

Livingston County Mental Health Board
708 Board Meeting Minutes
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Open Meetings Act
was modified to include
Conference Call Meetings as Acceptable
April 15, 2021 @ 4:00p.m. by Conference Call or In-Person

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Debbie Studnicki, Ed Legner, Rose Smith, and Deb Moran (all in person) as well as Gary Beier (on conference call)

708 Board Absent: Lynette Barnett

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty and Vicki Day (both in person) and Mary Etta Mullen (on conference call)

377 Board Absent: None

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti

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

Guests: Joe Vaughan, IHR; Susan Bursztnsky, Safe Journeys; Patty Haberkorn, Futures Unlimited; and Laura Baumgardner, PTHS

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

Laura Baumgardner, Life Skill Teacher at PTHS was introduced and began her presentation. She has been teaching at PTHS 30 out of 31 years in teaching. Laura reported it has been a very challenging year but rewarding class this year. The students have gained so much knowledge of computer skills due to the pandemic. Her class this year has done many art projects. This Saturday is the 9th Annual Run for Respect. It will be held virtually. The students are responsible for everything including the planning of the event, putting together packets, and sending thank you notes. The event has become worldwide including all 50 states. Also, Lutheran Church Charity Comfort dogs who had 3 dogs in PTHS have now moved on to other states. There are now comfort 56 dogs and 300 handlers in 22 states who will participate in the Run for Respect this weekend. Laura has 6 students in her Life Skills class and the other class also has 6 students.

It was moved by Debbie Studnicki and seconded by Rose Smith to approve the February, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Gary Beier to approve the February, 708 Board check listings. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Deb Moran to approve the March, 708 Board check listings. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Beier and seconded by Deb Moran to approve the 708 Board February financial statements. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deb Moran and seconded by Rose Smith to approve the 708 Board March financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Chris Myers announced Janice Golliday will be celebrating 20 years of employment with the Mental Health Board on Monday.
- Chris Myers read a thank you note from Laura Leslie (a former 708 & 377 Board member) for the donation to NAMI from the 708 Board in memory of her son, William, who passed away February 28th.
- Chris Myers also acknowledge the recent passing of Patty Haberkorn's mother.
- On June 12th the city of Pontiac will hold an electronic recycling event at the old K-Mart plaza parking lot.
- During Harvest Days this year, the semi-trailer named "In Plain Sight" created by Heroine Epidemic Relief Organization (HERO) is an educational trailer they take to big events. HERO also have other events such as trainings. The trailer simulates a teen age boy's bedroom filled with hidden drug paraphernalia. Even some law enforcement had commented on how amazed they were to go through the trailer and see it. Chris said it had been scheduled for last year but Harvest Days was canceled due to COVID. The trailer will be in Dwight during Harvest Days for a few hours on Saturday, September 18th of Harvest Days. Some volunteers will be needed. No one under the age of 18 are allowed to go in the trailer. Rose Smith suggested Chris request a spot on the radio to promote it when the date becomes closer.
- Chris had sent out information about Senate Bill 1649 regarding taking 20% funding from mental health boards and giving it to the Sheriff's department. At this time, it doesn't look like the bill is going anywhere. Last year there were so many witness slips opposing the bill it did not move on.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Chris Myers stated Deb Moran is up for reappointment. Deb has agreed to stay on the 708 Board with the approval of the 708 Board and the County Board. It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Rose Smith to approve Deb Moran for a 4-year term as a 708 Board member. Motion carried.
- The current slate of officers is:
Jack Vietti-President
Ed Legner- Vice-President
Debbie Studnicki-Treasurer
Rose Smith-Secretary
It was moved by Debbie Studnicki and seconded by Deb Moran to continue with the current slate of officers. Motion carried.

Agency Comments:

Safe Journeys:

- Susan is thinking of vacation as it will begin after this meeting. The biggest news Susan has is Kathy Pratt, Assistant Director, will be retiring the end of April. She has been with the agency for 38 years. Susan has placed two job opportunities on Indeed. One for a full-time financial director and the other position for a part-time book keeper. They are also looking for office space closer to the courthouse so they can move out of their offices on Ladd Street.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe Vaughan reported IHR has had a busy 6 weeks. The IHR Board has made the decision to pursue another location for their facility. IHR will be leaving “the campus” this summer. IHR thought they were going to build in the back-parking lot then it became cumbersome so IHR found a building that would fit all of their staff and made the decision to move. It was heart breaking to inform McCoy Construction of the change of plans. McCoy’s was weeks away from starting construction. IHR hates leaving the health department, mental health, Futures Unlimited, and Prairie Horizons, and also the fact he won’t be able to walk across the street to his home. IHR will be deciding on Sherri Bowald’s, APN, replacement this next week. There are two candidates in the running.

Futures Unlimited:

- Patty Haberkorn reported they have been busy. SeedBalz is very busy. LTD have requested 2 big orders they did not expect. The orders consist of 24,000 pieces! Staff are working Saturdays to try and keep up. Futures Unlimited continue to struggle with staffing issues. They receive applications but then the applicants don’t show up or they show up for the first interview and then don’t show up for the second interview. The Relias training has been very well received and the staff have been enjoying it. Patty thanked the board. They hope to get the bathrooms done soon.

OSF:

- Not present.

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Rose Smith to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Deb Moran to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

No action was taken in executive session.

It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Deb Moran to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Smith, Secretary