



Monday 9th December, 2019

Advisory Board meeting

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

Absent members: Sheriff Randy Smith, Major Wharton Muller, Hon Judge Garcia / Rachel Edelman, Warren Montgomery, Jamie Schlottman

St. Tammany Parish Government

- i. Kelly Rabalais called the meeting to order at 11:00AM.
- ii. Roll call was done by Adele Bruce Smith
- iii. A quorum of the Advisory Board was established also by Kelly.
- iv. Approval of Minutes from 9th of September by Dr. Preston and Seconded by Gene Bellasario.
- v. Kelly Rabalais proceeded by informing us this would be her last meeting as Chair and the new administration would now be represented by Gina Hayes

Kelly Rabalais:

- i. Opening date of the CRC date is delayed slightly due to the following:
- ii. Firstly, there needed to be an overhang installed where Law enforcement would enter the CRC.
- iii. Secondly, the restrooms needed new vents installed.
- iv. Parish Government would be representing an Amendment to the budget to the Parish Council Lesley Long and Mary Burkell would be there.
- v. Dr. Shockey with Ochsner came and toured the Crisis Receiving Center in November to see if they might also provide clinical services.
- vi. Connection with future plans for Safe Haven are MR. Moody and Senator Cassidy.
- vii. Mr. Dougal is the Head of VA services and inpatient services.
- viii. The renovation for FPHSA bathrooms is now funded.
- ix. The recreational area and dedication for the Ken Thompson memorial will be placed temporarily at the Rotary Gazebo on February 1st 2020 until the permanent place is ready.



- x. The LA safe grant of 5.3 million is available, Architects and consulting firm, Kyle and Associates and the Parish are compiling plans to start on the Safe Haven infrastructure and grounds, including drainage etc.
- xi. The RFP for the Opioid software company was advertised in December and January will be the opening.
- xii. Gina Hayes will be the Parish president elects new CEO so this will be her last Board meeting.

Healthcare Committee

- xiii. Dr. Preston informed the board there was nothing to report at this time but when CRC was open, is when he will be scheduling more meetings in order to solve any issues.

Jail Diversion

- xiv. There were also no updates from Jail Diversion. Jail Diversion programming running smoothly.

Education and Training.

- xv. Nick Richard Executive director of Nami ST. Tammany reported there would be mental health first aid training eventually for Communication's and the 13 fire Districts.
- xvi. STPSO had just completed their own CIT training. 20 /22 attended. This was the Sherris office first time training other agencies.
- xvii. January would be the next MHFA which will be included EMS and the Start of some fire districts.
- xviii. The Meeting was adjourned
- xix. The Next Safe Haven Advisory board meeting will be held on March 9th, 2020
- xx. All Meetings and notices can be found on the website: www.safehavenstp.org

