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### **The Council on Recovery Named Number Two Local Charity in the City of Houston** *Texas-Based Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Provider Honored for Excellence*

HOUSTON, July 2, 2015 – The Council on Recovery, the leading Texas-based substance abuse prevention and treatment provider serving the greater Houston and Austin communities, has been named the number two “Best Local Charity in Houston” by the Houston A-List. As one of twenty non-profit organizations to be nominated in the category, The Council on Recovery was voted to the number two position during a voting period which collected over 11,000 votes from local Houston-area experts. Other nominees included well-known non-profits such as Neighborhood Centers, Inc., Ronald McDonald House Houston, Houston Food Bank, and United Way of Greater Houston.

“This recognition is a source of great pride to us at The Council on Recovery and speaks to our commitment to provide compassionate excellence at every level from the vast array of community programs and services we offer to our team of devoted staff who interact with our clients and their families on a daily basis,” said William M. (Mel) Taylor, MSW, President and CEO of The Council on Recovery. “We aim to improve the whole health of our community by providing substance abuse, addiction, and related services to individuals and families here in Houston, and beyond.”

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 22.1 million people ages 12 and older abuse or are dependent upon drugs and alcohol. The Council on Recovery provides much needed residential and outpatient treatment services for addiction and related issues to individuals and families in need of help. Through innovative treatment methods, a compassionate staff, and a vast array of comprehensive services, The Council on Recovery is the only center to provide a full spectrum of prevention, education, intervention, and treatment services for all ages and all segments of the Houston and Austin communities.

In May 2015, two of the state’s leading alcohol and drug treatment facilities, The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston and Austin Recovery, rebranded under one name and are now known as The Council on Recovery. Under a unified name, mission and brand, The Council on Recovery has established programs in each city that complement each other, and provide comprehensive care that treats the entire family, not just the individual. Already, The Council on Recovery has incorporated Houston’s model for an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) through its Center for Recovering Families - Austin, consolidated its residential rehab services to one location at Hicks Family Ranch in Buda where clients from all over the state can enjoy the beautiful Texas Hill Country setting during their residential treatment with The Council on Recovery.

#### **About The Council on Recovery**

With a combined 117 years of experience, The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston (founded 1946) and Austin Recovery (founded 1967), have rebranded as The Council on Recovery. The combined organization offers the best in behavioral healthcare for the diverse communities of Texas, and a full continuum of treatment services and recovery support including the highest quality of residential and outpatient services for all individuals and families in need. The Council on Recovery is a nonprofit agency affiliated with the United Way, and also receives funding from The Texas Department of State Health Services as well as private contributions, special events and program fees on a sliding-scale basis according to client need. For more information about The Council on Recovery, please visit [www.councilonrecovery.org](http://www.councilonrecovery.org).

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