

# Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

**November 15, 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

**Public Health Committee:** Joe Steichen and Judy Campbell

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

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

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

Jack welcomed Joan Bullard to the meeting. She will be seated on the County Board this December.

Jack announced that the Public Health/Mental Health Committee for the County will be disbanded beginning in December. Carol made it clear that County Board members are welcome to attend the 708/377 Board meetings anytime.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Paul to approve the October, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Ed to approve the October check listing. Motion carried.

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

## **Executive Director Report:**

- Carol reported on the Recovery Court meeting that was held last week. There was a great turnout, around 20 people, for the meeting with law enforcement from the Sheriff's Dept., City of Pontiac and Dwight P.D. Judge Bauknecht, Joe Vaughan and Amy Duffy of IHR were also in attendance. Michelle Rock was the presenter which was from 9-5. Discussion was held on the funding of this venture. There may be an intern working on her master's degree in social work that would be interested in working on the Recovery Court for a year as a school project. She will develop the data collection and evaluation process. She is familiar with the Recovery Court in McLean County. No money has been allocated by the County Board for this project. It was taken to the County Board but no action was taken. The start-up date is set for January 2, 2013. The committee will research finding grants to help with funding. There is a federal grant for Recovery Courts that may be a possibility.
- The program with Victor Pancini, a motivational speaker, will take place at Prairie Central with the funding from the 708 Board, Youth Commission and the Regional Superintendent's office.
- Carol received an email today regarding a lawsuit out in San Jacinto, California that will not allow DD group homes within city limits.

- Four DHS representatives came in today and reviewed the PUNS list and the outcomes of the individuals pulled so far. We were made aware of this visit the day before the visit. Carol, Alisha and Chris provided DHS with the information that they were requesting.
- Any board member that has not already completed the Open Meetings Act Training will need to do so before January 1<sup>st</sup>. It can be completed on-line or the office can provide the training information in the 708 Board office to those without internet or computers.
- The Department of Labor made a surprise visit to the office a couple of weeks ago. The DHS representative looked at the Health and Safety Policy and Procedure regarding Bloodborne/Airborne Pathogens. One citation was given for not having proper documentation in the personnel files showing that the social workers have had Hepatitis immunizations or have refused to receive it documentation. He will send a written report to us with recommendations for correction to our policies.
- Sulaski & Webb was in last week for the Youth Commission audit. They were very pleased with how organized and accurate the files were. Carol commended Amy for all her efforts.
- Carol reported that the executive committee of LCCN met last Friday. Twenty more OSF staff will be trained to do children screenings. LCCN has helped fund the PLATO learning system in the county schools since DCFS cut this program for FY13.

#### **Old Business:**

- None.

#### **New Business:**

- The county charges the Mental Health Board \$3,000 for the license fee of the county computer program, Fundware. The total cost of the license fee is \$15,000 for a year. Carol plans to speak with June Slagel to know how they came up with this fee for our dept. to pay. Carol would like the board to approve this amount. It was moved by Laura and seconded by Vicki to approve the \$3,000 payment to the county for the Fundware License Fee. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Paul and seconded by Margaret to approve the FY13 708 Board Budget. Motion carried.

#### **Agency Comments:**

#### **Futures Unlimited:**

- Brian spoke about community attitudinal barriers and how he is trying to educate the public. Many communities are against CILA homes in their neighborhoods, however, studies have shown that neighborhoods with a CILA home does not lower property values and that often the neighborhood is safer.
- Futures Unlimited had a meeting with LifeCil.
- Brian spoke with Kevin Casey and Kevin stated that Illinois is 48<sup>th</sup> in the nation regarding adequate services and funding for the DD population. Brian is pleased with the recent CILA rate increase. It will take an additional \$200 million just to get Illinois to be around 25<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
- Today Futures had a 20 year plus recognition luncheon. There are 13 staff that have been with Futures 20 years or more. That is 10% of the total staff. They shared many stories.

#### **Institute for Human Resources:**

- Joe reported that they conducted the Snowflurry this last weekend. 55 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students attended. All the Livingston County schools were represented with attendees. Tiffany Meints did a great job with the presentation and the kids were excited with the events.

#### **ADV/SAS:**

- Margee reported that they are coming off Domestic Violence Awareness month. The many activities that they had went very well.
- ADV/SAS are members of the Illinois Coalition of Domestic Violence which entails all the different providers in Illinois. Each agency has one board member on the coalition. This totals 54 board members. It is hard to find a place large enough to accommodate that many for meetings. They are looking at restructuring.

- Margie learned yesterday that their agency will receive an additional \$20,000 funding for the new fiscal year.

**Mosaic:**

- Not present.

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

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Ed to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

No action was taken in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary