Safe Haven Advisory Board Meeting

September 12, 2016, 11:00AM

Safe Haven Advisory Board members in attendance: Judge Peter Garcia, Richard Kramer, Patti Ellish, Tania Loumiet, designee for Bill Davis, Major Wharton Muller, designee for Sheriff Randy Smith, Dr. Charles Preston, Kelly Rabalais, designee for Parish President Pat Brister, and Jan Robert

Other members of the behavioral health community and the general public attended.

Kelly Rabalais called the first meeting of the Safe Haven Advisory Board to order at 11:00AM. A quorum of the Advisory Board was established. Board members and/or designees and other attendees introduced themselves.

Kelly reminded Advisory Board members to submit a letter to President Brister identifying their designees.

Board members established that meetings would be held quarterly. Judge Peter Garcia made a motion, seconded by Dr. Preston and all voted in favor of a quarterly meeting schedule.

Dr. Preston made a motion, seconded by Major Muller that any additional board procedures will be developed by the Finance and Administration committee and presented to the Board. Motion carried.

Safe Haven Advisory Board proposed committee structure:

* Jail Diversion Advisory Committee, Judge Peter Garcia
* Healthcare, Dr. Charles Preston and Richard Kramer
* Education and Training. Nick Richard and Wharton Muller
* Finance and Administration, Kelly Rabalais and Leslie Long

Kelly provided a brief description and purpose for each committee and proposed committee chairs and co-chairs. Peter Garcia moved for approval of proposed committees. Tania Loumiet seconded with all in favor.

Patti Ellish made a motion to approve the proposed chairs of each committee. Tania Loumiet seconded with all in favor.

Kelly presented a brief overview of the Safe Haven vision, goals, model and timeline.

An architect will be hired in the next 30 days to begin renovation plans for the campus. Reportedly, the asbestos is limited to the floor tile so it is anticipated that abatement will be less than initially budgeted.

St Tammany Parish government has budgeted $2.5 million to begin the renovation process and will budget an additional $1.6 million for capital improvements. The total required for the renovation and improvements to the facility will be $6 million.

The NAMI Peer Run Drop In Center is on line to be completed by mid 2017.

The Family Promise Day Center estimated date for completion: December 2017

It is anticipated that 50% of the Safe Haven resources and programs will be operating and online by the end of 2018.

Kelly also announced that she has scheduled meetings with LSUMC and the LSU Law School to provide an overview of the Safe Haven project and determine if there are opportunities for collaboration and information sharing.

Jan Robert announced that she will serve as a liaison between the Safe Haven Advisory Board and the Safe Haven committees. She will assist committee chairs in populating committees with members, developing a schedule for meetings, refining committee purpose and developing a timeline for implementation of strategies and tactics.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.