



Monday 9th September, 2019
Advisory Board meeting

Safe Haven Advisory Board members in attendance: Kelly Rabalais, Dr. Charles Preston, Major Muller, Richard Kramer, Gene Bellasario, Joan Coffman, Sam Caruso Jr, Julie Nevers,

Absent members

Hon Judge Garcia / Rachel Edelman.
Warren Montgomery/ Collin Sims
Jamie Schlottman

St. Tammany Parish Government

Kelly Rabalais called the meeting to order at 11:00AM. A quorum of the Advisory Board was established also by Kelly.

Approval of Minutes from June 10th,2019 by Dr. Preston and Seconded by Gene Bellasario.

Kelly Rabalais proceeded with the ground breaking that occurred on August the 28th at 2.30pm. Those present were: Hon. Jim Carroll, Director, U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy
Hon. John Kennedy, U.S. Senator
Hon. Patricia P. Brister, President, St. Tammany Parish
Hon. Jack Donahue, LA State Senator (Chairman, Safe Haven Foundation
Invocation and Benediction Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans

Mrs. Rabalais continued with the construction should be finished in February 2020, at which point here will be an official ribbon cutting.

The contract with the Operators (Start Corp) of the CRC and the FQHC are being finalized at this point in time.

The Education and Training facility is at this point still with the Engineers and with Nick Richard Executive Director of Nami St. Tammany. Capital outlay for this facility is \$500,000.

The size of the structure is the appropriate size which can be added onto later. The location for this the Education and training center is on the left-hand side as you enter the Safe Haven Campus, in front of the group homes. A common parking area is also part of the plan.

The much-needed renovations for the Bathrooms on FPHSA are approved, no date to begin has been given at this time. The Ten-acre garden has been designed by Adele Bruce Smith from the



The Ten-acre garden has been designed by Adele Bruce Smith from the Coroner's office and STPG Landscape architect Spaff Goodnow. Adele Bruce Smith explained the focal point of the garden would be a tiered fountain with serene landscaping built around it, with over 3,000 non profits in St. Tammany she will be reaching out to them for help in providing the landscape materials.

Kelly Rabalais continued on behalf of St. Tammany Parish Government explaining that the HUD funds of 5.3 million dollars will be used throughout the Campus but the priority is a master plan. The RFP received seven engineer firms responded and one should be chosen very shortly.

The Department of health recently held an Opioid summit where over 500 persons attended Michelle Harris was recently chosen under a grant the Parish received to be Opioid Analyst for STPG in order to gather data on opioids use in St. Tammany Parish.

Kelly continued she has met with Shannon Hattier coordinators of the specialty courts and Joey Strickland Secretary of the VA. The meeting is to see how they can possibly bring the much-needed programs to St. Tammany Parish. There is a meeting scheduled early October to continue this conversation.

The Department of Correction are ready to start services in Cardinal Cove on the campus of Safe Haven. They are just waiting for the Parish to buy back Cardinal Cove from Pelican Park.

Health Care committee

Dr. Preston on behalf of the Healthcare committee reported that their last meeting was held on August 8th, 2019.

Dr. Preston informed the board that LDH has indeed approved a code for alternative destinations. This is a huge step for transportation. This will lessen the burden of the ER's with Psychiatric patients.

The sobering center does not have a reimbursement code and Dr. Preston has been talking to ACER and Casey Guidry (START) operators of CRC and the FQHC.



Education and Training Committee

On behalf of the Education & Training committee Major Wharton Muller of the STPSO informed the board that he had recently returned from Seattle where he attended the International CIT Conference. Major Muller along with Executive Director of Nami St. Tammany Nick Richard are now nationally certified CIT coordinators.

Mental Health First Aid Training consists of an Eight-hour training. They have already held Four classes and have the final Class beginning in October. This will mean all law enforcement deputies within the STPSO will have MHFA training certification.

Sgt. Bobby Golding also attended the International CIT training in order to find out the different training in Mental Health that will be specifically for Communications and the Corrections department. They are presently working on dates.

Jail Diversion Committee

Adele Bruce Smith Project coordinator on behalf of the Coroners office informed the board that all goals have been achieved for this committee and future meetings will be after Safe Haven is open to address any issues.

The Meeting was adjourned

The Next Safe Haven Advisory board meeting will be held on December 9th, 2019

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