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COUNCIL ON RECOVERY TO HOST 2018 HOUSTON OPIOID SUMMIT

July 25-27 Summit to Gather Multi-Sector Experts to Confront Opioid Crisis & Forge Solutions

WHO: **The Council on Recovery**, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping the community healthy, productive, and safe by providing programs, services and information to all who may be adversely affected by alcoholism, drug abuse, other addictions, and co-occurring mental health disorders.

WHAT: **The Council on Recovery** and the **Prevention Resource Center, Region 6**, announce the **2018 Houston Opioid Summit**, July 25-27, the first summit of its kind in Houston to bring together leaders from the medical, legal, prevention, treatment, legislative, and media sectors to increase awareness of the opioid epidemic and create actionable solutions to save lives.

Taking place at The Council's main campus at **303 Jackson Hill** in Houston, the Opioid Summit will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions, roundtable dialogues, and break-out sessions across four major sectors: Medical, legal, prevention, and treatment. The Opioid Summit will dive deep into this public health emergency that claimed 42,000 lives in 2016 (according to HHS) by exploring all aspects of the issue. It will also examine the role media plays in both the problem and solutions.

The Opioid Summit kicks off Wednesday evening, July 25th, with the free screening of the new documentary - **Do No Harm: The Opioid Epidemic** introduced by its producer, Harry Wiland, Founder of the Media Policy Center. Thursday, July 26th features an opening keynote address on the scope of the issue, followed by breakout sessions throughout the day and a mid-afternoon keynote address focusing on advocacy. Friday, July 26th opens with a keynote address on the media's role, followed by additional breakout sessions and roundtable dialogues. The Opioid Summit wraps up Friday afternoon with the intimate and personal perspectives of three nationally prominent figures whose lives were forever changed by opioid addiction. A detailed program for the event will be released by July 1st.

WHEN: **Weds., July 25, 2018, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM** – Free Screening of "Do No Harm" & Panel Discussion
Thurs., July 26, 2018, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM – 2018 Houston Opioid Summit
Fri., July 27, 2018, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM – 2018 Houston Opioid Summit

WHERE: **The Hamill Foundation Conference Center**
at The Council on Recovery (a smoke-free, vape-free, alcohol-free facility)
303 Jackson Hill St.
Houston, TX 77007

ADMISSION: Wednesday evening: Free, but registration required.
Thursday & Friday: \$75 per day, register for one or both days.
Registration includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and refreshments.
Licensed professionals in attendance are eligible to receive up to 12 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for this event.

REGISTRATION: Register at www.councilonrecovery.org For more information, email opioidsummit@councilonrecovery.org or call 281.200.9323

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About The Council on Recovery: Founded in 1946, The Council on Recovery is Houston's oldest and largest non-profit organization providing the full spectrum of prevention, education, intervention, treatment, and recovery services for individuals and families who are affected by alcoholism, drug abuse, other addictions, and co-occurring mental health disorders. Directly touching over 60,000 lives each year through programs for children and youth, in-school and clinical counseling for teens, outpatient substance abuse treatment for adults, services for the elderly, and more, our mission is to provide the highest quality of care at affordable rates, while turning no one away. Affiliated with the United Way of Greater Houston, The Council receives funding from private contributions and grants, special events, and program fees. Visit us at www.councilonrecovery.org.

About the Prevention Resource Center, Region 6 The Prevention Resource Center (PRC) Region 6 is a program of The Council on Recovery and funded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). PRC's goal is to provide data and training resources for substance abuse prevention across the region. Services include: Prevention Needs Assessment; Prevention Training; Referral to Resources; Regional Coordination/Networking; and Central Data Repository. Gulf Coast Area Counties Served: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton. Visit us at www.prc6.org.