

**Livingston County Mental Health Board  
708 Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 21, 2016**

**708 Board Present:** Jack Vietti, Ed Legner, Vicki Day, Bob Walter and Debbie Studnicki

**377 Board Present:** Bob McCarty, Mary Etta Mullen and Vicki Day

**Livingston County Board Members:** Jack Vietti

**Staff Present:** Chris Myers, Amy Zick and Janice Golliday

**Guests:** Joe Vaughan, IHR; Karen Donovan, Futures Unlimited; Margee Morrison, ADV/SAS; and Alina Hartley, County Admin. Resource Specialist

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

President Jack Vietti moved Old Business to the top of the agenda.

**Old Business:**

It was moved by Bob W. and seconded by Vicki to nominate Debbie Studnicki to the 708 Board. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Ed to approve the March 17, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bob W. and seconded by Debbie to approve the March 708 Board check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Bob W. to approve the March 708 Board financial statements. Motion carried.

President Jack Vietti turned the meeting over to Vice President Ed Legner to finish conducting the 708 Board meeting as he had another commitment to keep.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Chris reported Melissa Pina, of OSF, will be attending the May 708/377 Board meeting and will present information on the Infant Toddler Enrichment Program which the 377 Board helps fund.
- A PUNS draw was done in March and 3 individuals were pulled from our area. Two of the individuals are applying for home base services and the third will apply for CILA placement. All three presently live in their family homes.
- The REAL Board paperwork has been completed and sent to the Secretary of State. The REAL Board now consists of mostly new members: Joe Vaughan, Larry Necheles, Chris Myers, Karen Donovan, Chris Johnson and a consumer.
- Chris received a report from the Don Moss/Vickie Kean regarding service issues since 2012 for service coordination units across the state and Livingston County was the only agency

that reported no issues. Issues such as, time waiting, eligibility, complaints by guardian/family, etc.

- An ALICE training will be offered in May with the Public Health staff. This is a training regarding what steps to take in the event of an active shooter in the building. The training will be conducted by the Livingston County Sheriff's Dept.
- The next ACHMAI Conference will be June 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> in Bloomington with the topic being, Children Behavioral Health Innovation. Krystal Shelvin, LCSSU, will be a speaker. This happens to fall on 708/377 Board meeting night. ***Both boards agreed to change the June meeting date to the following Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to accommodate anyone wishing to attend the ACMHAI conference.***
- Mandy confirmed June 30<sup>th</sup> for an all-day seminar presented by the Illinois Center of Excellence For Behavioral Health and Justice. It will be held in a jury room at the Law and Justice Center. This year the topic is about substance abuse and the neuro biological aspects and the level of care. This is scheduled for the morning session and the afternoon will be reserved for the topic of Specialty Courts.
- Chris would like to know the 708 Board's opinion of a memorial for Paul Studnicki, who recently passed away and had been a 708 Board member for eight years. Some concerns of using tax payer money for such donations were raised. However, there are other funds that are not tax payer money that could be used for this reason. After brief discussion the board agreed to send a memorial to the District #429 Foundation in Paul's name.

#### **New Business:**

- None.

#### **Agency Comments:**

#### **Institute for Human Resources:**

- Joe reported the Operation Snowball event had 151 students who participated. It was held in Odell and lasted 12 hours. There were 65 high school students who volunteered their time to help with the event. The speakers interacted well with the kids. Joe commented that Tiffany Yoder has "brought back life" to the event and the kids love her. Chris stated Tiffany gave her a complete breakdown of the expenses since the 708 board funds this program. Vicki congratulated Tiffany.
- IHR is beginning a parenting/support group program run by Deb Phares which starts next Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and it is free. Joe had flyers to post. Part of the funding for the new program is from the LCCN Sustainability Plan.

#### **Futures Unlimited:**

- Karen reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Brian Blossom Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Annual Awards will be held May 12<sup>th</sup>. It lasts about 45 minutes.
- Karen talked about the direct care work force crisis. There are a couple bills right now that actually made it through committees and is in the House and Senate for review.

#### **ADV/SAS:**

- Margee expressed how wonderful it is to be back to work and to be attending this meeting today. She has not driven for 7 months since her accident. Today was her first time to drive out of town. For 6 weeks Margee has used the local bus service for transportation.
- The sexual assault advocacy program director, Val McCollum has retired after almost 30 years. Lori McCullom (no relation) has moved into this position. Claire Coffey, parent/child advocate, has moved into the shelter team leader. There are two new staff, Katie Simbieb, an intern, had accepted a part time position on weekends and during school breaks. Olivia Romine is a teacher who will be the adolescent counselor in Streator and Pontiac.
- Margee and staff are working on their budget.

- Chris inquired as to when the ROAR event is scheduled. ROAR will be on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 4-11 pm. at the Gunsmoke Bar & Grill in Cedar Point, IL, 5 minutes west of Oglesby. Four different bands are scheduled. Margee will bring posters and 50/50 tickets to the next meeting.

**Mosaic**

- Not present.

Vicki inquired if the Boys and Girls Club of Prairie Central have requested funding for the summer program in Chatsworth. Chris replied that she has not heard from them.

Vicki also wondered if Mosaic has been contacted about the summer camp funding available to interested clients. Chris and Amy are working on that now.

Chris will keep the board updated as to the HB4501 bill discussed and there is a phone conference on Monday. Alina discussed the bill with others. Alina was attending today's meeting for observation only.

It was moved by Bob W. and seconded by Vicki to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Day, Secretary