

ADVISORY BOARD

Title: Safe Haven Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Monday June 14, 2022

Time: 11am

Location:

Staff Conference Room

(Parish Government Koop Campus, Building B, Third Floor)

CALL TO ORDER: Richard Kramer called meeting to order at 11:04

Roll Call: Members present at meeting were Richard Kramer, Mary Burckell, Sheriff Randy Smith, Dr. Preston, Councilman James Davis, Collin Sims, Joan Coffman, Sandy Badinger, Nick Richard, and Dr. Rachel Csaki

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from March were not complete so this will be moved to next month.

Presentation by Franklin Kyle and Associates - LA Safe design update,

- Eddie Powell from Franklin Kyle and Associates presented the current stats for the Stormwater, Sidewalks and Walkways plan. A map was provided to the committee.
- Eddie volunteered to come back to the Board when the plans were more developed, right now the projects are at 30%.

Safe Haven Project Report: Mary Burckell gave the following updates,

- Family Promise Day Center
 - The facility had a ribbon cutting ceremony was on May 26th.

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- Training and Education Center
 - Construction is continuing with an expected completion date in August 2022, I think it will be closer to September
- Cardinal Cove Cabin Renovations
 - Parish is working on selecting an architect. The Parish's grant writer did find a VA grant we will look into for additional funding.
- Quad A, Suite 105
 - The Parish is working to selecting an architect.
- Playground
 - Waiting for cooler weather to install the equipment. Planning for the Fall.
- Capital Outlay Funding
 - The Parish is working on approval for this year's allocation for design of parking spaces for the Quad buildings and the renovation of a residential house.
- ARP
 - Mary Burckell is working with Parish Administration on the social services part for the American Rescue Plan funding. Mary has suggested some of the funds will go towards an adolescent/teen CRC.
- Cafeteria
 - The Parish is waiting on the State for approval to use \$3.4 million in CDBG Disaster Isaac for the cafeteria renovation. This will be a partnership with Northshore Technical Community College.
- Demo of Residential Home
 - The Parish is working on the scope for the project.
- Engineering Position
 - The Parish is advertising for a position in the Engineering Department to work on Safe Haven projects as part of the job duties. Mary hopes this will mean projects will move faster.

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- 2023 Budget
 - Mary is working on the 2023 budget for DHHS, which including Safe Haven. She will be meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss this in detail.
- Facilities Maintenance Staffing
 - FM has a new Director, Jim Ford, and a new Assistant Director, Jim Dewitt. There will be some changes but it will take time. August 'Gus' Williams will still be in charge at the Safe Haven Campus.

Safe Haven CRC: Mary Burckell let the Board know,

- Mary announced the Start Corporation informed her on June 3rd that they will not longer be providing services at the CRC. Start Corporation gave a 60-day notices but was later informed the CRC will close on June 30th.
- Mary is working on an RFP to identify a new operator. It is her hope it will advertise at the beginning of July.
- The Board expressed sadness and disappointment. The Board agreed how the CRC was operating was not the vision for the service. This might be the best thing in the long run.

Safe Haven Committee Updates: The following updates were given to the board,

- Training and Education: Nick Richard said the committee has not met.
- Healthcare: Dr. Preston informed the committee about a meeting he had with Start Corporation in May in regards to their services. He agreed, it is best if a new provider is identified.
- Finance Committee: Joan Coffman said the committee has reviewed the 2023 budget and will keep following it as the process continues.
- Veterans Committee: Mary Burckell said the committee has not met.
- General: The Board requested more information about the committees.

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Other Business: The following comments were made,

- Sheriff Randy Smith announced the Sheriff's Office will be able to assist with transportation due to a DOJ grant. The transportation will be from ER to facility. The grant will pay for 1 or 2 extra CIT officers and that position can be used for transportation when there is not a medical issue.
- Richard Kramer said transportation will be the biggest hurdle when we go towards a regional model.
- Dr. Preston announced the Suicide Symposium will be held next Friday. Also, Sue Rotolo is applying for grant funds to a 3-D printer for tiny homes.

Meeting adjourned: 11:52am

Next meeting will be September 12th at 11am