

Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2012

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

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty and Bob Walter

Public Health Committee: Joe Steichen and Judy Campbell

Staff Present: Carol Flessner and Janice Golliday

Guests: Brian Blossom, Futures Unlimited; and Sherry Brendalen, IHR

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Steve to approve the April 12th 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Steve to approve the April 708 check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Laura to approve the April 708 Board financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Carol reported that she, Margaret and Vicki attended the ACMHAI Spring Conference in Springfield the end of April. Margaret will give a report.
- Carol also attended the Learning Collaborative by the Children's Network in Chicago last week. Mandy, MaLinda Hillman, Bob Walter, and Judge Bauknecht also attended. Bob will provide a report.
- Carol read a letter from the Dwight Opportunity Center, thanking Carol and the 708 Board for help in funding the new bus, written by Stephanie Johnson.
- House Bill 3893 would allow for providers to screen for substance abuse which would be an advantage to providers because they would get those fees.
- There is a federal class action lawsuit pending against the state of Illinois. This is because the screening through the Early and Persistent Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSTD) of birth through age 21 youth is not being done. This is a federal mandated program.

Old Business:

- Bob Walter reported that the learning collaborative with the Illinois Children Healthcare Foundation was a very rigorous schedule running from 12-8:30pm. On Thursday and Friday was from 7:30 am. - 3:00 pm. The four agencies that were awarded the grant money were there to give presentations on their proposed

programs and sustainability. Excellent conference they even networked over lunch. Carol feels that Livingston County has a very clear focus for the program unlike other agencies that were there.

- There is no deal on the Medicaid cuts so that is going to hold up the FY13 budget. Carol received an email regarding the idea that the racetracks north of I-80 would like to put slot machines in to generate more income. They are pushing for Governor Quinn's approval. Mental Health programs may see a 10% cut but no cuts (so far) for developmental disability programs. The legislature will adjourn on May 31st.
- Margaret shared her experience at the ACHMAI Spring Conference held in Springfield. She reported that Carol directed the conference and that Carol is very appreciated and respected by her peers. Margaret is very proud of Carol. Lack of funding was a very dominate subject discussed. Carol added that Dan Rutherford was the keynote speaker at the conference and gave a very good, non-partisan speech.

New Business:

- Jack Vietti introduced Sherry Brendalen, IHR therapist, to give an update on the counseling program over at the Chatsworth OSF office. She is there on Wednesday afternoons and anticipates going to a full day soon which would allow her to see up to 8 clients per day. Sherry spends approximately 45 minutes a session. She sees 4 clients in an afternoon. Most of the clients do reside in Chatsworth. Most of the clients are new that have been referred by the OSF office. The secretary at the Chatsworth office does the scheduling of Sherry's appointments.

Agency Comments:

Futures Unlimited:

- Brian thanked the 708 Board for help in funding the new bus. The clients refer to it as "the limo". The bus is being used in Dwight so it has been detailed black and green since the bus is white.
- The state has been withholding their CILA funding, 2/3 of June payments. They are doing this to all CILA's in the state of IL. This then will delay July payments also. The amount owed to Futures is \$40,000.
- Brian is concerned about Medicaid cuts up to 6%. Brian is concerned that legislature is so focused on adjourning on time that they will approve a hasty budget and then many agencies will suffer.
- The Annual Awards Reception was held last night and many individuals were recognized:
 - Supportive Business – Associated Dentists
 - Supporting Partner – Bill McCy
 - Volunteer of the Year – Tony Morleno
 - Good Neighbor – Mark Ragle and Duane Frobish

Institute for Human Resources:

- Not present.

ADV/SAS:

- Not present.

Mosaic:

- Not present.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Margaret to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Motion carried.

It was moved by Paul and seconded by Margaret to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

No action was taken.

It was moved by Margaret seconded by Paul to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary