

Livingston County Mental Health Board
708 Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2023 at 4:00 PM

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

708 Board Absent:

377 Board Present:

377 Board Absent: Bob McCarty, Vicki Day, Chris Johnson

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 Bursztznsky, Safe Journeys; Sheriff Ryan Bohm

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

Agenda:

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

Executive Director Report: State news, the Governor has renamed McFarland Mental Health Center which is down in Springfield to The Packard Mental Health Center, it was named in honor of Elizabeth Parsons Ware Packard. She was admitted by her husband back in the 19th Century against her will. When she was released she pushed for a lot of state laws for people that were fighting the insanity plea. The Attorney General Kwame Raoul and 42 other Attorney Generals are suing Meta for the affects that mental health is having on our children. The opioid settlement funds will be able to be accessed on December 1st. We applied on behalf of IHR for events for the promotion of Narcan and Substance Use Disorder in the community and also groups involving family members, spouses and children. As they develop those events and groups they will bill us and we will turn that in probably quarterly. First Financial we got Debbie Studnicki and Jack Vietti as additional signers, have to get back up there to get Taylor Hartman on there as well. Meg Gillette and Taylor Hartman just attended a training for the Positive Pay.

Agency Comments:

IHR – Joe Vaughn supplied a copy of the Annual Report for everyone to go over. The Snowflurry event on November 4th they had just shy of 50 kids fourth and fifth graders, seems to be getting back on track on getting more kids involved. Had their third impact panel, had 12 participants, these are individuals that come to the victim impact. They had two presenters that talk about how they have been impacted by DUI. If you get a DUI you are required to go through this type of program. The Family Support Group will start in December, this is the opioid settlement money, Thresa Diemer and Rhonda will

be kicking that off, it will be either Thursday evening and/or Saturday morning weekly. It will be an hour and half to two hour event. The purpose is to reach out to family's that are affected by drugs or alcohol and provide support and resources for them. It is also for mental health as well. They found a van and were able to purchase it.

Safe Journeys – They have made an offer and hired a new Advocacy Director. Will have an opening in one of the Shelters. They will be starting a Sexual Assault Response Team with OSF in the Ottawa, Mendota, Streator areas, will bring law enforcement and hospitals together to discuss where systems falling apart and what changes need to be. Hoping to expand into Livingston County once they get it started over there and also expand into domestic violence cases again. Hired a bilingual counselor advocate, and is in training right now.

Futures – Behavior and Health Clinic is moving right along, has them signed up for some insurances. Kitchen planning is coming along, the employment service team has been going out to food service providers to find out what kind of equipment they need and training that will be needed. Once plans are in place they can find someone to come in and get it done.

Old Business:

- **Update on Purchase of Service Spending** – Got the amendments about half done, have some more to add and will get taking care of in the next week. IHR has spent out their contract and we asked to move \$100,000 from 708 out of Futures so there will be an amendment for that, the van that was purchased was \$70,660 it's a new 2023. So IHR is requesting \$25,000 for computer upgrades out of the already approved request, so he will be using \$95,000 of the \$100,000 that was requested.

New Business:

- **Safe Journeys Request** – They are requesting \$10,250 to upgrades to shelter. Painting second floor, children's play room toys and decorations, hood above stove in kitchen and updated dishes and toaster, dishwasher tablets, storage room downstairs put tables and shelves in, laundry baskets, laundry tablets. It was motioned by Barb Schlatter and second by Clark Reamer to allocate unspent funds to an alternate service provider. Motion carried.
- **Strategic Planning for 2023-2026** – It was moved by Ed Legner, seconded by Gary Beier to approve the Three Year Strategic Plan December 1, 2023 – November 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Adjourn

It was moved by Gary Beier and seconded by Clark Reamer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Stone, Secretary

