

Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2010

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Ed Legner, Margaret Brunskill, Steve Tock and Laura Leslie

377 Board Present: Bob Walter and Bob McCarty

Public Health Committee: Vicki Allen and Judy Campbell

Staff Present: Carol Flessner and Janice Golliday

Guests: Joe Ronaldson, IHR; Adeana Fox, Futures Unlimited; Margee Morrison, ADV/SAS; Bill Fairfield, County Board Chair;

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Steve to approve the February 18th minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Ed to approve the February check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Margaret and seconded by Laura to approve the February financial statement. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Carol was in Springfield last week for the ACMHAI Spring Conference and spoke with legislators regarding the new fiscal budget and the cuts that are being proposed. It was discovered that the federal money that was supposed to go for education was spent to pay the deficit instead. The cuts that are relative to us are the DHS budget, which will be reduced by \$276 million and \$1.3 billion to primary and secondary schools. Specifically, the DD programs will be reduced by \$95 million and MH programs will be cut \$90.7 million which means that 70,000 individuals will not be receiving services next year. The governor is predicting the 23 out of the 87 mental health centers will not be in business next year. Non-Medicaid individuals will not be receiving services because they are only going to fund programs that have Medicaid reimbursement, which means the working poor that don't qualify for Medicaid will not be served as they will not be able to afford it. Our legislators firmly believe that a 6-month budget will be approved and then after 6 months the election will be over. They have also cut municipalities & counties. The DHS Youth programs will also be cut. The CCBYS runaway program will be cut 20% and the UDIS program is looking at a 10% cut. Carol attended the legislative reception and 45 legislators actually showed up which was a surprise since it was a hostile group due to the budget cuts being proposed.
- The Local Funds Initiative (Medicaid Match) is starting to "gel". Five counties bought the software called Solutions. Dennis Crowley is the President of Solutions. Alex

Campbell works for them. Carol met with them last week. Gongmin, IHR's software guru, has finally created a program that is compatible for billing purposes. Down the line we will be able to include IHR's drug and alcohol services and the DD services that Futures provides.

Jack introduced Joe Vaughan, Clinical Director of IHR, who gave a presentation on the mediation program provided by IHR. Joe has been the Clinical Director at IHR since 2002. He went to a one-week mediation training back in 2007. Judge Fellheimer is the one who suggested this service. Cost of mediation is \$100 per hour, so \$50 per party. A party can consist of a mother and father, grandparents, and parties do not have to be married. The purpose of the program is for the parties to come to an agreement/plan for the children such as school attended, religion child will be raised with and many other decisions that arise such as holidays and birthdays. Joe was trained to see the mother and the father separately first and then together when possible. Most of the time they will come to an agreement or at least a partial agreement. Joe gets about a 75% success rate. As a mediator, Joe does not negotiate child support. That is done through the attorney and court. The child support is the most "sticky" situation.

Old Business:

- The fire alarm system is being installed now. There will be a Code Red Lock Down Drill scheduled in March once the fire alarm system is completely installed.
- The board will table the board operations topic until next month. Carol wants the board members to review the hand out that Bill Fairfield, Board Chair presented to Carol earlier in the week.
- Carol met with Bliss McKnight and it was confirmed that the Mental Health Board was not named on the county's liability insurance policy. The Mental Health Board is now covered under the Youth Commission's policy, which will come up for renewal on July 1st. There are three options that the Mental Health Board has to choose from: a) stay on the Youth Commission's policy, b) get a free-standing policy or c) be named on the county policy.

New Business:

- The 708/377 Board 2009 Annual Report was distributed. Carol reviewed some highlights of the report. It was moved by Ed and seconded by Steve to approve the 708/377 Board 2009 Annual Report. Motion carried.
- The County Appreciation Dinner will be held Saturday, April 17th at the Mansion in Dwight. The board and employees have been invited. Carol would like the board to reply by April 9th.
- Carol reported on the legislative conference she attended last week. Public Health and Mental Health have combined forces for this conference.
- The county is requiring each department to have designated Freedom of Information Officer. Carol would like to take on this role. It will require a training. It was moved by Margaret and seconded by Ed to approve Carol as the Freedom of Information Officer for the Mental Health Board.

Agency Comments:

Futures Unlimited:

- Adeana Fox, Chief Financial Officer, of Futures Unlimited reported that the budget does not look good for them either. Futures has moved many of their clients into the

fee for service program and out of the grant programs. They may receive a 2.5 percent cut in Medicaid waiver funding which is federal money and the elimination of all their grant funds. Futures is back on expedited payment with the State. The Governor would like to do away with the expedited payment option. This would be very detrimental to Futures since they rely on those payments to make payroll.

- Adeana reported that last week, Futures Unlimited had an unannounced 3-day survey by the Illinois Bureau of Quality Management (BQM). The survey was based on compliance of the Nurse Practice Act. Due to a documentation error the BQM decertified all the residential staff on the ability to pass medication to their clients. Mosaic loaned out their nurse trainer to help train their staff and prepared them to pass the necessary tests. They are now working on correction plan.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe found it interesting that the DHS Secretary, Michelle Sadler said that Illinois is “shredding the safety net” for the most vulnerable people. \$310,000 will be cut from IHR’s funding for non-Medicaid clients. He spoke of several other cuts that will affect them. Joe feels these cut are a travesty.

Mosaic:

- Not present.

ADV/SAS:

- Margee reported they also had a site visits from DHS and the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Both surveys came back very well and they were pleased. One survey was for state funding and the other was for federal funding. They are waiting to see what funding cuts they will see. DHS will require ADV/SAS to submit a budget this fall. They received several payments from the state prior to the primary.
- They are in the process of installing a fire alarm system in the shelter. There will be pull station to set the alarms off in the event of a fire. However, they have many children in the shelter that may decide to pull the alarm. Staff have made the fire/police departments aware of their situation and so there will be no tickets issued under these circumstances.
- April is Sexual Abuse Awareness month and Child Abuse Awareness month. There will be press releases sent out to the media in Livingston County.

It was moved by Margaret and seconded by Laura to go into executive session to discuss employment matters. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Ed to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Laura to move Jeni Chaffer to 37.5 hours per week. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary