

Livingston County Mental Health Board 708 Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2011

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Vicki Day, Paul Studnicki and Laura Leslie

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty and Vicki Day

Public Health Committee: Judy Campbell, John Yoder and Joe Steichen

Staff Present: Carol Flessner and Janice Golliday

Guests: Chris Johnson, Mosaic; Brian Blossom, Futures Unlimited; Joe Vaughan, IHR; and Margee Morrison, ADV/SAS.

President Jack Vietti called the 708 Board meeting to order.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Paul to approve the August 18th minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Paul and seconded by Vicki to approve the August check listing that was distributed at the board meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Laura to approve the August financial report. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Carol reported that the former executive director of the Evanston City 708 Board. He called to ask if she would be willing to assist in advising the Sangamon County 708 Board on getting a referendum passed. The counties that do not have this levy now will try to get a referendum passed in order to access the additional funding that is so desperately needed.
- Cheryl Ramirez, the executive director of the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois, will be resigning to take a position in Oregon. Carol is on the committee to select a replacement executive director.

Old Business:

- Carol and Jack just met with Carl Borngasser regarding the FY12 budget. Carl is very supportive and tries to do the right thing and keep the county departments happy. Carol spoke of the levy increases proposed. Carol does not know yet if there will be raises. Mental Health tries to follow the county guidelines when raises are given. The board would like Carol to pursue advertising for an assistance executive director after the first of the year.
- The LCCN is moving along and they had their meeting with the foundation recently. There was an article in the newspaper recently that was taken from a press release by the Children's Foundation. There will be an important meeting tomorrow. They intend to be in the schools within the next few weeks. IHR is in the process of hiring a masters licensed employee to fill that tier for that component. Joe has a couple of people to interview.

New Business:

- Carol reported that we do not have the copier bids.
- Carol did reach Brian McSherry regarding renters insurance for this building. He has not gotten back to Carol yet. Brian has to contact Bliss McKnight, the underwriter of the policy. Carol will also meet with Bill Flott regarding a lease on the building with the county and each of the departments occupying the H & E Building.

Agency Comments:

Futures Unlimited:

- Brian reported Futures Unlimited participated in a survey. The consulting group could not believe that Futures was losing money in the programs. But there has been no funding increases in these programs for years. They wanted more information which Brian declined to do.
- A client passed away. She was only 39 years old. Autopsy results showed she had a cardiac event. Her heart just stopped beating. The father and a cousin died in a similar fashion.
- Brian discussed another client who lives in Prairie Horizons. He came from a bad situation in Chatsworth. He told Brian that when he came to Prairie Horizons everything he had fit in a Wal Mart bag and now he has an apartment, a girlfriend and 2 jobs. He is very thankful to Futures Unlimited.
- Brian reported that they did make a \$10,000 payment to the Mental Health Board towards the \$50,000 they borrowed 2 months ago.
- **Institute for Human Resources:**
- Joe discussed the 3 proposed Mental Health State Hospital closings. McFarland and Springfield will remain open, however, they will not take acute patients. This means these patients will be at either BroMenn or Methodist. This will put a lot of strain on these hospitals.
- Deb Phares will now conduct the parenting class at the Rec Center instead of IHR.

ADV/SAS:

- Margee reported that she attended the United Way breakfast and commented that Brian did a humorous job of introducing Joe Ronaldson, the guest speaker.
- They received FY12 money but the state owes them for FY11 money yet. Trying to get that all straightened out.
- **Mosaic:**
- Chris reported that the female Futures client who passed away had also been a Mosaic client. She had lived in a Mosaic CILA home but wanted to have her own apartment and when Prairie Horizons had an apartment opening, Futures Unlimited took over services. It was sad to hear of her death because this client was ready for more new life experiences.
- The agency is in the process of hiring a Community Relations Manager. They will be conducting a job fair in Dwight on September 29th.
- Kevin Casey, the DHS DD Director, dropped some new information on them in that he was a former employee of Bethseda.
- Chris commented on the state facility closures and Mosaic is open to finding placements for these individuals as they come out of the state facilities. Mosaic does have some open beds right now. Mosaic has pushed for state closures and now they just want to see it happen in a safe way.

It was moved by Vicki and seconded by Laura to go into executive session. Motion carried.

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

No action was taken in executive session. Motion carried.

It was moved by Laura and seconded by Paul to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leslie, Secretary