A Letter from the Wisdom Council March 28, 2020

This is a crazy time and knowing what is right has been difficult. We have been weighing our patient's needs and our employee's needs heavily with each decision. We closely follow local, countrywide, and international research, news, and updates. Additionally, we are in touch with many health care providers, community acupuncture clinics, our state licensure board, and acupuncture association to keep up with these changing times. As your clinic remains closed, we are grateful that we did not yet move the clinic or purchase a building. This means that we do have money in the bank for a time. Yeah!! This has allowed us to continue to pay our employees's salaries and health benefits at a time when many people are losing their income, and we are extremely grateful for this.

In the case of this closure needing to be extended to May, BAC will need to increase our ways of acquiring income and resources. We have ways of continuing to help the community from a distance now, thanks to technology and we will be implementing them. However, if it gets to that point we'll be looking for significant support (fundraising, loans, community support, government aid). BAC can make many changes to the way we run the business to ensure the clinic remains sustainable, and we will do everything possible to continue to be a safe healing space for all.

Our vision at this time is to be able to retain all of our employees, volunteers, members, and supporters so that when we reopen, everyone is still on board. To do this, we could use your help. We do not know how long we will be called to remain closed. Any amount that you can provide to help your clinic is appreciated. All donations are of course tax-deductible can be made at your leisure from our <u>website</u>, and are going directly to pay for your clinic's employees and bills to sustain your space.

Together we can make it through this time and come out on the other side stronger as a community and ready to serve and bring your clinic back to what it was, a safe space where people come as they are and are empowered to heal side by side in community. Help us to realize our vision of a world where resilient communities support each other to reduce isolation, process trauma and ease collective and individual suffering.

Thank you, BAC's Wisdom Council