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V-Tech Supports DBH in the Fight Against Opioids

Washington, DC- In response to the opioid crisis, which has hit hard in the District of Columbia, the Office of Behavioral Health (DBH) has launched the Integrated Community Response Team (ICRT). The ICRT will offer 24/7 support to provide outreach support services, assessments, consultations, treatment encouragement, and offer less threatening alternatives such as naloxone. In addition to health-related services, a criminal justice diversion component will reduce the likelihood of incarceration for behavioral health-related offenses. The ICRT will be available for short-term psychiatric emergencies and trauma and long-term education and recovery with the help of partnering community organizations.

V-Tech Solutions Inc. is working with The MECCA Group L.L.C. to provide DBH with qualified experts committed to going on the front lines to provide service. Behavioral Health specialists, licensed clinicians, and peer recovery coaches will work on-site with partnering agencies such as the Metropolitan Police Department (M.P.D.) to reach people where they are in the time of critical need. The on-boarded professionals understand the epidemic first hand and the vulnerability associated with addiction. The ICRT will be in operation day and night to increase this targeted population's well-being to include the homeless and affected families.

The opioid epidemic includes the misuse of addictive drugs to have prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetics such as fentanyl. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (C.D.C.) reports that in 2017 more than 47,000 Americans died from an opioid overdose. That year, over 1.7 million people suffered from opioid-related substance abuse disorder. Washington, DC, ranks among the third-highest percentage of overdose deaths per capita. The largest demographic affected are men between the ages of 25-44, and a rising population of concern is youth ages 12-17.

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