

September 18, 2018

Dear Alder Bidar-Sielaff,

As you may have heard, on Aug. 7th Journey Mental Health Center recently announced it will close Kajsiab (ka-sheea) House and the Cambodian program on Sept 28th.

We are writing to ask the City Council to partner with us and be part of the solution by contributing \$40,000 to our emergency fund effort to raise \$150,000 to maintain Kajsiab House and the Cambodian program from October 1 to the end of December so there are no gaps in services. This emergency funding allows clients to receive the needed mental health services while our community leaders and elected officials come together to find a permanent and sustainable solution for the programs.

First, Kajsiab House and the Cambodian program will operate under Anesis Therapy who will be the fiscal agent providing financial and medical oversight. Anesis Therapy is owned by Myra McNair who has a Bachelors of Art in Biology and a Masters of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy with specialties in addiction, depression, anxiety, infant mental health, parent/child attachment, marriage counseling, trauma informed practices and cultural interventions. Anesis Therapy is a family oriented agency with a diverse staff that uses Narrative Therapy, TF-CBT- Trauma Focused Cognitive Therapy for children, Motivational Interviewing and Cultural Interventions. They specialize in many different areas such as family therapy, adolescents, adults, substance abuse counseling, and more. Having a fiscal agent, Kajsiab will be able to continue providing services to the clients.

Secondly, we are working closely with Lynn Green and her staff at Dane County Human Services to transition Kajsiab House from Medicaid crisis stabilization reimbursement funding to Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) funding in 2019. CCS allows for higher rates of reimbursement for the programs. Our goal is to establish a contract for service with Dane County Human Services to maintain culturally competent services for the SEA populations. Through the contract for services with the County, Kajsiab House and the Cambodian program will be sustainable for the future.

With a goal of \$150,000, Kajsiab House and Cambodian program staff will provide the following critical services:

- Psychiatrist counseling and service
- Psychological counseling and PTSD therapy
- Crisis stabilization case management
- Medication prescription
- Rent (we plan to take over paying the rent of current space to avoid further traumatizing clients)
- Kitchen rental (FEED kitchen)
- Transportation
- Office supplies
- Internet and phone
- Insurance

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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