

Livingston County Mental Health Board
708 Board Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2019

708 Board Present: Ed Legner, Vicki Day, Rose Smith, Debbie Studnicki, and Jane Anderson

708 Board Absent: Jack Vietti and Mark Donovan

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty and Vicki Day

377 Board Absent: Mary Etta Mullen

Livingston County Board Members: None

Staff Present: Chris Myers, Amy Zick and Janice Golliday

Guests: None

Vice-President Ed Legner called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Debbie Studnicki and seconded by Vicki Day to approve the July 1, 2019, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Chris explained a couple of the line items on the check listing to the board. It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the June and July, 708 Board check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki Day and seconded by Jane Anderson to approve the June and July, 708 Board financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Chris was made aware of a mother with MI who has two sons. One son is DD and the other son has been in court for truancy. This family has no food and the home looked like it was to the point of hoarding. Chris received personal money from the assistant States Attorney plus she had a \$50 gift card and purchased food, cleaning supplies, and hygiene products to help this family.
- Kristal Shelvin, LCSSU, applied for grant to be an Adult Mental Health First Aid instructor. She did receive the grant but not the total expense. The grant covered all but \$200 which the LCMHB paid.
- Jackie Dever has been chosen to fill the position of Administrator of Public Health as MaLinda Hillman is retiring in September.
- ACMHAI will hold their fall conference on September 12&13th in Springfield. ACMHAI and IDPH will hold the joint conference once again.
- Chris is looking to provide community awareness of our services in Livingston County.
- Randy Yedinak is interested in collaborating on a cannabis forum in September.
- The finance committee of the County Board met last week and one board member mentioned cutting the Mental Health Board levy.
- The 708 Board will celebrate their 50 year anniversary by holding an Open House on August 28th from 3-6pm in the Health and Safety conference room.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Chris met with MaLinda Hillman to discuss the pros and cons of renting from the county vs. paying all our bills. Maintenance and lawn care would continue to be done by maintenance. Rent will continue through November of 2020.
- The October 17th meeting date will not work for Chris as she will be out of state. She asked the Boards if they would like to reschedule to a different date or skip it in October. October 24th will work for board members so it will be scheduled for that date.
- Chris asked both boards for suggestions regarding a Christmas celebration other than the usual Open House.

Agency Comments:**Safe Journeys:**

- Susan reported they have hired 3 new shelter staff so that puts them at 5 full time and 4 part time staff at the shelter. One of the staff will be starting a life skills class.
- They finished the fiscal year with 3,001 nights of shelter. This is the third year in a row of increases. This past 6-12 months they average 12 overnites. They would like to find long term housing but it will take finding a grant to fund it.
- They have also hired a 3rd prevention counselor who will be in the schools.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe attended a meeting in Gibson City where the subject came up about Vivitrol. Gibson City is using Suboxone for their clients with opiod/alcohol substance use. There is a definite difference of opinion as to these two drugs. Livingston County, Iroquois and Ford County received a Vivitrol grant. Suboxone gives effects of opiod/alcohol where as Vivitrol does not. Suboxone is known to be sold on the streets. Joe has hired a couple of counselors who have experienced and recovered substance use; one is part time and one full time. Drug Court is going well and Joe will speak with Teresa about having her attend an upcoming board meeting to update everyone on Drug Court.
- A counselor spent time at the both Boys N Girls Club this summer and the club enjoyed her so much they would like her to come regularly. Joe reported she will spend 1-2 hours per week in Pontiac and Prairie Central Boys and Girls Clubs. IHR has a goal to start an anti-bullying campaign but it may not happen until next year.

Futures Unlimited:

- Patty was proud to report the CARF survey went quite well. With 997 standards to meet Futures only received two minor recommendations. The surveyors were quite impressed with their organization and the staff and their dedication and care for their work.
- Representative Tom Bennett spent an hour and half at Futures Unlimited and would have spent more time however he had a full schedule to keep.
- The 3.5% funding increase has not kicked in like it should have July 1st. Patty has learned it won't be retroactive as of July 1st either which adds up to over \$76,000 less in funding which translates to three staff members who they are not going to cut.
- A letter to parents/guardians of Futures Unlimited clients was mailed out to announce they will not be providing services on Friday afternoons and transportation home will begin at noon every Friday. They will do a trial for six months with this new schedule. Patty has not heard anything negative yet from family members.

It was moved by Rose Smith and Debbie Studnicki seconded by to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jane Anderson and seconded by Rose Smith to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

No action resulted from executive session.

It was moved by Debbie Studnicki and seconded by Jane Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Day, Secretary