

**Livingston County Mental Health Board**  
**708 Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 20, 2025 at 4:00 PM**

**708 Board Present:** Jack Vietti, Debbie Studnicki, Gary Beier, Pam Stone, Clark Reamer, Ed Legner

**708 Board Absent:** Barb Schlatter

**377 Board Present:** Bob McCarty, Vicki Day, Chris Johnson

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**Livingston County Board Members:** Jack Vietti

**Staff Present:** Taylor Hartman, Meg Gillette, Tanya Melvin

**Guests:** Joe Vaughan and Jen Elzey, IHR; Susan Bursztynsky, Safe Journeys; Patty Haberkorn, Futures; Maryssa McCoy and Emily Franklin, A.I.R.

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

**Agenda:**

- It was moved by Gary Beier, seconded by Clark Reamer to approve the October 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 Minutes. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Ed Legner, seconded by Pam Stone to approve the October 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 Minutes. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Debbie Studnicki, seconded by Ed Legner to approve the October 2025 Check Listing. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Gary Beier, seconded by Clark Reamer to approve the October 2025 Financial Statement. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Taylor announced she will be attending the ACMHAI membership in Schaumburg on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- HB 1085 passed in the last month. It is meant to significantly impact Illinois's MH and Substance Use disorder services by establishing a minimum reimbursement rate.
- Taylor announced the local Transitional Planning Committee is being merged with McLean and three other counties. Shannon Dohleman, of Futures, and myself are working with McLean county coordinator to maintain our own in the county. The goal of the TPC is to educate youth and families of options for those with an intellectual or developmental disability. If anyone here has previously worked with the group I would love to speak with you.
- We were able to use a good portion of our services development on community members in the last couple months. We have received requests for grocery assistance, rent, utilities, and most recently assistance to an older IHR client who needs professional cleaners in his apartment to avoid eviction. We paid \$500 to ServPro and the rest was covered by the VA.

## **Agency Comments:**

### **IHR:**

- Joe brought and introduced Jen Elzey the Mental Health Clinical Director to the Boards.
- Jen talked about starting as a Master level intern in fall of 2015. She started as an intern and has worked her way up and is hoping to lead other people and build the therapists. She has a passion to give back to the community and help people in need.
- Joe announced they had their Snowball event at the Junior High in Pontiac. They put all the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades together for the first time ever. They had around 77 attend, it went from 9am-2pm. It was fairly successful compared to what they have experienced in the last several years since Covid. They will see what they want to move forward with that.
- They have been busier than ever. They went from 130 on the waiting list back up to 170. Teresa Diemer is continuing to do the waitlist, where she meets with clients who absolutely need to get in right away and they meet for a half hour for as many times as they need until they can get them established with a therapist.

### **Futures:**

- Patty announced that Futures is continuing to roll with the Futures Connections, they are getting more and more requests for services. The ridership has increased, last month they had around 300 rides and they have more coming in. They have hired a dispatcher, and now are working on drivers.
- The other programs keep going and keep providing services, they are watching them very closely and working on finding all the revenue sources.

### **Safe Journeys:**

- Susan announced that they have finally hired a person for the Mental Health Therapist position that they have been trying to fill. They are still looking for a bilingual counselor.
- Susan announced for housing she looked a grant to apply for transitional or long-term housing. Federal just put out the continuum of care funding opportunity, looked at that and went to a meeting for that. It has a lot of federal restrictions on it that they wouldn't be able to do. So, they will be looking for other sources of funding.
- Right now, they still have some money for their clients that have emergency needs or basic needs. They are going to have a staff meeting to discuss how do you define if something is a basic need or an emergency.

### **New Business:**

### **Adjourn**

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

- It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to go into executive session for Executive Director Annual Review and Review Past Executive Minutes. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Debbie Studnicki and seconded by Pam Stone to leave executive session. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Stone, Secretary