

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

November 17, 2011

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty, Bob Walter and Vicki Day

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

Public Health Committee: Judy Campbell and John Yoder

Staff Present: Carol Flessner, Janice Golliday and Amy Zick

Guests: Brian Blossom, Futures Unlimited: Joe Vaughan, IHR; Margee Morrison, ADV/SAS; Chris Johnson and Sean Zears, Mosaic

President Bob McCarty called the 377 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Bob McCarty to approve the November 17th minutes with the correction that it was moved by Vicki and seconded by Bob M. to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Bob Walter to approve the October financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Carol reported even though COGFA voted to not to close seven state facilities the Governor plans to close 4 developmental centers in the next 2 ½ years. Chris Johnson said there has been a little bit of movement by the state facilities reps to locate community placement for these individuals. However, Chris and Brian believe that some of the individuals that they are trying to place are being set up for failure. Brian sits on the Institute for Public Policy organization and they feel that the selection of individuals to move into community settings should be taken out of the hands of SODC staff. As they (SODC staff) deliberately pick individuals that will fail in a community setting to prove the point that all these state facilities are necessary.

Old Business:

- The 377 FY12 Budget was presented to the 377 Board for approval. It was moved by Bob W. and seconded by Vicki to approve the FY12 Budget. Motion carried.
- The LCCN is moving ahead. The program is being implemented in the schools. The group is now working on the birth to 5 age group with OSF. They are trying to integrate what the Infant Toddler Enrichment Program (377 funds) with additional services that the LCCN would provide without duplicating services. The Positive Action program has begun in the schools. They have not hired a project director yet. The responsibility has been shared since Brent resigned. IHR will be getting an additional therapist. Mandy is devoting one day a week for LCCN, dealing with the children and their families. Also, she will deal with families in the legal system. Carol received a call from Harvey Saber, the program director for the foundation, and he will be coming here December 8-9th to review the progress of the LCCN program.
- Carol reported that last Thursday she and Joe Vaughan, Mandy Roberts-Lieb, Bob Walter and Amy Duffy met to discuss Recovery Court in McLean County. They met with all individuals involved in the Recovery Court. The group was allowed to observe the Recovery Court hearings.

Judge Foley is so compassionate, positive but firm with her clients. Mandy will be the coordinator for The Recovery Court. There are many forms to be filled out in order to be involved with Recovery Court. Recovery Court would involve providing meds, housing and transportation for clients involved in the program. Judge Bauknecht and Carol will need to come up with a budget. Carol met with Bill Fairfield, County Board Chairman, and Bill feels it would be a worthwhile program and will bring it up at the County Board meeting tonight. Next Wednesday the team will meet with Sheriff Marty Meredith regarding Recovery Court.

- Futures Unlimited is requesting that the \$40,000 that they owe on the loan be converted into a grant to help pay for a new bus. No action can be taken today since it was not on the agenda. A special meeting will be held on Monday, November 21 at 8:00 am. to take action regarding Futures Unlimited's request.

New Business:

- Carol announced that the Christmas Open House will be on Thursday, December 15th. Carol asked the board if they would like to start earlier. In the past the Open House has been from 3-4 with the meeting starting at 4:00p.m. It was agreed that the Open House would start a ½ hour earlier this year. The Open House will be from 2:30-4 with the 708/377 Board meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Agency Comments:

Futures Unlimited:

- Brian announced that on Sunday, December 4 from 8-1 there will be the annual Breakfast with Santa held at their facility. Pancakes and sausage will be served. Tickets are on sale in advance or may be purchased at the door.
- Futures had ten individuals go to Springfield yesterday for the Speak Up, Speak Out Summit conference. It is a self-advocacy group that learns how to speak out for themselves and hope to achieve the goals they want to achieve. A lot of individuals have their first experience of staying in a hotel room and dining on white linen tablecloths. Two Futures Unlimited staff chaperoned the group.
- Brian is proud to announce that the Institute on Public Policy has voted him in as Chairman for 2012-2013. This group works with the Division of Developmental Disabilities and the Division of Rehab Services. Chris Johnson of Mosaic has been named Secretary and Rick Glass from Marc Center is Treasurer.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe reported on SnowFlurry and showed the board what the t-shirts looked like that the kids received. This program was for 4th & 5th graders. All the Livingston County schools were invited and all showed except Woodland School. There were 25 girls and 15 boys that participated. Attendance doubled this year. Many high school, junior high and one college kid volunteered their time. Tiffany Meints does a very nice job coordinating the program.
- The IHR project over in Chatsworth where IHR is sending Sherry Brendalen, licensed therapist, is in the OSF doctor's office in Chatsworth for 3-4 hours every Wednesday. Teachers and students are pleased with the program.

ADV/SAS:

- Margee reported that October was Domestic Violence Awareness month. They just had an event in Livingston on the courthouse square. There was an event in Peru for LaSalle County and a display of the Clothesline Project in Streator.
- Margee just came back from Springfield and learned that there is 1.3% million additional dollars for Domestic Violence but was never allocated. Agencies will get anywhere from 10-30 thousand dollars depending on what the outcome & usages were.
- The Sexual Assault budget allocations will be increased by 10-11 thousand dollars. Most of this money will go into travel.

- They have two fundraisers coming up: a trivia contest and the Knights of Columbus in Streator on December 2nd and Streator Oinized Credit will have an event called Taste of the Town right in Streator. The money raised will be divided among 6 different agencies.
- A group of Pontiac Correctional Center inmates donated part of their wages for children services and activities.

Mosaic:

- Chris reported they still have 3 vacancies in the county CILA homes. They are in the process of transitioning a gentleman from Jacksonville Developmental Center. He has family in the area. They have had some staff vacancies. Mosaic had a job fair at St. Peter's Church in Dwight recently. They will be moving to electronic time keeping soon. Christmas Open House is December 16th at the office from 1-4:00 p.m.
- Chris introduced the new Communication Relations Manager, Sean Zears. Sean explained his job position. Mosaic is spearheading a new way to get the information out about Mosaic and educate the public about services Mosaic has to offer called Discover the Possibilities. Each month Mosaic will offer a virtual tour held at the Mosaic office on W. Madison Street. They will be heard every first Thursday of the month. It will last an hour. Everyone is invited to the first one. This will begin at 5:00 pm on December 1st.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Bob W. to go into executive session for personnel issues. Motion carried.

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

No action was taken in executive session. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Day, Secretary