

**Livingston County Mental Health Board  
708 Board Meeting Minutes  
December 19, 2024 at 4:00 PM**

**708 Board Present:** Jack Vietti, Debbie Studnicki, Gary Beier, Ed Legner

**708 Board Absent:** Pam Stone, Clark Reamer, 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, Tanya Melvin, Meg Gillette

**Guests:** Patty Haberkorn and Kyle Schiebert, Futures Unlimited; Susan Bursztynsky, Safe Journeys, Maryssa McCoy, AIR; Joe Vaughan, IHR; Sheriff Ryan Bohm

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

**Agenda:**

- It was moved by, Gary Beier seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the November 2024 Minutes. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Ed Legner, seconded by Gary Beier to approve the November 2024 Check Listing. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Gary Beier seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the November 2024 Financial Statement. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Taylor thanked the board members, agency staff, and MHB staff for the work they have done this year.
- Taylor attended the ACHMAI conference in Schaumburg and spoke about Livingston County in the business meeting. Her input sparked a conversation on Opioid settlement funds.
- The County reached out to their departments about Opioid funds becoming available. The MHB is working with IHR on continuing their programming with it.
- In some Illinois lawmaker's news, they are weighing the potential benefits and concerns of psilocybin to treat mental health concerns. Curious to see how that will go.
- The MHB worked with probation to assist one of their active clients on his utilities. He is receiving Mental Health treatment and currently trying to regain employment.
- Otherwise just rolling over our CDs

**Agency Comments:**

**Futures:** Patty reported that all the Departments are having their Holiday get togethers and all the clients are enjoying them. On behalf of the DSP's Patty thanked the boards for the gifts, the DSP's really appreciated them.

Patty introduced Kyle Schiebert, one of the BHC counselors. Kyle announced the BHC is going strong, they are accepting more referrals from numerous different avenues currently. At the moment they have 50 active clients with 11 pending referrals. They are working on numerous different art therapy groups, as well as cognitive behavioral groups for the clients in the CILA, CDS programs, and any of their outpatient clients. Currently, any referrals they receive are getting scheduled within 48-72 hours for an assessment and are getting them in for services the next week.

**Safe Journeys:** Susan reported that they are currently fully staffed. She is hoping by January that they will have the federal funding contract signed, and then they will be looking for a project coordinator and a couple crisis staff down the road and another therapist.

**IHR:** Joe announced that Teresa Diemer was able to start the Stress Management 101 groups and this program will help those that are on the waitlist for a full-time counselor. They have held two Wednesday sessions so far and have not had anyone on the waitlist attend. They are scheduling some sessions for Saturdays in January in hopes of it bringing more people out. They have it organized and standardized with Teresa in terms of what they want to do and need to get people there to get it growing. In December they had two bachelor's level people graduate from their master's programs so they will be moving up within the agency which is they love to have.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **New Business:**

- Policy on not providing funds for OTC Medications for Agencies.
    - We accept the view of the States Attorney to support us in our decision to not provide any OTC Medications for any Agencies.
- I, Ed Legner moves to have this policy, Gary Beier seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Adjourn**

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Gary Beier to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

~~Pam Stone, Secretary~~  
Debbie Studnicki, Treasurer