

**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
October 21, 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, Ed Legner, Debbie Studnicki, Lynette Barnett, and Gary Beier

708 Board Absent: Rose Smith

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti

Staff Present: Chris Myers and Amy Zick

Guests: Susan Bursztznsky, Safe Journeys; Patti Haberkorn and Adeana Fox, Futures Unlimited; Joe Vaughan, IHR; Megan DeMoss, OSF; and Pam Krominga

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

Chris Myers introduced Pam Krominga to the board. Pam has been highly recommended to finish out the term for Deb Moran. Pam informed the board she is a Fairbury resident and a retired special ed teacher for Tri-Valley High School. She was a part-time nurse at the Baby Fold in Normal before going in to teaching. Pam is very aware of many services in McLean County but not Livingston County, so she is looking forward to learning about services in our county.

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

It was moved by Vicki Day and seconded by Bob McCarty to approve the September, 377 Board check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved Bob McCarty by Vicki Day and seconded by Gary Beier to approve the 708 Board September financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Chris Myers read the many thank you cards sent to the Mental Health Board from Deb Moran, IHR, Futures Unlimited's direct support staff, Mosaic homes, and Jesse's Ride.
- Chris reported the new H & E building updates. Com Ed was here Tuesday and Wednesday and turned off the power to the present building without notice. Public Health was in the middle of a clinic providing COVID and flu vaccines. Chris along

with county staff and board members walked through the new building. Cabinets were placed over the top of a vent and light in the ceiling of a cold room in the Public Health section. Now there is a wait on a new generator for the building. It looks like the move-in date will now be in December.

- Janice Golliday will be retiring the end December with her lasting working day being December 16th. There have been seven applicants for her position. They are all excellent candidates for the position.
- An agency in Aurora received a grant and is trying to educate more areas in the state about activating a 377 Board referendum in order to receive additional funding with a 377 Board levy.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Chris Myers learned of a Futures Unlimited employee who has two sons with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and she is in desperate need of a new form of transportation for them. The floor of the van is no longer strong enough to hold two power wheel chairs. A new van is too expensive for her to buy. The family is from the Woodland area. Chris is in hopes that Long Point Township will help fund the van along with other agencies. Chris is in hopes the LCCCY Board will help as well. At the present time she is unable to go anywhere with her sons. It was moved by Bob McCarty and seconded by Vicki Day to approve \$2,000 as a start and see if other agencies help with the vehicle. Bob said if need be, the 377 Board may further assist next month or next fiscal year. Motion carried.
- Futures Unlimited is requesting the advance of the remaining approved funding in the 377 Board Budget for FY21. Patty Haberkorn and Adeana Fox both explained the expenses are not going down however there are many services they cannot bill for with the Covid-19 guidelines they must adhere to. They have cut expenses as much as they can without sacrificing services. Chris Myers spoke with Randy Yedinak, States Attorney, regarding the legalities and he suggested to forward the remaining balance as a grant. The funding had already been approved for Futures Unlimited. Chris will draw up an addendum to the Futures Unlimited FY21 agreement with the 377 Board. After more discussion it was moved by Bob McCarty to release the remaining FY21 377 Budget funding to Futures Unlimited and seconded by Vicki Day. Motion carried.

Agency Comments:

Safe Journeys:

- Susan Bursztnsky, Safe Journeys, provide free confidential services to anyone regarding support after domestic violence and/or sexual abuse. There is a 24 hour support phone line. There is shelter in a confidential location in Streator. Safe Journeys accept any sex and children. They provide medical advocates and legal advocates, not attorneys. There are counselors, not MI, but are supportive and try to make the individual feel safe. Chris and Amy were just at Safe Journeys for an audit this week. Chris thanked Susan for the services provided to our Livingston County residents.

- **Institute for Human Resources:**

Joe Vaughan announced the upcoming CARF accreditation survey the next couple weeks. Over 1500 standards are reviewed. Operation Snowflurry will be at IHR this year for 4th and 5th graders. IHR received the American Rescue Grant requested to place a counselor in every high school an additional day per week. Now they have to find a counselor. Also, Rhonda Looney has agreed to run a recovery group to start November 4th. This will be a group like AA but not AA. Rhonda is volunteering her time. She has been in recovery herself. Eventually she would like to offer parenting and family recovery groups.

Futures Unlimited:

- Patty gave a brief synopsis of the many services that Futures Unlimited offers. Staffing continues to be constant problem. They have had 10 applicants and hope they will work out in CDS. They continue to interview. There are 4 CILA homes open. They do plan to have Breakfast with Santa but this year it will be a drive-through. Clients that attend Futures Unlimited are enjoying it. Clients in the CILA homes are trying to learn how to do things for themselves.

OSF:

- Megan DeMoss is the Behavioral Health Navigator at OSF and links people to the services that fit their needs. There is also an online therapy tool called Silver Cloud. It provides services for anxiety, depression, stress and is helpful for people who can't travel to receive such services.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Day, Secretary Protem