

# Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2010

**708 Board Present:** Jack Vietti, Paul Studnicki, Vicki Day, Margaret Brunskill, Ed Legner, Steve Tock and Laura Leslie (via telephone)

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

**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

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Steve to approve the May 20th minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Paul and seconded by Margaret to approve the April & May check listings. Motion carried.

It was moved by Margaret and seconded by Ed to approve the April & May financial statements. Motion carried.

## **Executive Director Report:**

- Carol reported that she has been on the road a lot the last couple of weeks. There was a great turnout for the 3-day Children's Mental Health Forum held in the Chicago area. The whole issue was discussing the need for children to have an evaluations process for children with mental illness.
- Carol updated everyone regarding the federal stimulus funding (flood money) that Carol and Joe applied for and that has been dramatically reduced from \$122,000 to \$15,000. The feds want names, ages, gender of any one who has received services at IHR. Joe and Carol told them that they will not provide names of clients as that is against HIPAA privacy policies.
- The liability insurance issue has not been resolved and the insurance will come due July 1<sup>st</sup>. Right now the Mental Health Board is covered under the Youth Commission policy.
- The state has extended claims until December 31<sup>st</sup> from the old date of Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. This will give the state more time to pay bills.
- Next October 2011 the National School Dropout Conference will be held in Illinois for the first time. School dropouts are at an all time high throughout the whole country. St. Louis and Chicago high schools have a 50% dropout rate.

- The Childrens Mental Health System of Care planning group will meet for two days in Champaign next week. The two million dollars that have been granted to Livingston County is coming from a private organization not the state. This funding is to be used for mental health services in the schools.

**Old Business:**

- Carol reported that Erin Shaughnessy is the summer intern mentoring a 16 yr. old boy two days per week. She also helps with office duties.
- Liability insurance was discussed. Tom Blakeman drew up a letter to Bliss McKnight. Jack will ask Bill Fairfield about the issue tonight at the county board meeting.

**New Business:**

- Carol read off the slate for election of 708 Board officers as follows:  
Jack Vietti – President  
Ed Legner – Vice-President  
Laura Leslie – Secretary  
Margaret Brunskill – Treasurer  
It was moved by Steve and seconded by Paul to approve the slate of 708 Board officers as listed above. Motion carried.
- The 708 Board members reviewed the proposal to purchase 3 new Dell computers. It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Steve to approve the proposal. Motion carried.

**Agency Comments:**

**Futures Unlimited:**

- Brian reported that their golf outing is tomorrow and it is going to be a nice day. Brian is selling tickets for the drawing to win a 42” plasma TV. The drawing will take place tomorrow.
- Futures Unlimited is excited about the wage reimbursement program that they are involved in.
- Futures Unlimited is cutting back in many areas such as office supplies. Brian reported that they will be getting out the “high risk” category for health insurance. This will save them \$20,000 per year plus they are changing insurance agencies for their health insurance to Health Alliance from Blue Cross Blue Shield.

**Institute for Human Resources:**

- Joe reported the teleconference they had yesterday with the Director of the Division of Mental Health. Budget cuts were discussed and IHR may lose up to \$300,000 - \$400,000 in funding this coming fiscal year. Joe discussed the number of people they served last year.

**Mosaic:**

- Not Present

**ADV/SAS:**

- Margee has been in Springfield the last couple of days and federal funds for prevention may be cut 5-10% and a 10% cut to the general revenue fund which could mean a \$50,000-\$60,000 cut to the agency.
- Margee reported on the updates for accessibility to their main office. This year they are making a handicap accessible bathroom available on the first floor.

- They are fortunate that they had no damage to their agency after the tornado hit. However, three staff members had damage to their homes. One family is living in a camper until damages are repaired.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Day, Secretary Protem