

Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2011

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

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

Public Health Committee: John Yoder and Joe Steichen

Staff Present: Carol Flessner and Janice Golliday

Guests: Karen Donovan, Futures Unlimited; Margee Morrison, ADV/SAS and Joe Vaughan, IHR

Jack announced that the County Appreciation Dinner will be held Saturday, April 9th at the Dwight Country Mansion. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Carol Flessner.

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Jack to approve the February 17th minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Margaret to approve the February check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Steve to approve the February financial statement. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Carol reported that the governor has rescinded the cuts for FY11 for the DD services. There will be cuts in FY12 that we have already received notice on two Youth Commission programs will receive cuts for FY12. One of those is the UDIS program which is the program that youth are referred to keep them out of DOC with mentoring, counseling and tutoring services.
- As of January, The Alternative School has served 66 individuals. There is a substantial increase of adults taking classes to receive their GED. The Humiston Trust helps pay for the Pontiac High School students and adults. Dwight, Flanagan, Prairie Central and Tri-Point High School fund their own students for The Alternative School's services.
- Carol gave an update on the Livingston County Children's Network (LCCN). The Program is a "work in progress". This has entailed a lot of time for the members; three meetings a week and webinars too. Bob Walter, Margee & Joe Vaughan also sit on the core group committee and they gave some insight as to what the group is trying to set in place for services to the youth of Livingston County. Dr. McCurdy and Dr. Ira Chasnoff from The Childrens Foundation will meet with the Livingston County committee on April 14 & 15 to learn the progress of the program that is being carved out for the youth of Livingston County. The program is to start in August.

Old Business:

- The ACMHAI Spring Conference will be held March 30 & 31st in Springfield. Please let Carol know if board members wish to attend. She has reserved some hotel rooms.
- Telecourier will be here next Wednesday to train staff on the how to use the new phone system.
- The new server will be installed in about a week and a half.

New Business:

- Recently there have been two reports of a DD individual that is being financially taken advantage of by family. Carol reported these incidents to OIG. OIG will do a face-to-face investigation. They need a Public Guardian assigned to them for protection. Larry Necheles would be available for this service. Larry Necheles has been appointed by the state to serve as the Public Guardian for DD individuals in Livingston County. Carol is requesting that the 377 Board pay for all or part of the \$500 certification fee. It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Bob M to approve \$500 for Larry Necheles to be certified as a Public Guardian. Motion carried.

Agency Comments:**Futures Unlimited:**

- Karen Donovan reported that the funding cuts for the FY11 have been rescinded. However, Futures does not know what cuts are in store for them in FY12.
- The Rathbun Building is back on the market for sale. Futures anticipates the sale will take place soon.
- Futures and Carol's Staff will participate in a disability expo for DD youth who will be graduating from high school and how they will transition into the adult world. The expo will be held on April 12th at the Pontiac High School from 6-8:00 p.m. There will be over 40 exhibitors. Also, there will be several speakers. This is open to the public.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe reported the SnowFlurry was a tremendous hit with 147 students attending. All the county's junior high's had youth participate. There were 50 high school students who volunteered to help with the 12-hour event. IHR will continue to offer future events. Joe thanked the 708 Board for helping fund the event. Tiffany Meints did a wonderful job and connects well with the kids.
- Dr. Puga has seen 112 unduplicated youth in the first 9 months of this fiscal year. The majority of the youth are age 7-12 years old (63 out of 112). He averages seeing 12-15 new youth per year. Joe will bring those stats to the LCCN tomorrow.

Mosaic:

- Not Present.

ADV/SAS:

- Margee reported that this week has been a reprieve to learn that the FY11 budgets cuts will not happen.
- Margee is working to set up visits for the legislators to see the shelter and take a tour. .
- They are working with staff to identify gaps in service to their clients. The most complaint is clients to get housing after leaving the shelter. Transitional housing would be an option for up to 2 –years. ADV/SAS has applied for a federal grant for this project. Margee will keep everyone updated as to the grant. Could be up to six months before they learn if they will receive the funding.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary