

**Livingston County Mental Health Board
708 Board Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2019**

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Vicki Day, Debbie Studnicki, Rose Smith, and Jane Anderson

708 Board Absent: Mark Donovan and Ed Legner

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

377 Board Absent: None.

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti

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

Guests: Joe Vaughan, IHR; Patty Haberkorn, Futures Unlimited; Susan Bursztnsky, Safe Journeys; and Dr. Katherine Austman and Mary Adams

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

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

It was moved by Vicki Day and seconded by Jane Anderson to approve the 708 Board November check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki Day and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the 708 Board November financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Chris reported gift cards were purchased for the participants in the Drug Court and or Veteran's Court as incentives consisting of local restaurants, Great Clips and the movie theater.
- Chris attended the ACMHAI conference the first week in December held in Chicago. 74.4 million dollars is generated from 708/377/553 levies throughout the state of Illinois. That is a tremendous amount of money that the state does not have to fund.
- The Futures Unlimited PUNS dollars were transferred to the TAG account. Much of this money is used for dental assistance and doctor bills that are not covered.

Old Business:

- The new 30 hour work week is going smoothly.

New Business:

- Chris sat down with Melissa Pina from OSF to purchase their end of year items. The other agencies also have placed and in some cases received their "wish list" requests.

- Dr. Kate Austman introduced herself and her intern, Mary Adams. Dr. works for Gibson City Hospital. Dr. Austman became very interested in treating Opioid use disorder about 1 ½ years ago. She took an online class through Rush University to learn about the disorder. She will be starting a fellowship at St. Louis University in February. Gibson City Hospital has received 1.2 million dollars in grants for Opioid Disorder to be used in Ford, Iroquois and Livingston County. This is a federal grant. 80 grants were awarded. This is a 3-year grant with hopes of renewing after that time is up. Mary mentioned for years mental health and physical health have been treated very differently. Addiction is considered a disease. Opioid addiction will physically make a person ill when not using. Mary Adams spoke of two scripts, Saboxone and Vivitrol, that help them get through the illness when abstinent. They are in the process of establishing a coalition from all 3 counties.
- Chris Myers provided a Power Point presentation regarding cannabis since January 1, 2020 it will be legal in Illinois for recreational use. A discussion was held but left with a lot of unanswered questions and gray areas as of now.

Agency Comments:

Safe Journeys:

- Susan Bursztnsky reported they have a new Sexual Assault case manager/volunteer coordinator named Wilber Salsbury. He is part-time.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe Vaughan announced a second person graduated from Drug Court today. They would like to move this individual into a recovery coach position at IHR. The program takes approximately 2 years and they go through 4 phases. IHR has hired two individuals who went through the program. One went on to receive his Master's Degree and the other person is a recovery coach at the jail.

Futures Unlimited:

- Patty reported they finally received their 3.5% increase and have been able to give small increases to almost all of their staff.
- They are still waiting to hire a few due to waiting on background checks.
- They are getting ready for their holiday shutdown.

OSF:

- Not present.

It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Day, Secretary