



SAVE THE DATE!

Community Meeting - January 29, 2018

7:00 PM- 8:30 PM, Pacific Palisades Library, 861 Alma Real Dr., Pac. Pal, 90272

Severely Mentally Ill Homeless People Who Refuse Help - What to do?

Civil liberty values and laws narrowly defining "gravely disabled" have restricted the ability of social services and law enforcement to involuntarily commit a homeless person for psychiatric treatment. However, there is increasing discussion about the need for change to address the numbers of mentally ill people living unattended and in failing health on our community streets. Pacific Palisades, like other communities, is facing this difficult and disturbing issue.

The question is "how to balance an individual's civil liberties with the care they need to achieve a level of health that enables them to live with safety for themselves and others." One proposal is to expand the definition of "gravely disabled". Another is to revise the conservatorship process to enable others to help those who can't or refuse to care for themselves.



Brittney Weissman

PPTFH is fortunate to have Brittney Weissman, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), LA County Council and Dr. Emily DeFraités of the Veterans Health Administration to present their expertise and perspectives about this challenging dilemma. Please join us for this important discussion, share your perspective and raise your questions. The PPTFH board is interested in gathering a broad range of thinking on this timely and sensitive issue.

Attendance at PPTFH community meetings is encouraged and needed. It is a way to be involved, provide support to the growing PPTFH community-wide program and help address homelessness in the Palisades. Come and participate!

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