

Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2012

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

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty and Vicki Day

Livingston County Board Members: Kathy Arbogast, Carl Borngasser, Joan Bullard, Kelly Cochran-Cohlman, Earl Rients, Joe Steichen, and Jack Vietti

Staff Present: Carol Flessner, Amy Zick and Janice Golliday

Guests: Joe Vaughan, IHR; Brian Blossom, Futures Unlimited; and Chris Johnson, Mosaic;

President Jack Vietti read a resignation letter from Paul Studnicki who is retiring from the board effective December 31, 2012. Jack presented Paul with an award and thanked him for his eight years of service on the 708 Board.

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

Jack introduced the Livingston County Board members present.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Ed to approve the November 15th & 26th, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

708 Board members had a couple of questions regarding the check listing and Carol answered their questions. It was moved by Paul and seconded by Margaret to approve the November check listing. Motion carried.

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

Executive Director Report:

- Carol reported with the holidays it is a stressful time for many. There have been many phone calls over the last few days with individuals needing assistance financially and/or mentally. Carol has contacted IHR for assistance in the event of a counseling reason. Carol thanked Joe Vaughan for assisting with these emergency situations.
- Carol has just finished her term as President of their state association (ACMHAI) this month. ACMHAI held their annual meeting this month in Normal. Historically, LaSalle County has had a tough time funding mental health services. However, this year LaSalle County received a 10% increase from the county to implement a Mental Health Intervention Court in LaSalle County. January 8th will be Livingston County's organizational meeting to finalize the mental health court in Livingston County. There is quite a list of individuals that they know will be eligible for these services.
- At the present time, an IHR therapist is seeing clients in the Chatsworth OSF office. At first it was intended for children but now has become a need for adults. In fact, 25% of the clients are

children and the rest are adults seeking services. OSF would like this same service provided in the Fairbury OSF office as well. Carol reported that this additional service will depend on what the County Board decides about the increase in the 708/377 Board levies at tonight's meeting.

Old Business:

- Carol would be able to help those that have not completed the Open Meetings Act training, do so. The training will take about an hour and is done on-line.
- The FY2013 Budget will not be discussed today as it will go back to the Full County Board tonight. If the County Board amends the budget, then the 708/377 Board will need to amend as well at the January board meeting.

New Business:

- None

Agency Comments:

Futures Unlimited:

- Brian will save his report for the Livingston County Board meeting later this evening.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe reported that Angie Walker did conduct a training at the jail for employees. She did two trainings that lasted about an hour each. This training for officers dealt with how officers should handle situations involving persons with mental health issues.
- Vicki Day inquired about how the Mental Health Intervention Court would assess individuals. Amy Duffy and/or Teresa Diemer will do the assessments.

ADV/SAS:

- Not present.

Mosaic:

- Chris reported that the Lutheran Church Christmas party for clients was enjoyed by all.
- They have 3 openings in their CILA homes at the present time. They have a few individuals lined up that may be interested in filling these openings.
- Mosaic has received an increase from the state that will allow Mosaic to give pay increases to their staff. Starting pay will now be \$9.26/hour.

A brief discussion was held between 708/377 Board members and Brian and Joe Vaughan regarding the services they provide to the county and what impact no funding increase will have regarding these much needed services to Livingston County residents.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Laura to adjourn the 708 Board meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary