

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4638

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PROVIDED BY: LEGAL DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION CREATING THE SAFE HAVEN ADVISORY BOARD
AND APPOINTING ITS INITIAL MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, facing severe cuts in federal and state funding for health care, St. Tammany Parish has experienced and continues to experience a growing mental and behavioral health care crisis within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address said crisis, St. Tammany Parish Government ("Parish"), acting in partnership with a collaborative network of public and private entities, has announced its intention for the creation and implementation of the St. Tammany Parish Safe Haven Project ("Safe Haven"); and

WHEREAS, Safe Haven will provide a collaborative healing environment for the behavioral health continuum by creating a high-quality, coordinated, sustainable and humane network of care anchored in St. Tammany Parish, for the benefit of Parish citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-05 of the St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter, advisory boards may be appointed to provide advice regarding the operations of Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Safe Haven, Parish intends to create a Safe Haven Advisory Board (the "Board") to unite committees and partners that are collaborating towards the common efforts sought by Safe Haven, to set policy and provide recommendations for implementation of services as related to Safe Haven, and to further assist Parish in making Safe Haven a reality; and

WHEREAS, initial members of the Board shall be as follows:

1. St. Tammany Parish President, or designee;
2. St. Tammany Parish Council Chairman, or designee;
3. St. Tammany Parish Coroner, or designee;
4. St. Tammany Parish Sheriff, or designee;
5. One (1) sitting District Court Judge from the 22nd Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, or his/her designee;
6. Community Development Consultant, Jan Robert, or designee;
7. Bill Davis, Chief Executive Officer of Slidell Memorial Hospital, or designee; and
8. Patti Elish, President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Tammany Parish Hospital, or designee.

WHEREAS, if and as necessary, additional members may be appointed to the Board, and the Board in its discretion may create one (1) or more subcommittees in furtherance of the aforementioned objectives, comprised of Board members, or their duly-authorized designees, as well as non-Board members.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that to better improve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish, it hereby creates a Safe Haven Advisory Board pursuant to Section 8-05 of the St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter, and which advisory board shall advise Parish and its partners concerning the implementation and governance of the St. Tammany Parish Safe Haven Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board shall consist of the following members, or their duly - authorized designees:

St. Tammany Parish President; St. Tammany Parish Council Chairman; St. Tammany Parish Coroner; St. Tammany Parish Sheriff; Community Development Consultant, Jan Robert; Bill Davis, Chief Executive Officer of Slidell Memorial Hospital; Patti Elish, President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Tammany Parish Hospital; and one (1) sitting District Court Judge from the 22nd Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board may create subcommittees composed of Board members, or their duly-authorized designees, and non-Board members, and which subcommittees shall meet in accordance with the open meetings law, LSA R.S. 42:12, *et seq.*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or any member, or as necessary in furtherance of its goals and objectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all acts previously taken by the Office of the Parish President in furtherance of the actions or agreements contemplated herein are hereby ratified and approved.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 4 DAY OF AUGUST, 2016, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

MARTY DEAN, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

Resolution Administrative Comment

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St. Tammany Parish Government intends to form an advisory board, as authorized by Section 8-05 of the St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter, to advise Parish and all participating entities in the implementation and development of the Safe Haven Project. Said advisory board will be comprised of numerous individuals, as more fully set forth in the resolution, and subcommittees as may be necessary in furtherance of its mission.