

Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2013

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

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti, Kelly Cochran-Cohlman and Carolyn Gerwin

Staff Present: Carol Flessner, Amy Zick and Janice Golliday

Guests: Lori McCollom ADV/SAS, Brian Blossom, Futures Unlimited; and Beth Robert & Joe Vaughan, IHR; and Julie Cotter, LCSSU.

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

Jack introduced Beth Robert of IHR to the attendees. Beth is the Nurse Practitioner for IHR and has been on staff since 2000. Beth reported that she started out as a staff nurse and is now a psychiatric nurse practitioner for IHR. She sees patients just like a psychiatrist does and completes psychiatric evaluations, sees patients for medication management and IHR also has two other nurses that assist. IHR has come a long way from when Beth was hired for 14 hours a week. They now have added more nurses. Beth is at IHR five days per week, Dr. Tealot is at IHR 3 days per month and Dr. Puga, child and adolescent psychiatrist, is at IHR 2 days per month (in person) and two times per month through tele-psychiatry. Beth sees clients age 13 years old and older. Joe Ronaldson saw the talent in Beth as a nurse and pursued her to continue her education and become a nurse practitioner. Being a psychiatric nurse practitioner is a unique specialty that she does not think there is another one in Livingston or McLean county. Basically, her position allows her to do the same services as a psychiatrist with the consultation of a licensed psychiatrist. Dr. Puga is Beth's consultant. Beth certainly keeps busy. She has seen 160 new patients this year and her caseload is around 250. The first visit for a client is between 45- 60 minutes in length thereafter she sees the patient 30 minutes, mainly for medication management. She has two nurses who assist her and they meet with the psychiatric clients once a week to set up their medications. This service keeps these clients from being hospitalized especially their chronic schizophrenics. IHR has a therapist that sees the clients at the jail. Beth advocates for them to get their proper meds while they are incarcerated but she does not personally go to the jail.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Margaret to approve the May 16, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bob W. and seconded by Steve to approve the May check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Margaret and seconded by Bob W. to approve the May, 708 Board financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Carol reported she received a phone call from a reporter from the North West Herald Newspaper in McHenry County. He wanted some information on our 708 Board to compare to McHenry County. Carol did send him some information but she did pointed out to the reporter that

Livingston County would not be a good comparison as McHenry is a much larger county and has a budget 25 to 30 times higher than ours. Carol requested that he would send her a copy of whatever he prints, which he agreed to do.

- Carol spoke about the injunction filed to stop the closure of Murray Developmental Center. This would prevent people from moving out of Murray. Carol expects the injunction to be lifted.
- Within the next sixty days IHR will be able to bill Medicaid again with the new system where we get back fifty cents on the dollar.

Old Business:

- There is not much new to report in the Intensive Mental Health Intervention Program. One person was removed from the program due to a new offense. There are two in the program now. There will be a two day conference in Springfield on Sept. 19-20th.
- LCCN has completed its second years in the schools. The Childrens Foundation Group will be coming in November to observe the progress in the program.

New Business:

- None.

Agency Comments:

Futures Unlimited:

- Brian reported that it has been seven years since Futures Unlimited has received an increase in funding from the state. Futures Unlimited is switching insurance carriers to save money. They will save \$19,000 to change to a new health insurance.
- Brian thanked the 708/377 Boards for the FY13 funding advance. This has helped them greatly as they have not received back payments from the state.
- Senator Barickman will be taking a tour of Futures Unlimited next Wednesday unless he has to be in Springfield.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe congratulated Brian on the Futures Unlimited successful golf outing held last week.
- Jessica Mullen will start seeing people in the Dwight OSF office as soon as IHR works out the details with OSF.

ADV/SAS:

- Lori McCollom reported that they have been busy with the end of the fiscal year approaching.
- Kohl's Distributions Center gave a grant to ADV/SAS in assisting with planting a garden and landscaping to help beautify the grounds.
- Also been working on a couple of the buildings and updating a kitchen.

Mosaic:

- Not present.

It was moved by Bob W and seconded by Ed to go into executive session for personnel purposes. Motion carried.

No action was taken in executive session. It was moved by Bob W. and seconded by Margaret to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary