

Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2014

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Ed Legner, Laura Leslie, Bob Walter, Vicki Day and Steve Tock

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty, Mary Etta Mullen and Vicki Day

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti, Joe Steichen and Kelly Cohlman

Staff Present: Carol Flessner and Janice Golliday

Guests: Margee Morrison, ADV/SAS; Joe Vaughan, IHR; Nikia Hults, Life Center for Independent Living; John Mehlberg, Achieve Center; and Karen Donovan, Futures Unlimited

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Bob W. and seconded by Vicki to approve the July 2014, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Ed to approve the July 2014, 708 Board check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Steve to approve the July 2014, 708 Board financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Carol reported that the governor was in Bloomington yesterday. He presented Chestnut Health Systems with a check for \$700,000 for a crisis program.
- The Murray Developmental Center parents/guardians have filed an appeal with the federal court to reverse the decision to close the center.
- There continues to be more PUNS added to the list of over 22,000 in the state now. Carol expects another "pull" to be done before the end of the year if there is funding available.
- The DCFS director of Systems of Care for children is retiring. Many state employees are exiting while their state pension is still intact. It is unfortunate that so many experienced state employees are retiring and we are losing their expertise.
- The good news is Mandy has returned to work today.

Old Business:

- Jack and Carol introduced John Mehlberg of The Achieve Center. John and Carol Gardner oversee the PLATO Learning Program at the Achieve Center and several Livingston County schools. PLATO is a web-based curriculum. John distributed a description of the PLATO program along with statistics for the 708 Board to review. The PLATO program has had numerous positive outcomes in the Livingston County schools especially in the Tri-Point school. The program serves at-risk students who are at risk for academic failure. It also serves students with disabilities. The program is designed for an

individual approach when the traditional group teaching method fails. In addition, the PLATO Program serves children individually who have been diagnosed with mental illness or developmental disabilities. Licenses for the program need to be purchased each school year. John is requesting the 708 Board approve \$10,000 for the purchase of the licenses needed for the 2014-2015 school year. It was moved by Laura and seconded by Ed to approve \$10,000 to the Achieve Center for the purchase of the PLATO licenses needed for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried.

- Amy gave a brief explanation of the amended FY 14 budget. No one had any questions. It was moved by Bob W. and seconded by Steve to approve the amended FY14 budget. Motion carried.
- A draft of the FY15 Budget was distributed to the 708/377 Board members for their review.
- Carol reminded everyone that the September 708/377 Board meetings will be held a week later on Thursday, Sept. 25th in IHR Conference Room A at the back of the H & E building.

New Business:

- Carol reported that the hallway carpet in the mental health department appears to have what could be mold. Carol would like board members to take a look at it after the meeting. Maintenance was notified and they applied an antibacterial spray to the affected areas. The appearance has not changed. It was suggested that we contact our carpet cleaner, GEM Carpet and get his opinion on the areas in question. Carol reports that the carpet is around 30 years old. It was installed when Clint Conway of LCSSU (back then) occupied these offices.
- A copy of the ad for the Executive Director was given to the board for review. They agreed the ad looks fine but should extend the deadline date to October 1st for resumes.

Agency Comments:

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe reported that Dr. Puga's hours have been cut. He will be at IHR once per month and three days of tele-med per month. This will start in September. This is a temporary arrangement.
- Joe reported that there are six staff members pregnant right now.

Futures Unlimited:

- Karen has an update on the Dwight building. The state fire marshall suggested that they hire a consultant to get the building up to ADA specifications. So they have hired someone to do that. They have found someone to take out the walk-in refrigerator for other product in trade.
- Boston College has donated 2 additional Eagle Eye systems for the clients. So Futures will have two systems in Dwight and two in Pontiac (one at each location).
- State Farm has donated 25 desk top computers and 5 laptop computers. This will allow staff to upgrade to Windows 7.
- Futures Unlimited received \$5,502 in memorials for Brian Blossom. They have deposited this money into their Endowment Fund.
- There is a copy of the Personal Outcome Interview Summary in the packets this month.

ADV/SAS:

- Margee reported it has been a very busy summer. A couple of their staff will be moving.
- The Board and staff are planning a fundraiser titled "Rock Out Against Rape".
- ADV/SAS has leased the last unit in their building.

- **Mosaic:**
- Not present.

Jack introduced Nikia Hults of Life-CIL who was in attendance.

It was moved by Ed and seconded by Vicki to go into executive session for personnel issues. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ed and seconded by Bob W. to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

No action taken.

It was moved by Bob W. and seconded by Vicki to adjourn Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary