 108 |
|  | 511070 |  | Miscellaneous Office Supplies | 99,867 | 101,080 | 86,442 | 89,648 | $(11,432)$ | 3,207 |
|  | 511080 |  | General Laboratory Supply | 1,381,674 | 1,207,694 | 1,207,897 | 1,288,590 | 80,896 | 80,693 |
|  | 511085 |  | Drugs \& Medical Chemicals | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 511090 |  | Medical \& Surgical Supplies | - | 1,452 | 1,125 | 750 | (702) | (375) |
|  | 511095 |  | Small Technical \& Scientific Eq | 18,928 | 21,263 | 5,877 | 7,666 | $(13,597)$ | 1,789 |
|  | 511110 |  | Fuel | - | - | 41 | 27 | 27 | (14) |
|  | 511115 |  | Vehicle Repair \& Maint Supplies | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 511120 |  | Clothing | 29,028 | 41,183 | 33,632 | 34,172 | $(7,011)$ | 539 |
|  | 511125 |  | Food/Event Supplies | 17,988 | 20,125 | 15,413 | 14,337 | $(5,788)$ | $(1,076)$ |
|  | 511130 |  | Weapons Munitions \& Supplies | 8,133 | 4,600 | 6,094 | 9,253 | 4,653 | 3,159 |
|  | 511145 |  | Small Tools \& Minor Equipment | 11,798 | 9,782 | 17,818 | 18,365 | 8,583 | 546 |
|  | 511150 |  | Miscellaneous Parts \& Supplies | 5,787 | 15,032 | 12,940 | 10,167 | $(4,865)$ | $(2,773)$ |
|  |  |  |  | 1,682,675 | 1,541,852 | 1,466,075 | 1,566,542 | 24,691 | 100,467 |


|  |  |  |  | FY17 Actual | FY18 Budget | FY18 <br> Forecast | FY19 Budget | FY19B vs. FY18B | FY19B vs. FY18FCST |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 520100 |  | Temporary Personnel Services | 7,195 | - | 958 | - | - | (958) |
|  | 520105 |  | Accounting \& Auditing Svcs | 30,875 | 33,040 | 36,675 | 35,427 | 2,387 | $(1,248)$ |
|  | 520106 |  | Architectural Svcs | - | - | 49,989 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 11 |
|  | 520107 |  | Computer Info/Contracting Svcs | 28,396 | 28,396 | 9,964 | 19,907 | $(8,489)$ | 9,943 |
|  | 520109 |  | Medical Dental \& Laboratory Ser | 494,713 | 175,000 | 62,788 | 85,000 | $(90,000)$ | 22,213 |
|  | 520110 |  | Management Consulting Services | 550,285 | 299,000 | 284,585 | 60,000 | $(239,000)$ | $(224,585)$ |
|  | 520112 |  | Banking Services | 3,243 | 3,486 | 2,807 | 2,970 | (516) | 163 |
|  | 520113 |  | Photographic Services | 318 | 1,318 | 965 | 643 | (675) | (322) |
|  | 520114 |  | Misc Support Serv Recruit Relo | 88,324 | 84,210 | 124,329 | 118,268 | 34,058 | $(6,062)$ |
|  | 520115 |  | Real Estate Rental | 1,016,067 | 1,078,991 | 1,011,981 | 1,010,905 | $(68,086)$ | $(1,076)$ |
|  | 520118 |  | Refuse Disposal | 4,493 | 4,493 | 2,617 | 3,712 | (781) | 1,095 |
|  | 520119 |  | Computer Equip/Softw are Maint. | 429,441 | 421,014 | 658,988 | 626,171 | 205,157 | $(32,817)$ |
|  | 520121 |  | IT Application Services | 42,827 | 129,623 | 115,931 | 101,512 | $(28,110)$ | $(14,419)$ |
|  | 520123 |  | Vehicle \& Motor Equip. Services | 3,424 | 7,898 | 1,490 | 2,977 | $(4,922)$ | 1,486 |
|  | 520124 |  | Other Equipment Services | 273,672 | 302,129 | 175,456 | 219,553 | $(82,576)$ | 44,097 |
|  | 520143 |  | Credit/Bank Card Sves | 999 | 411 | 247 | 224 | (187) | (22) |
|  | 520145 |  | Criminal Intelligence Services | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 520520 |  | Printing \& Reproduction Serv. | 13,607 | 12,390 | 9,363 | 12,158 | (232) | 2,795 |
|  | 520605 |  | Public Information Sves | 7,431 | 11,568 | 3,615 | 3,367 | $(8,201)$ | (249) |
|  | 520705 |  | Insurance (Non-Medical) | 109,284 | 142,000 | 103,168 | 107,581 | $(34,419)$ | 4,413 |
|  | 520760 |  | Contributions | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | - | $(1,000)$ | $13^{-}$ |



|  |  | FY17 Actual | FY18 Budget | FY18 <br> Forecast | FY19 Budget | FY19B vs. FY18B | FY19B vs. FY18FCST |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Capital Expenditures |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 551010 | Furniture and Fixtures | 90,436 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | - | - |
| 551015 | Computer Equipment | 148,058 | 160,000 | 159,064 | 173,085 | 13,085 | 14,021 |
| 551025 | Scientific/Medical Equipment | 58,204 | 20,000 | 22,061 | 35,735 | 15,735 | 13,674 |
|  | Total Non-Capital Expenditures | 296,698 | 280,000 | 281,124 | 308,820 | 28,820 | 27,695 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Capital Expenditures |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 170140 | Improvements | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 170210 | Furniture \& Fixtures | - | - |  |  | - | - |
| 170230 | Computer Hardware/SW | 514,558 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 170240 | Scientific/Foren Eqmt | 191,091 | 635,490 | 698,343 | 450,000 | $(185,490)$ | $(248,343)$ |
| 170980 | Const in Progress | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | Total Capital Expenditures | 705,649 | 635,490 | 698,343 | 450,000 | $(185,490)$ | $(248,343)$ |
| Total Expense and Capital Before Depreciation |  | 25,322,133 | 27,531,000 | 24,396,133 | 26,258,157 | $(1,272,843)$ | 1,862,024 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 561230 | Depreciation | 432,917 | 432,352 | 478,807 | 477,202 | 44,850 | $(1,605)$ |
| 620000 | HPD-Reimbursed Expenses | - | - |  |  | - | - |
| 669000 | Reconciliation Discrepancies | - | - |  |  | - | - |
| Total Expense and Capital After Depreciation |  | 25,755,050 | 27,963,352 | 24,874,940 | 26,735,359 | $(1,227,993)$ | 1,860,419 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Ordinary Income After Capital Expenditures |  | 967,288 | $(1,272,009)$ | 1,150,618 | $(199,215)$ | 1,072,794 | $(1,349,833)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Expense: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 610000 | City of Houston Direct Overhead | 1,460,000 | 1,460,000 | 1,460,000 | 1,460,000 | 0 | - |
|  | Grant and Training Expense | - | 590,757 | - | 890,000 | 299,243 | 890,000 |
|  | FA Gain/Loss | 48,082 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total Cash Out |  |  | 169,425 | $(2,072,013)$ |  |  |
|  | Beginning Cash Balance |  |  | 2,239,716 | 2,409,140 |  |  |
|  | End of Year Cash / (Deficit) |  |  | 2,409,140 | 337,127 |  |  |



## Houston Forensic Science Center

INTEROFFICE MEMO

| To: | Peter Stout, PhD, President and CEO |
| :--- | :--- |
| From: | Lori Wilson, Quality Director |
| Cc: | Amy Castillo, PhD, COO |
| Darry Pena, Director, Crime Scene/Digital and Multimedia Division |  |
| Re: | February 5, 2018 |

## TESTIMONY MONITORING

Six staff members testified during the month and all testimony was monitored in person by a fellow HFSC staff member. Please see below for graphical details.


## PROFICIENCY TESTS

Proficiency activity is shown below.

| Test Identifier | Discipline | Number of Tests Assigned | Number of Participants | Date Assigned | Date Submitted to Provider | Issue? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17-5705 | Forensic Biology | 9 | Varies | 9/15/2017 | 11/03/2017 | n/a |
| PARF-C 2017 | Forensic Biology: Parentage | 1 | 1 | 9/27/2017 | 11/14/2017 | n/a |
| 17-5671 | Toxicology: Urine Drug Analysis | 1 | 2 | 9/29/2017 | 10/26/2017 | no |
| 17-5191 | Latent Print Processing | 2 | 2 | 10/16/2017 | 11/21/2017 | no |
| 17-527 | Firearms Examination | 5 | 5 | 10/20/2017 | 12/13/2017 | no |
| 18-5701 | Forensic Biology | 8 | varies | 1/9/2018 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Due } \\ 3 / 5 / 2018 \end{gathered}$ | n/a |
| 18-5250 | Firearms: Serial <br> Number <br> Restoration | 2 | 2 | 1/22/2018 | Due $3 / 19 / 2018$ | n/a |
| 18-5162 | Latent Prints | 1 | 1 | 1/30/2018 | Due $3 / 26 / 2018$ | n/a |

BLIND QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM
January activity is shown below.

| Discipline | Number of Cases <br> Assigned | Number of Cases <br> Completed | Results |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Toxicology | 10 | 10 | satisfactory |
| Controlled Substances | 12 | 15 | satisfactory |
| Firearms - Blind Quality Control | 0 | 1 | satisfactory |
| Firearms - Blind Verification | 1 | 1 | satisfactory |
| Latent Print Processing | 3 | 1 | satisfactory |
| Latent Print Comparison | 9 | 3 | satisfactory |
| Biology | 4 | 1 | satisfactory |
| Digital Forensics | 0 | 0 | n/a |



This graph represents the number of BQC cases created since the beginning of the program (September 2015) through the end of January 2018.

After re-evaluating the BQC master list, the Quality Division determined the previously reported numbers for Toxicology (previously reported as 227) and Firearms BQC (previously reported as 19) were inaccurate. The correct numbers are reflected above.

Please see Attachment 1 for additional BQC details.

## INCIDENTS/CORRECTIVE/PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

Information regarding specific incidents and corrective actions reported during the month is included as Attachment 2.

## COMPLAINTS

On February 2, the Quality Division received a Complaint Form completed by the Firearms Manager. The complaint was based upon communications with an assistant Harris County District Attorney concerning the way firearms evidence was packaged after analysis. Additional information will be included in the February Quality Division report.

## DISCLOSURES

On February 2, the Texas Forensic Science Commission heard HFSC's self-disclosure concerning the Forensic Multimedia Unit. The disclosure involved a scene video that was not captured by the FMU analyst as requested by the investigating agency. The Commission voted to take no action. The Commission also voted to take no action on the Crime Scene Unit self-disclosure made in May 2017 that
involved deficiencies in documentation, collection and recovery of evidence by a Crime Scene Investigator.

Notification has been made to the Commission of a nonconformance involving another FMU analyst who shredded original call-out scene notes. HFSC's investigation will include a review of all audio and video cases worked by this analyst, approximately 100 cases. A self-disclosure form will be submitted to the Commission once more information is obtained from the review. This analyst is no longer employed by HFSC.

## AUDITS and INSPECTIONS

Since July 2017, the Quality Division has conducted monthly Quality File Reviews. These reviews are for administrative accuracy only and have included approximately 65 case records from the Toxicology, Firearms, Controlled Substances, Latent Prints, and the Digital/Multimedia Unit. Eleven Biology/DNA records were reviewed in January. These records included cases with reports finalized in December and January. This time frame was selected because an unannounced audit of the Biology section was performed in January that included case records completed prior to December. No nonconformances were noted.

The Biology unannounced audit was conducted January 3-5, 2018. The purpose of this audit was to determine if appropriate and sustainable corrective actions were taken to address the findings reported in the August 2017 internal audit. Three nonconformances were noted (see 2018-IA-07 through 2018-IA09 on Attachment 2).

The Quality Division conducted annual internal audits of the Firearms and Controlled Substance sections during the month of January. The audits focused on determining compliance with sectional procedures, Quality Manual requirements and accreditation standards. The audits also included a review of case records completed since the last internal audits. Nonconformance details can be found in Attachment 2 of this report. Audit reports are posted on HFSC's public eDiscovery site (www.houstonforensicscience .org).

The remaining yearly internal audits include:

- Latent Prints- scheduled for the week of February 12
- Digital Multimedia Evidence- scheduled for the week of February 19
- Biology- scheduled for the week of March 19
- Toxicology- scheduled for the week of April 2

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

## Attachment 1

Blind Quality Testing Project Update - January 2018

Quality Division Goals

| Discipline | Target Cases <br> Assigned |
| :---: | :---: |
| Controlled Substances | 8/month |
| Toxicology | 8/month |
| Biology | $4 /$ month |
| Firearms - Blind |  |
| Verification | $1 /$ month |
| Firearms - Blind Quality | $1 /$ month |
| Control | $3 /$ month |
| Latent Print Processing | $10 /$ month |
| Latent Print Comparison | 1/month |
| Digital Forensics |  |

## Challenges

- Multiple controlled substance blind cases discovered by the analyst during analysis.
- Two latent print processing cases discovered by the examiner during analysis.
- Toxicology kit packaging from vendor were in production in January.


January 2018 Results

| Forensic Discipline | Cases Completed |
| :---: | :---: |
| Controlled Substances | 15 |
| Toxicology - BAC | 10 |
| Biology | 1 |
| Firearms - Blind Verification | 1 |
| Firearms - Blind Quality Control | 1 |
| Latent Print Processing | 1 |
| Latent Print Comparison | 3 |
| Digital Forensics | 0 |

## Mitigation

- Interviewed analysts who identified the blind cases.
- Latent Print Processing:
- evidence packaging
- placement of latent on crowbar
- Controlled Substances:
- submission form printed in color by Property Division
- evidence baggie was too neat
- Toxicology target was lowered for January to ensure enough packaging was available to submit 2 cases/week.


## Achievements

- Received first list of controlled substance cases for destruction from the HPD Property Division. These cases will be analyzed by the laboratory and candidates will be identified for the BQC program.


## Attachment 2



HFSC's Quality Division investigates nonconforming work and helps develop solutions in compliance with accreditation and legal standards. With regard to the items listed above, the Division has not detected any use of inaccurate results in a criminal proceeding.

|  | Quality Notified | Summary of Notification | Comments |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2018-IA-08 CAR | 1/31/2018 | The chains of custody for four cases showed evidence extracts to be in analysts' custody but the items were actually in long term storage. Two evidence items located in the long-term room temperature storage could not be located at the time of the audit but have since been located. |  |  |
| 2018-IA-09 CAR | 1/31/2018 | Analysts did not follow NDIS procedures for entering partial profiles into CODIS. |  |  |
| Controlled Substances |  |  |  |  |
| 2018-005 <br> IR | 1/24/2018 | The same analyst performed both the technical and administrative reviews on this case. This is a violation of the Quality Manual and Controlled Substance sectional SOP. |  |  |
| 2018-IA-10 <br> CAR | 1/31/2018 | Two controlled substances analysts testified in 2017 but their testimony was not monitored as required by policy. |  |  |
| 2018-IA-11 <br> CAR | 1/31/2018 | Original case observations were rewritten on new worksheets and the original worksheets were not retained in the case record. The analyst added extra digits to the forensic case number listed on the original documents, believing that since the case numbers no longer matched, the original documents did not need to be maintained as part of the case record. |  |  |
| 2018-IA-12 <br> CAR | 1/31/2018 | During the witnessing of casework, a series of presumptive tests were repeated but only the last test result was documented in the case record. |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2018-IA-13 } \\ & \text { IR } \end{aligned}$ | 1/31/2018 | The Controlled Substance Standard Log Sheet form was revised but weights of the drug standards previously inventoried before the new form became effective were recorded on the obsolete form. |  |  |

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|  | Quality Notified | Summary of Notification | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2018-IA-14 <br> CAR | 1/31/2018 | A portion of evidence encountered in casework was retained in the Controlled Substances section as reference material for reagent QC testing purposes. Removal of this reference material was not documented in the case record nor documented in the chain of custody. |  |
| Crime Scene |  |  |  |
| 2018-002 <br> CAR | 1/8/2018 | At a homicide scene, the CSI did not collect evidence in accordance with CSU SOP. He specifically did not collect items that may have been handled by the suspect for DNA and/or latent print processing. |  |
| Firearms |  |  |  |
| 2018-IA-01 <br> CAR | 1/26/2018 | During a conflict resolution, the reason for rejecting the conclusions of the first firearms examiner was not documented. Additionally, the original observations of the second examiner were not documented on the comparison worksheet. |  |
| 2018-IA-02 <br> CAR | 1/25/2018 | During the internal audit, chain of custody transfer errors were noted in two cases. Additionally, the initial transfer of evidence out of the vault for the section's 'buddy check' was not documented on multiple chains of custody. |  |
| 2018-IA-03 <br> IR | 1/26/2018 | A monthly performance check of the balance was not completed in November 2017. |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2018-IA-04 } \\ & \text { IR } \end{aligned}$ | 1/26/2018 | A trigger pull gauge was not performance checked monthly nor was it marked out of service. |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2018-IA-05 } \\ & \text { CAR } \end{aligned}$ | 1/26/2018 | Analytical results for one case were released to an officer prior to the release of the report. However, the case record did not contain documentation that the release was approved by a supervisor or manager. |  |

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|  | Quality Notified |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2018-IA-06 | Summary of Notification |
| IR | NIBIN reports for items not suitable for NIBIN entry have <br> the same report statement as items labeled as suitable and <br> entered into the database. The statement: "Laboratory <br> testing associated with IBIS analysis in firearm(s) and/or <br> fired cartridge case(s) submitted in this incident has been <br> completed. The appropriate investigative agency(ies) <br> and/or division(s) will be notified of any possible NIBIN <br> associations with this evidence" could be interpreted that <br> the case was entered into NIBIN when it was not. |
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## Latent Prints

2018-001 1/4/2018 The Latent Print SOP requires a yearly verification check of
IR scanners, computer monitors and Photoshop software. The 2017 verification was not completed on three computers.

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