

# Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2017

**708 Board Present:** Jack Vietti, Vicki Day, Steve Tock, Mark Donovan and Debbie Studnicki

**377 Board Present:** Bob McCarty and Vicki Day

**Livingston County Board Members:** Jack Vietti

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

**Guests:** Joe Vaughan , IHR; Patty Haberkorn, Futures Unlimited; Susan Bursztynsky, ADV/SAS; Teresa Diemer, IHR; Randy Yedinak, Livingston County States Attorney; Megan DeMoss, OSF

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Vicki to approve the June 15, 2017, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Mark to approve the June check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Debbie to approve June, 708 Board financial statements. Motion carried.

## **Executive Director Report:**

- Chris reported a water bill of \$165 was paid out of 377 funds for a family in Odell. Grandparents are raising grandchildren. Also, services were secured for one of the grandchildren. Chris called the school regarding a bill for band and they waived that for the family as well. Chris said, "It can't hurt to ask."
- Chris has been holding the GEM Conference request for funding of the fall conference that 377 Board helps fund. This is the conference for teachers/daycare and others involved with age 0-3 children. In the past they have requested funding from the 377 Board. However, Chris is waiting for them to provide the agenda with the speakers for the event before she presents it to the 377 Board.
- The day camp will be held the second week in August. Mosaic will send the bills thereafter that the 377 Board approved to fund.

## **Old Business:**

- None.

## **New Business:**

- Jack introduced Teresa Diemer, IHR, to report on the Livingston County Drug Court program. Along with Teresa was States Attorney Randy Yedinak who is in favor of a Drug Court. The rest of the team consists of Randy Morgan, Public Defender; Dan Davis, Pontiac Police Dept.; Tim Henson, Dwight Police Dept.; Heidi Zeidenstein and Erick Mund, both Probation Officers for the County; and Judge Jennifer Bauknecht. Previously they did not

have the backing of the past states attorney so basically everyone did their individual part called Intensive Drug Probation. Probation did their part and IHR did their part of the program, etc. However, now with the backing of States Attorney Randy Yedinak, they can apply through the state to have an official Drug Court Program. The fact that it is approved by the state will allow them to work as a team in the best interest of the participant, whereas now all the agencies involved are working separately. It has been proven in other counties to save anywhere from \$3,000-\$13,000 per client that is involved in Drug Court instead of prison costs and prevents recidivism. Randy believes the program will save more since it costs closer to \$23,000-\$25,000 to house someone in corrections over the course of a year. The application has not been mailed yet. They are making revisions. The clients that they will consider are the ones that on the verge of going to prison and clients involved with non-violent heroin cases.

- Chris reported over the years the terms of the 708 Board members were off kilter, with too many terms expiring in the same year. In an effort to get the terms staggered, like the statute states, she would like to request Mark Donovan, Rose Smith and Debbie Studnicki's terms end June 2018. If the 708 Board agrees to this proposal the request will be sent to the County Board for their August board meeting. 708 Board members had no objection.
- 708/377 Board members had requested a copy of the Executive Director's job description. The description was included in this month's packet for their review and to discuss. Vicki would like to see a better formatted job description. Other board members agreed. The job description will be revised.

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

- Joe reported they did hire Sherri Bowald who will replace Beth as the nurse practitioner. Sherri just passed her board exam. She has had experience in the mental health care field. Dr. Puga will be her supervisor. Sherri will be working 3 days per week whereas Beth worked 5 days per week. The right bedside manner is very important to IHR and Joe feels Sherri has that quality. Sherri will have a nurse assist her for the first few months who is familiar with the cases. Chris inquired if Sherri is interested in a 40 hour week. Joe said that she has an 11-year child and lives in Peoria. Maybe down the line she may want more hours. Joe may continue to look for another nurse practitioner to fill the remaining hours.

#### **Futures Unlimited:**

- Patty reported that Futures was fully staffed but that did not last long. They are down 2 employees now.
- The Encore Shoppe will be closing at the decision of the Futures Unlimited's Board. They are in the process of closing. She believes everything is at 50% off. They want to close by the first of September.
- She pointed out the Annual Personal Outcome Summary that was enclosed in the board packets for review. Lana Brown does a terrific job creating this report.

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

- Susan reported they have started the hiring process for 6 open positions. There are two part-time shelter personnel, two directors, one for Sexual Assault and one for Domestic Violence. There are two new positions they received funding for and they are Sexual Assault Victim therapist and Child Supportive counselor. Susan next stop is to write the job descriptions. They received some money from the Attorney General's office to provide more services in Livingston County with the States Attorney Office. She requested 3 hours per week in the proposal but they wanted to fund more hours so they agreed on 5.5 hours. The Legal Advocate who covers Livingston County is on medical leave so Susan is filling the position.

**OSF Healthcare:**

- Megan DeMoss, OSF Ministry Services Behavior Health, recently took a job as a Behavioral Health Navigator in Bloomington and covers Pontiac and Bloomington. She has had 13 years previous experience as a counselor at St. Elizabeth's in Ottawa and also worked at IHR for a time in the crisis department. Basically her job is to provide support to patients who are referred by their primary care physician. This referral would come directly to Megan instead of going to Peoria and sitting on someone's desk. These patients are not in crisis but may benefit from some counseling services.

**Mosaic**

- Not present.

It was moved by Mark and seconded by Debbie to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Day, Secretary