

**Livingston County Mental Health Board  
708 Board Meeting Minutes  
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Open Meetings Act  
was modified to include  
Conference Call Meetings as Acceptable  
December 16, 2021 @ 4:00p.m. by Conference Call or In-Person**

**708 Board Present:** Jack Vietti, Ed Legner, Rose Smith, Debbie Studnicki, Lynette Barnett, and Gary Beier

**708 Board Absent:** Pam Krominga

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

**377 Board Absent:** None

**Livingston County Board Members:** Jack Vietti

**Staff Present:** Chris Myers, Janice Golliday, Amy Zick, and Amanda Roberts-Lieb

**Guests:** Adeana Fox, Futures Unlimited; Joe Vaughan, IHR; and Randy Yedinak, State's Attorney

The 708 Board meeting was called to order by President Jack Vietti.

Chris Myers requested The Livingston County Drug Court be moved to the beginning of the agenda.

**New Business:**

Randy Yedinak, Livingston County State's Attorney, reported on Livingston County Drug Court. Originally certified in 2018, Drug Court has recently completed recertification for another three-year term. Currently, there are four active participants. In total, there have been 14 participants in which six have been successful in completion and eight not successful. Unsuccessful participants are resentenced. Of the six successful candidates, all have maintained employment and none have been arrested again. These successes save tax dollars because it costs approximately \$38,000 a year to incarcerate one person. The Drug Court team uses their own time within their respective departments to run the program, which also saves tax payer resources.

The Mental Health Board recognized Janice Golliday for her dedication and loyalty as an employee of over 20 years as she retires at the end of the month.

It was moved by Debbie Studnicki and seconded by Gary Beier to approve the November, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lynette Barnett and seconded by Ed Legner to approve the November 708 Board check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Gary Beier to approve the 708 Board November financial statements. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Chris Myers reported a new target moving date into the building will be January 2022 with the building nearing completion. The staff went on a building tour.
- The Administrative Assistant position remains open for hire.
- Fiscal year 2021 has ended as of November 30, 2021. New fiscal 2022 agreements have been signed and completed.
- AIR Program monitoring was completed in December for the fiscal year 2021.
- Safe Journey's domestic violence shelter is full at this time.
- Upon a recommendation by Probation, gift cards were provided to Drug Court clients to help provide a Christmas for their young children.

**Old Business:**

- None.

**Agency Comments:**

**Safe Journeys:**

- Not present.

**Institute for Human Resources:**

- Joe Vaughan provided a copy of the IHR organizational chart of 40 staff and discussed the IHR board members. IHR will soon need a weekend crisis worker.
- Two IHR employees were highlighted. These employees are recovery success stories and provide a wonderful service to IHR clients and the community.
- American Recovery grant funds were received and will provide counselors to the high school outreach programs.

**Futures Unlimited:**

- Adeana Fox reported that a staffing shortage remains an issue.
- Futures is closed December 24, 2021 through January 3, 2022. During that time, the ventilation system will be replaced, which was funded by the American Recovery Grant.
- Futures qualifies for the Employee Retention credit and also received two additional grants, which will be used to pay down debt as well as save for cash flow purposes.
- Futures provided an update to their board members.

**OSF:**

- Not present.

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Gary Beier to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Smith, Secretary