

Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2010

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Paul Studnicki, Ed Legner, Vicki Day, Margaret Brunskill and Laura Leslie

377 Board Present: Bob Walter, Vicki Day and Bob McCarty

Public Health Committee: George Knudsen, Joe Steichen and Judy Campbell

Staff Present: Carol Flessner and Janice Golliday

Guests: Brian Blossom, Futures Unlimited; Margaret Morrison, ADV/SAS; Chris Johnson, Mosaic and Joe Vaughan, IHR; Jake Walters, Livingston County Advocacy Center; Germaine Knudsen

President Jack Vietti presented George Knudsen, former Livingston County Board member and Chairman of the Public Health Committee, with a plaque for all his dedicated support of the mentally ill and developmentally disabled persons of Livingston County. Jack expressed his gratitude for George's service to the county over the years. Carol echoed Jack's sentiments.

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Paul to approve the November 18th minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Paul and seconded by Margaret to approve the November check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Laura to approve the November financial statement. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Carol reported that the FY2010 state payments have now been paid in full as of this week. The state owes for July-November of this new fiscal year.
- Carol gave statistics regarding human service staff who have been laid off due to DHS being behind with payments for past services that have been rendered.

- The Children Mental Health Grant committee met with OSF St. James medical staff and will meet again soon.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Carol introduced Jake Walters, Childrens Advocacy Center (CAC) of Livingston, McLean & DeWitt counties. Jake distributed brochures describing the service CAC provides to Livingston County and two other counties. CAC assists in the investigations where child sexual abuse or serious physical abuse has been alleged. CAC conducts an average of 75 interviews a year in Livingston County with children of alleged abuse. The number of child abuse reports in Livingston County is twice that of the State of IL as a whole. CAC is in need of new recording equipment. Jake is requesting \$3,000 from the 708 Board toward the purchase of the new equipment. CAC intends to conduct fundraisers to fund the remainder of the cost. Jake said they would buy new equipment if the funds were raised, if not they would just upgrade the system they presently use. The Board would prefer that they buy new equipment. It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Margaret to approve the request for \$3,000 to come out of the Systems Development line item of the budget. However, the Board would like CAC to come back with another request for additional funding needed to purchase the new equipment if it is not raised through the upcoming fundraisers. Motion carried.
- Carol reported that the ACMHAI Spring Conference will be held March 30 & 31 this coming year. The last few years 708 Boards have co-sponsored with public health agencies but many 708 Board agencies have requested to go back to having their own conference. Rich Miller will be a featured speaker this year.

Agency Comments:

Futures Unlimited:

- Brian spoke about the results of the Personal Outcome Interview Summary that was included in the packets this month. The report gives one a feel of what is going on in these individual's lives. Many report some type of abuse or exploitation. Many of these clients are baby boomers and they are seeing their parents pass away and the grief that comes with that. Many clients are passing away and there is the grieving process of other house members and the Futures staff.
- Futures Unlimited will be closed between Christmas and New Years Day. The back building will be open. In November they started a second shift. Caterpillar is a big contract and has kept them busy with sorting parts, etc.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe reported they have had some personnel changes. Amanda Chandler will take over the SASS program. Abby Bennet will take over in the outpatient program. The Children of Divorce Program will begin in February. He is slowly changing the policies with the

psychiatrists regarding patients being released back to their primary physician after being stabilized. Hopefully this will open some slots for new patients to be seen.

Mosaic:

- Chris reported that they are not on expedited payments with DHS. The state has paid them ahead for December and January, 2011 but have not received payments for services in July-November 2010.
- Mosaic staff have been busy with the holidays. They have made a huge effort to make sure that the clients have a happy holiday. The First Lutheran Church had a wonderful party and supper for the clients. Mosaic's Open House was held yesterday. There were door prizes awarded. Each Mosaic staff received a \$25 gift card this year. Many clients will be at home on Christmas Day so they are making sure gifts will be there for the clients to open Christmas morning.
- Mosaic is looking at opening a host home service model. It is a CILA home but it would be a smaller setting. They will gear up with this plan next year.
- The Julie Drive home in Dwight has been closed for 2½ years now. In the meantime they have been renting a home on Locust St. in Pontiac for the last 15 years. A decision has been made to move clients from the Locust St. location to other locations and re-open the Dwight home. The move will happen the weekend of January 10th. Nobody will lose their jobs and no one will be homeless.

ADV/SAS:

- Margee wished all a happy holiday. She updated everyone regarding her recent health issues in November. ADV/SAS had an in-service conducted by IHR. She thanked 708 Board for the donated used printers and fax machines.
- Vicki asked what the occupancy of the shelter at present. Margee reported it varies. It can be as low as 2 or 3 up to 15. This summer was extremely busy.

There will not be an executive session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary