



COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2020

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Pacific Palisades Library | 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades

The Demedicalization of Mental Illness

Have changing attitudes about mental illness allowed people to languish on the streets?

Distinguished Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Joel T. Braslow, UCLA Professor, psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences



Government authorities have defined homelessness as a housing problem. Dr. Braslow and his research collaborators take a broader view and examine sociocultural, economic and medical attitudinal changes.

- We no longer consider homeless persons to be gravely disabled, even though it is their disorder that drives their inability to find shelter and to function in general.
- More people with severe psychiatric illnesses are now denied admission to hospitals.
- We no longer see homelessness as an acute psychiatric emergency in need of immediate intervention.

Dr. Braslow will discuss the factors that have led to demedicalization, its consequences and ways to address the issues it presents.

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!
Questions: pacpalihftf@gmail.com.