

Livingston County Mental Health Board
708 Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Ed Legner, Barb Schlatter, Clark Reamer, Pam Stone

708 Board Absent: Debbie Studnicki, Gary Beier

377 Board Present: Chris Johnson, Vicki Day

377 Board Absent: Bob McCarty

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti

Staff Present: Chris Myers, Taylor Hartman, Meg Gillette and Tanya Melvin

Guests: Patty Haberkorn, Futures Unlimited; Joe Vaughn, IHR: Susan Bursztnsky, Safe Journeys

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

Agency Comments:

Agenda:

- It was moved by Barb Schlatter, seconded by Clark Reamer to approve the September 2023 minutes. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Ed Legner, seconded by Barb Schlatter to approve the September 2023 check listing. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Pam Stone, seconded by Clark Reamer to approve the September 2023 financial statement. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report: Over the past two weeks we had seven debits attempts on the bank account at First Financial over \$1200, each amount was different. The bank caught it, we caught it and so did the county. We got it all stopped and a stop on the vendor. Bank suggested that we implement a program called Positive Pay, it will cost \$20/month; it helps businesses identify and report fraudulent and unauthorized payments. We had two referrals from Probation and paid two weeks rent at the Palamar, and one to cover some utilities. The budget has been posted on the website for approval.

Agency Comments:

Futures - They have a new Behavioral Health Director Tim Jenkins, will bring him to November meeting to introduce him. Hoping to get it all up and running in the next six months. They have hired a few DSPs, had two interviews set up for HR and hired a second nurse.

Safe Journeys – They have permission to hire a new Advocacy Director and they are starting their interview process. Four people have applied and two have dropped out. They are hoping to be hiring a Bilingual/Bicultural Advocate. They were at Dwight Harvest Days. They now have eight board members, five are from Livingston County.

IHR – Snowflurry event for fourth and fifth grade students in Livingston County is coming up on November 4, 2023. IHR assisted Pontiac High School with an all-day program for suicide, this is the third year doing it. Only two SASS screenings came out of it.

Old Business:

- Local Funds Initiative / Medicaid Match – IHR is asking the Mental Health Board to help with the overall cost by covering up to \$11,000 towards the purchase of the above training/incentive material. This amount is the balance of LFI that will go unbilled as it is being discontinued.
Motioned to approve by Clark Reamer and seconded by Barb Schlatter.
Operation Snowball asked for funding to send four students to the CGTI Conference. Motion to supplement from Service Development by Ed Legner and seconded by Pam Stone.

New Business:

- **Leftover Funding**
 - ❖ **Snowball** –
 - ❖ **IHR** – Requesting assistance to purchase a 12-passenger bus. Motioned to approve by Ed Legner and seconded by Barb Schlatter.
 - ❖ **Futures** – Table remaining \$32,000 and address in November meeting.
 - ❖ **Service Development** –
- **Strategic Planning for 2024-27** – Small group, meet once or twice between now and next meeting. Make some proposals of some ideas and go over the old plan. Some changes need to be made. Barb Schlatter and Pam Stone volunteered from 708 and someone from 377 will be there.

Executive Session:

Adjourn

It was moved by Barb Schlatter and seconded by Pam Stone to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Stone, Secretary