

Livingston County Mental Health Board
708 Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2024 at 4:00 PM

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Pam Stone, Clark Reamer, Debbie Studnicki, Barb Schlatter

708 Board Absent: Gary Beier, Ed Legner

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty, Vicki Day

377 Board Absent: Chris Johnson

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti

Staff Present: Taylor Hartman, Tanya Melvin, Meg Gillette

Guests: Shannon Dohleman, Futures Unlimited; Susan Bursztynsky, Safe Journeys, Maryssa McCoy, AIR

The 708 Board meeting was called to order by President Jack Vietti.

Agenda:

- It was moved by Debbie Studnicki, seconded by Pam Stone to approve the August 2024 Minutes. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Pam Stone, seconded by Clark Reamer to approve the August 2024 Check Listing. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Pam Stone, seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the August 2024 Financial Statement. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Clark Reamer, seconded by Pam Stone to approve the September 2024 Check Listing. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Pam Stone, seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the September 2024 Financial Statement. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Last couple months have been very good.
- We were able to have a table at Celebrate Recovery Event at the Rec Center for ROSC.
- Been working with LCSSU to assist them with purchasing an AED machine.
- Taylor reported that her and Meg attended a virtual panel on the role and effectiveness of MHBs. Oak Park Townships MHB Director provided information and answered questions to help assist Warrenville residents on their upcoming vote on it. It was nice to hear how other boards and agencies function.
- In some Illinois updates \$9.5 million will be going towards mental health and substance use disorder services from Department of Health and Human Services. Unfortunately, it does not appear to be going to Liv. County, but Mclean(Chestnut), Champaign(Promise Healthcare), and Peoria(Heartland Comm. Healthcare Clinic). Along with that at the beginning of September the

Biden Admin. Announces it will be finalizing a proposal that is meant to force health insurers to cover mental health.

- There are a couple donation opportunities if anyone is interested. Mona's Pantry that collects new or partially used hygiene items. You can bring that to us or directly to the probation office at the courthouse. Second is the Salvation Army is doing an Angel Tree for the holidays. If anyone would like to donate, sponsor, or refer a family we have some information on that.
- Finance related things, the county finance department created the account strings in order for 377 and LCCCY to pay their portion of the benefits.
- Lastly the CD's are being rolled over monthly and the rate has recently dropped from 5.2 to 4.7%

Agency Comments:

Futures: Shannon Dohleman reported that other executive staff were at the Institute for Public Policy Conference. Adeana didn't have any reallocations planned for the funds. The kitchen should still be on schedule for completion in November. In September, the Community Day Services Dept. had the Bureau of Accreditation, Licensure and Certification (BALC) survey one week and the next week had the Bureau of Quality Management (BQM) and Rule 116 Nursing survey. The surveys all went well with minimal corrections required.

Safe Journeys: Susan reported they have added a third paid advocate for the Partner of Use Intervention Program which is something the 708 Board does not fund. That is working with people who use violence to try and prevent and educate them not use violence against their partner. It is a growing program. They have a part time shelter advocate position open. They attended Harvest Days for the first day and National Night out. They were excited to announce that they received 2 Federal Grants. The one grant from the DOJ Office on Violence Against Women. This funding will allow them to do more systemic collaboration and hire a therapist.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Motion to add Budget Adjustments to Agenda. It was moved by Barb Schlatter, seconded by Clark Reamer to approve the added Budget Adjustments to October Agenda.
- **LCSSU Request for Funds to help family with bed bugs:** The amount requesting is \$450.
 - It was moved by Pam Stone, seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the help with bed bugs out of the Service Development funds. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

- It was moved by Clark Reamer and seconded by Barb Schlatter to go into executive session. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Clark Reamer and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to leave executive session. Motion carried.
- Following an outstanding performance of Taylors first year of employment the boards suggest on top of Taylors 2% she gets from cost of living she gets compensation from the Mental Health Board to increase her salary to \$60,000 as a merit performance. To be divided between 708 and 377 Boards.
 - It was moved by Barb Schlatter, seconded by Pam Stone to approve Taylor's compensation from the Boards. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

It was moved by Clark Reamer and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Stone, Secretary