

**Livingston County Board for the Care and Treatment  
of Persons with a Developmental Disability  
377 Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 19, 2015**

**377 Board Present:** Bob McCarty and Mary Etta Mullen

**708 Board Present:** Jack Vietti, Ed Legner, Bob Walter, Steve Tock, and Mark Donovan

**Livingston County Board Members:** Jack Vietti

**Staff Present:** Carol Flessner, Chris Myers, Amy Zick and Janice Golliday

**Guests:** Karen Donovan, Futures Unlimited and Joe Vaughan, Institute for Human Resources; and Margee Morrison, ADV/SAS

President Bob M. called the 377 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Mary Etta and seconded by Bob M. to approve the January 15th, 377 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mary Etta and seconded by Bob M. to approve the January 377 Board financial statements. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Carol spoke about the state budget and there is money allocated to move 100 people out of state operated facilities in FY16. They budgeted almost \$3,000,000 for renovations at Murray Developmental Center in Centralia. This is the center that should have been closed a long time ago. The mental illness budget has been cut \$82 million. Carol sent out a proposed state budget to the board members for their review.
- Judge Bauknecht spoke with Carol this morning regarding the grant called Adult Redeploy Illinois. This is the initiative to bring Mental Health Court to the community in an effort to reduce recidivism. The grant has to be written by March 6<sup>th</sup>. Carol does not have enough time to write the grant on such short notice. However, there is a Juvenile Redeploy Illinois grant coming up.

**Old Business:**

- The Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> after the 708/377 Board meeting. A meal will be provided. There will not be a County Board meeting that night. Carol and Dennis have worked on some of the changes for the plan.
- Operation Snowflake is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> for junior high age students. It will be held in Dwight this year. Teresa Diemer and staff do an excellent job. They expect over 200 students to participate. Joe reported that over 75 high school students help out for the day.

- Carol reported that the LCCN program will be combined in with the Youth Commission. Next Friday Carol will meet with Tom Blakeman to discuss the transition. The by-laws and the mission statement will need to be revised.

**New Business:**

- Carol attended an I-Plan meeting last week. Public Health is required by the state to conduct an I-Plan meeting every five years to identify the needs of the community. Number one this year was mental health concerns. The second need identified is awareness of the services that are offered to the community and the third need identified was parental education. Carol has been involved in 4 or 5 of the past I-Plans and this is the first time that cancer was not on the list. One issue that is still high in Livingston County, compared to other counties, is teenage pregnancies. The ages of teen girls getting pregnant are 15-19. The child abuse rate is 4-5 times higher than most other counties. But maybe Livingston County has better reporting.

**Agency Comments:**

**Institute for Human Resources:**

- Joe reported that about a year ago the sex offender group that Bob Kinas ran had dwindled down to two individuals and Joe had intentions of stopping the program but now there are twelve in the group. Most of them come from parole. They have to receive treatment until Bob is confident that they are going to be OK not to offend again. Treatment can take up to 2-5 years, but some are never released from treatment.

**Futures Unlimited:**

- Karen reported that the seed ball business is up and running and have already had over \$7,000 in orders. The clients are working and happy as could be and received their first paycheck. There were 16 working on the seed balls yesterday
- Karen updated the board on the Training Assistance Grant. They use the grant about 2-3 times a month. Helping people medical, dental, utilities and rent. They are careful about using this money. They use this money in conjunction with the Homeless Coalition money to help people.
- They will be working on the Medicaid draft that is due the middle of March.
- There will be an Open House of the Dwight building on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 am and then again from 3:30-4:30 pm. There about 40 clients receive services at this location.

**ADV/SAS:**

- There are two interns working with the ADV/SAS staff. Both of them have a BSW. One is from ISU and is developing some parenting materials for the families and also helping the children's group and activities with the children. The other intern is from Aurora University and has been on the hotline answering questions.
- Erin Broerman continues to stay busy in the Livingston County schools.
- Lisa Scarbard is a counselor that has been going out to Woodland once a week and seeing students who have been sexually assaulted or are a victim of domestic violence.
- The Zonta Club is providing birthday boxes for the Children who are celebrating their birthday while at the shelter or as they are leaving the shelter. Each box has a small gift, cake mix, frosting, candles, paper plates and forks. This program started in January. The Zonta Club is also setting up a gift shop where the children can get a

gift for their mother or other significant family member who is celebrating a birthday and also for Mother's Day that is coming up.

- On June 20<sup>th</sup> they are having a fund raiser called ROAR which stands for Rock Out Against Rape. It will be held at the Cedar Creek Bar and Ranch about 2 miles off 39 at the Oglesby exit. There will be three bands, Cody Calkins (a local band), Band 303 (metal band) and Karen Hart band out of Naperville and her voice sounds like Stevie Nicks. She has played Taste of Chicago. There will also be a vendor fair at the same time.

**Mosaic**

- Not present.

It was moved by Mary Etta and seconded by Bob M. to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mary Etta and seconded by Bob M. to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

No action was taken.

It was moved by Mary Etta and seconded by Bob M. to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Etta Mullen, Secretary