

Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2010

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Paul Studnicki, Ed Legner, Margaret Brunskill, and Laura Leslie

377 Board Present: Bob Walter

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

Staff Present: Carol Flessner, Jennifer Chaffer and Janice Golliday

Guests: Brian Blossom, Futures Unlimited; Joe Ronaldson & Joe Vaughan, IHR and Chris Johnson, Mosaic; and Margee Morrison, Mosaic

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Paul and seconded by Laura to approve the August 19th minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Margaret and seconded by Paul to approve the August check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Paul to approve the August financial statement. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Carol reported that the state is paying vouchers up to February 8th. Last month Carol reported the state was paying up to January 30th. So payments are not coming in quickly at all. Not receiving payments from the state is a very good reason as to why it is so important to have reserves in order keep operating.
- Bob Walter, a key informant, reported the meeting held last week was facilitated by Dr. Chasnoff (pediatrician) & Dr. McCurdy (child psychologist). The grant this 1st year is contributing \$350,000 for planning and a potential of 3 more years for implementation. It will provide mental health services to birth to age 19 throughout the county. The needs of the county have been identified and the team will brainstorm on how to address these needs. Bob was really pleased with the team and realized that Livingston County has a lot of programs to offer youth. Bob and Carol were chosen to write the vision statement. Brenda Huber would like Carol to serve on all the committees. The committees are broken down by age group 1-5, 6-12, and 13-19 and also a SART committee. Joe Vaughan found the 3-day training very interesting and was very impressed with Judge Jennifer Bauknecht's views. The biggest challenge will be in how to sustain the funding after the initial 4-year grant is depleted. Carol pointed out that the mental health services

that this grant provides will be in the schools. This grant money is not from the government but a private foundation.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Draft FY11 budgets were distributed for review. Carol discussed the details and spoke of the proposed tax levy from the county. There is an increase in funding proposed for the agencies. Carol and Jeni met with Carl Borngasser to receive his input and Carl felt that the levy proposed would be acceptable. This budget cannot be voted on yet.
- The agency funding applications were distributed and they will be discussed next month after board members have had time to review them.

Agency Comments:

Futures Unlimited:

- Brian reminded everyone of the 40th Futures Unlimited Anniversary Celebration to be observed on Thursday, September 25th in the Caterpillar room at Futures Unlimited. All are welcome to attend.
- Brian reported on an individual that Carol's staff and Futures Unlimited have been working with who is very difficult. This client exhausted his staff's resources, IHR, hospital and the local police wrote a letter to Futures suggesting this client needed different resources than what this county has to offer. Carol's staff has been working very hard to find him a placement in the Chicago area where his family lives. The client has been in a 1-person CILA and the state was paying Futures Unlimited around \$130,000 per year for him. An agency in Chicago agreed to place him in their facility and then they received an award letter for only \$55,000 for a year. The Chicago agency decided they could not take for such a low rate. Another packet will be sent with his history in hopes to get a better rate of funding this individual.
- Brian asked Don Moss to check into why Futures Unlimited was not receiving their expedited payments. The state has told Brian that he needs to reapply ahead of time before his expedited payment time expires but then the state has also told him that he cannot reapply until the last expedited payment time frame has expired. The story continues to change.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe reported that IHR has a deficit budget at this time. The state is way behind on payments to IHR also. This will be his last 708/377 Board meeting. It has been fun working with the Boards. Jack Vietti commended Joe for a terrific job over the years.
- Joe Vaughan added he is looking forward to the challenge. He has some big shoes to fill but has been working close with Joe over the last few months. Joe Vaughan said that IHR has some challenges ahead with the current budget cuts but will make it through.

Mosaic:

- Chris reported that much of their time has been dealing with the recent death of one of their elderly clients who was diagnosed with cancer months ago. They have been working with Hospice. Mosaic was able to keep in his home until his death which was important to him and his family. Mosaic staff are having a hard time dealing with his death. Unfortunately another client has been diagnosed with cancer but not sure as to what extent. They have taken a temporary admission from the Rockford agency. They

have a gentleman whose physical abilities have declined and until his home is accessible he will reside in the Barber St. home.

- They recently did their Basic Assurance and Validation Survey with the regional staff under CQL standards. Their agency continues to improve on their score. They are judged on their reliability and they are accessing themselves correctly. A new training course has begun for seven new direct staff hires.

ADV/SAS:

- Margee has experienced the same issues with the state regarding the expedited payment dilemma.
- They are busy getting ready for Domestic Violence Awareness month in October. Margee will keep us posted on what events will be coming up for the observance. The advocate they have in Livingston County recently had knee surgery so she will be out for a while. They are actively recruiting volunteers.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary