

Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2010

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Paul Studnicki, Vicki Day, Margaret Brunskill, and Laura Leslie

377 Board Present: Vicki Day

Public Health Committee: Vicki Allen, Judy Campbell and George Knudsen

Staff Present: Carol Flessner and Janice Golliday

Guests: Brian Blossom, Futures Unlimited; Joe Ronaldson, IHR; Margee Morrison, ADV/SAS; and Chris Johnson, Mosaic

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Margaret and seconded by Laura to approve the June 17th minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Paul and seconded by Laura to approve the June check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Margaret to approve the June financial statement. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Carol reported that the state owes the Mental Health Board-\$46,000 and the Youth Commission -\$57,000.
- Carol has not sent the “snarky letter” yet to legislators. She has toned it down. The board members liked it the way she had it the first draft. Case Coordination and Pre-Admission screening will receive a 2 1/2 % cut for the new fiscal year. Also, there has been talk of a reserve. Carol does not feel that will happen however they are going to delay payments up to December 31st. There are some reserves that can be used for up to 4 months. Carol had reported that the runaway program has been cut 22%. This could create a crisis if there is no one available to go to the police station to pick up the runaway/locked out child.

Old Business:

Carol reported that a letter was received from Tom Blakeman that is addressed to Bliss-McKnight regarding the liability insurance. It would be considerably less money for coverage under the county’s policy. She received a call from Bill Fairfield regarding whose responsibility it would be to pay the premium. Carol feels it would be simpler for us to pay our portion as it has been done in the past. The board agreed. The check would be made out to

Bliss-McKnight and sent to the county. We are covered and received a valid certificate of insurance.

New Business:

- Carol reported that the DHS Administrative Review that was conducted in February resulted in a citation regarding the way our accounting is being done. The state clearly states in the contracts that we are to be using a modified accrual accounting system which is not being practiced. We will continue accounting the way the county is but also we will account the way the state mandates. In order to do this, a software system named Peachtree would need to be purchased and installed on Jeni's computer. Jeni knows the software from previous experience. An information sheet was given to the board members to review and approve. It was moved by Laura and seconded by Margaret to purchase the Peachtree software. Motion carried.
- The Board approved the purchase of 3 new computers last month and some employees have expressed interest in purchasing the old computers. Carol would like to know if the Board would be agreeable with this. If the Board is agreeable with this Carol would get 2 quotes as to the worth of the used equipment and what remains Brian Blossom of Futures Unlimited has expressed an interest in the donation of this equipment for classes over at their facility. The Board is fine with Carol exploring the cost of the used equipment.
- Hopefully we will know the FY2011 budget in the next few weeks. Carol attended a state association meeting last week and many agencies are designating a portion of their reserves for agencies that are experiencing financial crisis rather than see these agencies go out of business. There was some discussion among board members regarding tax caps and tax levies.

Agency Comments:

Futures Unlimited:

- Brian reported he feels they are getting mixed messages from the Division of Developmental Disabilities. So far they have said there will be no cuts by 2 ½% for their Medicaid match programs which are residential and day training; their biggest programs. Under the grant programs they have converted them over to Medicaid match programs. Brian thought they would lose about \$50,000 in funding that they could not convert to Medicaid match but it ended up being \$27,000. Then the division said if they could convert the other \$27,000 before August 31st then Futures would not lose that money. So Brian feels the DD division is really trying to work with them to get the most federal money as possible. As far as Brian knows they do not plan to cut any employees. Futures Unlimited is under a hiring freeze. The Futures Unlimited Board did approve a \$.25 per hour increase to all employees effective July 1st. Brian felt that the employees needed it since they did not receive any increase the previous year.
- Futures Unlimited did receive an IDOT grant to purchase a new van.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe reported that the Dept. of Mental Health does not want to fund services for non-Medicaid clients. IHR will lose around \$200,000 that would pay for non-Medicaid clients. The state did give back \$54,000 in funding for residential services. Fortunately they have 708 Board money to help with these non-Medicaid clients. The IHR executive staff have been being creative on how to utilize as much staff as they can without issuing pink slips. He will explain in further detail next month. Joe mentioned that IHR serves many children

that are non-Medicaid but DHS will not cover them. Vicki suggested these children apply for Kidcare (State of Illinois insurance for children).

- Joe spoke on the Community Forum program last week about grieving. He has often wondered if anyone actually listens him speak. He was approached by a woman the other day who thanked him for what he had reported on the radio as it has helped her. So that reaffirmed Joe and his effort to reach people.

Mosaic:

- Chris reported that they will have a 2.5% cut in their funding this new fiscal year. They cannot afford to cut any more staff and provide quality services for clients. They have pushed staff to contact the legislators about funding. Chris reported on F-Map funding.
- Good news is that Mosaic did receive an IDOT grant to purchase a new van.
- No damage was done to the Mosaic homes located in Dwight when the tornado struck there last month. They are moving forward on getting the group home in Dwight reopened. Chris is very confident that within the next few months this will happen.
- Many of their clients went to summer camp and they had a great time.
- Mosaic will keep doing fundraisers. They will be at the Toby Keith concert tomorrow night.
- Mosaic will be checking all current and future staff for a CANTS/LEADS check through DCFS besides fingerprinting and background checks through the Illinois State Police. The DCFS check is one that had not done in the past but they are presently running checks on staff.

ADV/SAS:

- Margee reported that last year they were initially cut 75% cut which resulted in 9 staff being cut. However, they did receive some of that funding back and rehired some of those nine staff. This year it looks like they will be cut 8%.
- She spoke about a new ARRA funding which can be used for sexual assault services.
- There are 18 people in the shelter at this time--11kids and 7 adults. They are all getting along very well.
- They will be finishing the handicap accessible updates in Streator.
- Staff will be recruiting volunteers at Heritage Days this weekend. They will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt.

It was moved by Margaret and seconded by Vicki to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried.

It was moved by Margaret and seconded by Paul to come out of executive session. Motion carried. No action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary