

# Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

**March 21, 2013**

**708 Board Present:** Jack Vietti, Steve Tock, Ed Legner, Bob Walter, Margaret Brunskill and Vicki Day

**377 Board Present:** Bob McCarty, Vicki Day and MaryEtta Mullen

**Livingston County Board Members:** Kelly Cochran-Cohlman, Joe Steichen, Joan Bullard, Marty Fannin and Jack Vietti

**Staff Present:** Carol Flessner, Amy Zick and Janice Golliday

**Guests:** Brian Blossom, Futures Unlimited; Joe Vaughan, IHR; and Margee Morrison, ADV/SAS;

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order. Jack introduced County Board Chairman Marty Fannin.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Ed to approve the February 21st, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

## **Executive Director Report:**

- Illinois is moving ahead with the closure of Murray Developmental Center in spite of a federal lawsuit filed by parents and guardians of the current residents. There will be a significant savings to the state because most of the residents will move in to a community setting. The cost to the state for a resident is \$219,000/year for residency in the developmental center versus the amount that Mosaic & Futures receive \$55,000/year when living in a community arrangement. Jacksonville Developmental Center is now closed. Most of the Jacksonville residents have moved into CILAs. Both Mosaic and Futures make efforts to relocate past Livingston County residents that have been in state operated facilities back into the Livingston County community.
- Carol reported the Mental Health Board was awarded funding from the IL Public Risk fund to purchase two air purifiers for the Mental Health Department section of the H & E building.
- Representative Josh Harms will be here to meet with Joe Vaughan, Carol and MaLinda Hillman. The meeting is meant to inform Rep. Harms as to the services that the three departments offer to Livingston County residents. Carol invited anyone that would wish to attend, join them on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am in the H & E conference room.
- DCFS has hired an individual to recruit foster parents in Livingston County. Very few foster homes in Livingston County has been a problem for years. Livingston County kids that are pulled from their home are then forced to go to a foster home in a different county which disrupts their education and more.
- Carol, John Mehlberg and Carol Gardner are writing a grant for the PLATO Learning Web Base Program. The grant is through the Honda Corporation.

**Old Business:**

- Carol reminded everyone of the ACMHAI Spring Conference being held April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. Anyone wishing to attend should fill out a registration. Registration forms were distributed. Our 708/377 Board and County Board members are welcome to attend.
- The April 708/377 Board meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> due to the fact Carol will be at the ACHMAI Spring Conference scheduled on our normal meeting date.
- Amy Zick explained the fiscal audit from 2011 to board members that was distributed at the meeting.
- Carol gave an update on Mental Health Intervention Court. There have been several meetings regarding starting the program however, States Attorney Seth Uphoff has not attended any of them. Without his approval the program will need to change its name and the program plan. One of the main changes will be Judge Bauknecht will not be allowed to attend the staffings. She will only be able to see them in a court room. Also, another down fall, will be the group will not be able to access federal money from Redeploy Illinois. There are 3 people in the program now. Joe feels that even though Seth Uphoff has not approved of it as of yet, he feels Seth understands mental health and developmental disability. Joe feels he will work to get these populations out of jail in a way we have not seen in the last several years. Joe & Carol feel that at some point Seth will agree to the program.

**New Business:**

- 708/377 Board members received a conflict of interest policy. There is a form that board members should sign stating that they have received the policy. It will be kept on file.
- The Prairie Central Boys and Girls Club is requesting funding to offer the summer program to at-risk youth in their community. The request is based on serving 13 kids. Transportation, the PLATO learning program and other life skills would be offered. A lunch would also be provided. It was moved by Bob W. and seconded by Ed to approve \$2030 to the Prairie Central Boys and Girls Club for the summer program request. Vicki feels that since this is the second year that the 708 Board has funded this program, there should be some feedback and stats on the program provided. Motion carried.

**Agency Comments:****Futures Unlimited:**

- Brian reported that Kevin Casey attended the Institute on Public Policy meeting that was held in this room last week. Mr. Casey expressed his interest in participating in the planning of the Institute on Public Policy. They will discuss their Strategic Plan in June at Starved Rock. Steve asked Brian if Kevin Casey mentioned Fox Developmental Center in Dwight. Brian said he did not mention Dwight but feels as he gets to know Kevin better he may ask the question. Brian, as well as Carol, feel that Fox houses residents who are medically fragile. Kevin Casey has said that there are no models available for these residents. Brian said the current CILA model states that they cannot, for instance, serve someone who requires a feeding tube, IVs, ventilators or oxygen all day. Those individuals would require a nursing home or another location that can care for them. Brian and Carol both feel that Fox would be the last state operated facility to be closed in the state. Steve mentioned the residents of Dwight have much concern of losing Fox since they are losing the Dwight Correctional Center due to closure.
- Brian went to the Dave Bertche court hearing and Dave is obviously suffering from a very debilitating disease. Brian stated that the saga is not over, for there is still litigation against Futures Unlimited from when they did not have insurance coverage from Dave. The other thing that bothers Brian is that it was in November of 2009, when they went to the States Attorney and gave them their evidence. It was not until September 2011, that he was charged. Brian wishes that they would have moved faster.

**Institute for Human Resources:**

- Joe reported that the Operation Snowflake took place this month at the Pontiac Jr. High School. The program is offered to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Livingston County. A total of 190 kids participated. Thirty-eight high school students volunteered to help with the program. Judge Fellheimer and a former Sheriff Dept. deputy, Brian McCabe spoke to the group of participants. Tiffany Yoder does an excellent job. The next program will be Operation Snowflurry that is offered to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. It is a shorter program that is offered from 9-3:30. Location has not been decided yet.

**ADV/SAS:**

- Margee reminded everyone about a continuing education program that ADV/SAS will be hosting on May 20th. The co-founder of the Adverse Childhood Experience Study, Dr. Vincent Felitti, will be presenting. The program will be free and will be held from 9-noon in Utica, IL at Celebrations 150. There a 150 people registered already. Margee expects there to be around 250-400 total that will participate.
- On April 16<sup>th</sup> the LaSalle County Juvenile Justice Committee will provide a training on bullying for law enforcement and health care providers. Half of the day will be dedicated to cyber bullying and the other half will be on the effects of bullying on persons with a developmental disability. The training is \$25 and includes a lunch. They have written a grant that would help pay for Illinois Imagine members to take the class and for their transportation. They have not heard yet whether they will be approved for the grant money.

**Mosaic:**

- Not present.

Carol thanked the county board members in attendance for their interest and we are always open for suggestions.

The April 708/377 board meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, April 11th due to the ACMHAI Spring Statewide conference being on April 17-18<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Bob W. to adjourn the 708 Board meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Brunskill, Secretary Protem