



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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### Davison House - Frequently Asked Questions 3/21/17

**Davison House is owned and operated by the Mono County Behavioral Health Department as housing and supportive services for members of our community. Estimated opening for the facility will be 2018-19.**

#### **Who will live there?**

Current residents of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County who are receiving services from Mono County Behavioral Health (MCBH) and who need and qualify for permanent, supportive housing. These people are our neighbors, friends and family members.

#### **How do they qualify to live there?**

There will be a very clear application, vetting and selection process by MCBH staff. There will also be 24-hour a day, seven day a week supervision at Davison House.

#### **How many people will live there?**

There is room for up to 24 residents; we anticipate, initially at least, about a dozen residents.

#### **Why will they live there? What will they do?**

Davison House will not just be a temporary place to live; it will provide the social services and assistance that residents need to reconnect with society and learn to live on their own. The state of California mandates that counties provide such services to citizens with mental illness who qualify for disability, and MCBH believes that the combination of housing and services planned for Davison House will best serve these citizens' needs.

#### **Why is it needed?**

There is a critical need for stable housing in our community and across the state, and this project will address that need locally. Housing is the first step to stability for those with mental illness, and the county is required to provide housing assistance by state law.

### **How long will residents live there?**

Davison House will provide stable, long-term housing—that could mean six months to permanent residence.

### **What happens if this project is halted?**

People who need our help will suffer without this project. Homelessness is a crisis throughout the state; we're fortunate we haven't had to deal with it too much in the Eastern Sierra. We have a chance to do something better, to do the right thing, by providing housing and services to members of our community.

### **Why this location? Why in Mammoth?**

Davison House is owned by Mono County, and though it is currently vacant, it functioned for many years as a sober living facility. The property will be remodeled and reopened as housing for patients of MCBH. Current residents of Mammoth and Mono County will live be eligible to live there. The majority of the population of Mono County lives in Mammoth Lakes.

### **Who is in charge of the Davison House?**

The Mono County Behavioral Health Department is responsible for developing the project and for managing the program once Davison House is open. There will be onsite supervision around the clock, and a clear way for neighbors to communicate any problems.

### **How is this different than what was there before?**

There will be 24/7 staffing and supervision, round the clock, from MCBH staff, which is something that was not in place before.

The property will be completely remodeled.

### **Will my neighborhood be safe?**

Yes. This project has the full support of local law enforcement—Mammoth Lakes Police Department and the Mono County Sheriffs Office—and there will be onsite supervision for residents. During past years when Davison provided housing, there were only 4 calls per year to law enforcement.

### **Will smoking be allowed?**

Smoking will not be permitted.

### **Will there be parties and will overnight guests/visitors be allowed?**

No.

### **Who is paying for Davison House?**

The remodel project and the daily operations and programming will be funded through the California Mental Health Services Act—tax money that is already being collected statewide.

**When will it open?**

This project is still in the planning phase. We hope to open Davison House within two years (2018-19).

**How can I comment and get information on the project?**

There will be public meetings and extensive outreach once the project site plan has been developed, likely starting in spring/summer 2017. You can also contact the Behavioral Health Department and Advisory Board directly with any questions and comments.