

# ***Behavioral Health Advisory Board***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**December 5, 2016**

- I. Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Stacy at 3:05pm
- II. All present:** Stacy Corless, Ingrid Braun, Al Davis, Jeff Franke, Susi banes, Lois Klein, Robin Roberts, Julie Jones, Mike Bodine (The Sheet), and Sal Montanez.
- III. Public Comment:** None
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Al Davis motioned to approve minutes from 8-16 and 10-16 – Susi banes seconded the motion- approved by all unanimously.
- V. Davison House Discussion and Community Outreach Planning:**
  - Robin reported that she met with county staff from public works and County Council to figure out a process for hiring a project manager to move the Davison project along. One of our county council members discovered a new law for public works that's restricts the architects who gave the original report from bidding on other aspects of the project unless it was in the original report. This could potentially mean that we have to start the process over with a new architecture company with the information from the original company. This may or may not affect the progress of this project. Public works has a couple different views ion whether we need a project manager for this project or not- one person at PW believes that it will require a lot of supervision which they cannot provide- and another person at PW thinks that this project will not require extensive project management time. Talk of hiring Vianey White to be the project manager.
  - Stacy facilitated a questions and answers session where BHAB members were able to ask Robin questions about the Davison project in order that they can be better equipped to answer any questions asked during public meetings regarding the project. Robin will fill out a questions and answers sheet and send it out to all board members- this sheet will also be posted on website.
  - Mike stated that, he got the feeling that people really want to know what will be going on at the Davison House.

- Al and Ingrid reported that from 2006 to 2011 there were a total of 23 calls for service for 71 Davison of any sorts. There were no calls for violence. Exact nature of service calls vary. Al and Ingrid will do a more detailed search of the area and find facilities to compare 71 Davison to.
- SC- Leslie Chapmen had a meeting with Town staff who gave feedback that we should slow down public outreach until the project is closer to being ready to go. Next step as far as the town is concerned is to get some plans ready and take them to the towns weekly building review meeting.
- All present discussed recent public comments that were given by previous Mental Health Director to “The Sheet” concerning the Davison House. Stacy recommended that the BHAB post a Q and A to the website that Susi banes has created for the Davison project.
- Advisory Board set to talk to The Rotary this week and The Mammoth Voices Group on the 15<sup>th</sup>- Stacy will give a really quick update on Davison.
- BHAB agreed that they want to stay away from using government speak when presenting this project to the public. We shall try to use common language that anyone can understand.
- BHAB will look into personal stories or case studies on people who went through 71 Davison and benefited from its services.
- LK- what are the main differences between the Old Davison House and the New One? RR- The main difference will be that we will have staff on site 24 hours a day.
- RR- another thing that will be different, on an administrative level, is the vetting process for having people move in- it will be more structured and concrete- the home will not be used for emergency or crisis housing.
- IB- Can residents have a guest spend the night? RR- Absolutely not.
- SC-What would a day look like for a resident of the Davison House? RR- The first 30 days a person would be up to their ears with appointments and being engaged in services. There will an expectation that people will attend some groups, and then participate in services specific to each individuals case plan according to their needs. One goal is to promote pro-social interactions.

- How long will they stay there? RR- if we are talking about people with SMI- they can be there a long time- maybe even permanently. Six months to a year to maybe two years for a transition period for people coming out of jail who may have extensive needs.
- LK- would Davison be open to TAY who are severely disabled? RR- that is definitely a possibility.
- LK- what is the bed space capacity? RR- we can house 24 people.
- Lk- How will the remodel change the exterior of the property? RR- the retaining wall will be replaced- the parking area will be resurfaced and the whole outside of the structure will be redone.
- General-What happens if we do not provide this service for Mono County? RR- people who are coming out of jail, or who get pushed out of affordable housing and are on a fixed income, people who are already homeless in our community will suffer. Everywhere else in the country, homelessness is a huge issue- the BHAB believes that this project will help prevent the same situation from happening in Mono County. The other thing is that this is a state law- signed by the governor of CA.
- SC- the other thing we can do is add some personal stories of people who went through the Davison house and have a success story. We will come up with four or five testimonials. Q and A to be posted to the Website. Stacy will beef the Q and A up and send it around for review.-
- MB- believes that we are on the right path and that we should continue to get information out to the community so that residents are better informed and the testimonials will help the public see who we are serving and the outcomes of this service. MB can write up the personal stories when you have people lined up- then the stories can be posted on the Davison website.
- SC- is going to help reach out to Ann Gimple to have coffee and talk about her views on the project.
- Website has not been published yet- SB has sent the link to RR and SC. SB is working on the website and will start posting information beginning with the Q and A and the Davison project mission statement- web will be updated with information as the project moves forward. MB suggested a comment section to be added to website but BHAB thinks that this will

open up a door for some nastiness. Advisory Board members names should be posted on the website to show who is

- **SM-** to post advisory board information on the BH County website. Also add a link to the Davison House webpage.

## **VI. Staff Reports:**

- **RR-** post election we had a strong wave of people who are pretty freaked out about immigration and healthcare- Leslie Chapmen, Linda Salcedo, the Sheriff, Kathy Peterson, and I have put together a letter that will go before the board tomorrow. The letter will basically say that we are still here, here is what we do know, here is what we are going to do, and where will be sources of accurate information. I will send this out to everyone once it is completed and translated into Spanish. I am now the chair of the small counties committee for the California Behavioral Health Directors Association as of today- I helped shape the agenda for the next year. A lot of changes may be taking place with housing, Substance Use, HIV, Birth Control and Abortion. I am in a position to push up what small counties are dealing with and what the effects of anticipated changes can be. We hired (almost) Amanda to be our MHSA coordinator- 32 hours a week- she will be working on our three year plan and will be in charge of creating outcomes and measures for all the work we are doing. I can have her do a presentation to the BHAB at some point if you like. We had our Holiday extravaganza- Santa was there. I am writing a weekly letter, I call it a Missive, to my staff to keep us connected. We changed our staff meeting to have an In-Service presented weekly by each of our staff in a rotation. We are getting bigger- If we higher one more person we will need another office. Mammoth hospital is working on a grant for Tele-Psychiatry/Tele-Health and I am taking to them about the jail.
- **LK-** we are also sending out a letter stating that the board is going to read publicly on Thursday- to the parents. We are basically reinforcing our culture of support and respect and no discrimination, we treat each other with dignity, and information about information -facts that schools by law do not ask for immigration information-ICE put out a statement that they will never go onto school grounds unless it is an extreme circumstance. I will sent out a copy to the BHAB after the board meeting.

- **JF**- asked if there is a potential of BH hiring an in-house psychiatrist. RR- we are looking. JF stated that an in house /real person would be better than seeing a Doctor via television or computer. Discussion on Psychiatry ensued...
- **AD**- Hospital is doing de-escalation training- RR and I were there to help out and we will be there this week. Ventura county started crisis intervention training 15 years ago- it has become a state wide program- one of my buddies is in charge of the program-we want to try to get at least one of my guys, someone from behavioral health, and also the hospital to take the 40 hour course to learn how to deal with Mental Health issues as a first responder. CHP is also getting on board with this.
- **IB**- nothing too exciting with us- we did have people who had concerns about law enforcement's stance on immigration- we have pretty much the same stance that LAPD has taken- nothing changes for us. If you have a criminal warrant and it is a criminal matter then yes we would- but we are not going to go around knocking on doors or backing up ICE or outing people. I do not want people to be afraid of talking to Law Enforcement because they are worried that we are going to ask for their papers.
- **SB**- we also wrote a statement to the public- pretty much just taking about how nothing in our agency will change. We have also grown and have added six new staff members.
- **MB**- I am going to talk to the Chief here later on in the week and will be talking to the Bishop City Council about sanctuary cities as they will be the ones that are concerned with immigration- on the other side there are people who would like to see the illegals deported and get some of their tax money back- so I want to gather information between now and the inauguration- when we see what Trump is actually going to do- to kind of let people know what is going to happen and what their local law enforcement agencies are going to do.
- **General**- SC we should get any organization or agency involved in a group effort to provide the public with information on immigration stances within Mono County. BH has been hosting the For Latino and are getting the vibe that people do not want to congregate in one place because they feel concerned. Maybe we can figure out a way of having meeting of concern. SC- maybe have it at sweet Z where it is recorded and people can watch it on TV and be able to see our faces? RR- maybe we can just sponsor this in February if that is ok with you all? BHAB agreed. RR will mention this at BOS meeting tomorrow. Discussion ensued on how to get the Latino community more involved.

- **SC-** ESTA is cutting the grey-line service. This will effect a lot of families who have kids who depend on this line for school and work. LK has asked ESTA to clearly communicate this change to parents of children who use the service. We cannot afford to add another bus route.

**VII. Future Agenda Items:**

- **To appoint BHAB positions**

**VIII. Next Meeting:**

- **FEB. 13.2017**

**3:00 pm at MCBH**