The BRAIN TRUST NETWORK [BTN]
Meeting Notes

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
4:30-5:30 pm
UTEP Health Science Center and School of Nursing Building
Room 384

Attending:
Sharon Butterworth, Maria Carrillo, Cindy Hernandez, Lydia Hernandez, Koreyna Herrera, Arturo Jaime, Juan Carlos Mendoza, Dr. Holly Mata, Enrique Mata, Olivia Narvaez, Denise Uga, Dr. John Wiebe, Dr. Richard Craig Williams

Welcome and Introductions:
Sharon Butterworth convened the meeting at 4:30 pm and called for brief introductions.

"Growing UTEP's Collegiate Recovery Program":
Ms. Lydia Hernandez, Project Coordinator for UTEP's Collegiate Recovery Program, provided a presentation on the development of the program and the current services available. She explained that in 2013 the board of regents decided that each UT campus should have a collegiate recovery program. In January 2014 seed money was received and Mr. Terry L. Williams was hired and developed the structure of the program. This project is multi-tiered with each tier being important. The first tier is for when an individual has achieved recovery and they come to campus they have support. The next tier is helping students and faculty for ongoing support. Third tier is having people support and advocate for destigmatizing the illness of addiction. She explained that two AA meeting options are available, Wednesdays and Fridays. The program will host a third annual sober tailgate. This semester Alanon and Over Eaters Anonymous are now on campus. Their next goal is to have a designated space on campus for the Collegiate Recovery Program. Ms. Hernandez share personal story of recovery and provided copies of three participant testimonials. Ms. Butterworth reinforced the importance of the Brain Trust partner's ongoing work to overcome the stigma and negative bias. Handouts provided by Ms. Hernandez are included with these meeting notes.

Updates:
Enrique Mata reported that the Foundation is moving to an external service for mass emails such as the Brain Trust list of over 160 individuals. He explained that with cloud based Microsoft Office programs mass emails are identified as SPAM so not everyone is getting the notices. He added that the future Brain Trust reminders will not include attachments. A link to the documents will be provided for Brain Trust members to download the parking pass and previous notes.

Dr. Holly Mata reported that Daniela Marquez has been working on a research project to look at the relationship between crime and alcohol outlets. They are working to make this community a safer place.

Denise Uga reported that the NAMI Walk is scheduled for September 23rd this year. There will be a recognition meeting on March 29th at 6pm. She also commented on In Our Own Voice presentations and offering of English peer to peer trainings at the Emergence One Stop Veterans Center. The La Familia health fair will be held on Good Friday April 14 th. For more information on the numerous NAMI class offerings or if you would like to set up a booth at the health fair Please contact Denise at duga@namiep.org .

Ms. Maria Carrillo announced that the Brain Trust Team at the NAMI Walk was one of the top 3 fundraisers. The Team is planning to have some hats for this year. She also advised that on Saturday, March 25th Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe will host its annual Cesar Chavez festival. For more information contact Maria at Maria.Carrillo@lafe-ep.org .

Next Meeting:

The Brain Trust now has a standing meeting time of 4:30 pm every 2nd Tuesday of the month for 2017.

The Next Brain Trust Network meeting is scheduled for 4:30 pm, Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in room 384 at the UTEP Health Sciences Center and School of Nursing Building.