

**Livingston County Board for the Care and Treatment
Of Persons with a Developmental Disability
377 Board Meeting Minutes**
**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Open Meetings Act
was modified to include
Conference Call Meetings as Acceptable**
August 19, 2021 @ 4:00p.m. by Conference Call or In-Person

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty, and Vicki Day,
377 Board Absent: Mary Etta Mullen

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Debbie Studnicki, Lanette Barnett, Gary Beier, and Rose Smith

708 Board Absent: Deb Moran, and Ed Legner

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti

Staff Present: Chris Myers, Janice Golliday, and Amy Zick

Guests: Joe Vaughan, IHR; and Patty Haberkorn, Futures Unlimited; Susan Bursztnsky, Safe Journeys; and Meagan DeMoss, OSF

The 377 Board meeting was called to order by President Bob McCarty.

It was moved by Bob McCarty and seconded by Vicki Day to approve the June, 377 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki Day and seconded by Bob McCarty to approve the 377 Board June financial statement. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bob McCarty and seconded by Vicki Day to approve the 377 Board July financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Chris reported the new H & E building progress is moving slowly. Construction crews are waiting on siding to finish the outside and also waiting on Com Ed to install a transformer. Furniture has been delivered and stored in the old IHR front of the building until the new building is complete. Madison Construction will be cleaning up the lot and planting grass seed. The asphalt has still not been laid on the parking lot.
- A couple of great laws were passed are one which allows a student in special ed to finish out the school year even after they turn 22 years old. The other approved law allows an individual to come back to school one more year even though the graduated from special ed the school year before. This law was because of COVID last year. Chris has doubts that many schools will promote this second law to parents/guardians.
- St. Clair County Mental Health developed a collaborative effort with Chestnut Health Systems and Metrolink (commuter service) to provide mental health counselors along with Metrolink security on the train.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Patty Haberkorn of Futures Unlimited addressed both boards with the request to receive approved budgeted money for the FY21 year in advance to take care of debts that are due for payment. The state is far behind on paying them and they need early funding to stay afloat. Futures Unlimited has not used a good share of their budgeted funding due to COVID rules in place. Amy Zick created a spreadsheet of Futures Unlimited's billed services so far and projected expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year showing the amounts that will not be spent on both the 708 or 377 budgeted amounts. The State has also told Patty not to expect payment in the month of December. After a brief discussion it was moved by Bob McCarty and seconded by Vicki Day to approve \$52,000 advancement of Futures Unlimited's 377 FY21 Budget. Motion carried.
- A Policy on Conflict of Interest for board members was revised. It was moved by Vicki Day and seconded by Bob McCarty to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried.
- It was moved to abort the Mental Health Board Policy on Payroll and approve the County Board Policy on Payroll. Motion by Vicki Day and seconded by Bob McCarty to approve the County Policy on Payroll. Motion carried.

Agency Comments:**Safe Journeys:**

- Susan Bursztnsky reported services continue and they have hired a new finance director, Josh Biros, who is young and the CEO at the Streator YMCA and then worked for a bank for two years. He missed working for a nonprofit agency. He has proven to be a great help to Susan by taking many jobs off her plate. Dana Wright, the LaSalle County Sexual Assault advocate, will be reaching out to Livingston County as well. They will help individuals with filing an order of protection when requested. Safe Journeys continues to have staff changing positions within the agency. There are a couple of positions they are wanting to fill now.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe Vaughan reported they are all moved into their new building at 920 W. Custer Avenue. He cannot thank John and Paula Opperman enough for all their help getting the building ready the way IHR needed it. An Open House is being planned for some time in September. Joe has new Social Service directories available to take and may also be accessed on their website. Joe completely understands the cash flow dilemma like Futures Unlimited is experiencing.

Futures Unlimited:

- Patty Haberkorn said they are still trying to serve more individuals. They are trying to be more creative with some individuals coming in the morning and others who would like to come in the afternoon. They are not sure if Breakfast with Santa will happen this year. It is not so much of a fundraiser as it is a PR event. Chris suggested they apply for a grant from the county COVID 6.9 million funding This money is to be awarded to not for profit agencies and other businesses who stayed open and had to continue to serve individuals. The grant is due September 30th. All but 2 CILA residents are vaccinated. It is more of FU staff who are not vaccinated.

OSF:

- Meagan DeMoss did not have anything to report.

It was moved by Bob McCarty and seconded by Vicki Day to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki Day and seconded by Bob McCarty to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

No action was taken in executive session.

It was moved by Bob McCarty and seconded by Vicki Day to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Day, Secretary Protem