

**Livingston County Mental Health Board  
708 Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 21, 2019**

**708 Board Present:** Jack Vietti, Debbie Studnicki, Steve Tock, and Rose Smith

**708 Board Absent:** Ed Legner, Vicki Day, and Mark Donovan

**377 Board Present:** Bob McCarty

**377 Board Absent:** Vicki Day and Mary Etta Mullen

**Livingston County Board Members:** Jack Vietti

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

**Guests:** Patty Haberkorn, Futures Unlimited; Susan Bursztznsky, Safe Journeys; Megan DeMoss, OSF; and Joe Vaughan

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Steve Tock and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the January 2019, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve Tock and seconded by Rose Smith to approve the January 2019, 708 Board check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve Tock and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the January 2019, 708 Board financial statements. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Chris reported the "Night to Shine Dance" sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation was held on February 8th at the Authentic Church on Custer Avenue in Pontiac. The event was wonderful and everyone enjoyed the evening.
- DHS was here the last three days to audit our programs. There were no corrections however there were a few recommendations.
- Regarding Case Coordination consolidation in the new fiscal year, three ISC agencies are appealing the decision. One ISC agency may file an injunction. Chris is waiting on the state to provide a transition plan.
- The main copy/scanner machine in the office broke down on February 4<sup>th</sup> and RK Dixon is unable to get the parts to fix it so a new copier/scanner will be delivered tomorrow.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Judge Jennifer Bauknecht reported the problem solving courts have been developing for 25-30 years. In the last 5 years formal problem solving courts was implemented by the IL courts. A problem solving court must be certified by the Supreme Court of IL. Livingston County is the first certified drug court in the circuit which was approved about one year ago. They have a great team consisting of

Judge Bauknecht and the States Attorney, Randy Yedinak, Public Defender Scott Ripley, Chief Jim Woolford, Chief Tim Henson, Teresa Diemer, IHR, and two probation officers. They meet once per week. The Drug Court Program consists of 6 stages over the course of two years. It is easier to go to prison vs. going through the program. If they slip up there are sanctions. There also incentives for rewards of doing well. Drug Court focuses on rehabilitation and accountability instead of punishment as it was not working to avoid recidivism.

Also, a veteran's court was mandated for the entire 11th circuit by last July. The 11<sup>th</sup> circuit decided to have one veterans court which is run out of Bloomington Judge Feeney (Circuit judge for Woodford County who is a veteran) running the program. To be eligible for Veteran's Court one must be a veteran and a diagnosable mental illness. If there is violent crime on record then they would not be eligible. There are 15 veterans in the program at this time. Two of the veterans are from Livingston County. They go to Bloomington once per week with a local probation officer in attendance.

**Agency Comments:**

**Institute for Human Resources:**

- Joe reported that IHR is fully staffed for the time being. Alexandria Kingma, therapist, who graduated from Aurora will be specializing with kids under the age of 17. Allysa will be starting soon as an intake coordinator to schedule the individual with the right staff person depending on their needs. The waiting period varies depending on the severity of the situation and to who they need to see.

**Futures Unlimited:**

- Patty Haberkorn reported they are for DT positions. The \$15 minimum wage is going to "kill them" and how it will affect the clients getting jobs in the community. SeedBalz has been very busy. They have been getting orders from Shopify.

**Mosaic**

- Not present.

**OSF:**

- No report.

**AKTION Club:**

- Bob McCarty reminded everyone the AKTION Club will meeting on March 19 from 11-1pm they will hold their charter meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Pontiac and they are inviting the Dwight club to join them and serve pizza and spaghetti. Dessert will be served. RSVP to Bob through email.

It was moved by Steve Tock and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Studnicki, Secretary Protem