

**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
October 15, 2020 @ 4:00p.m. by Telephone or In-Person**

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Ed Legner, Rose Smith and Lynette Barnett (by phone)

708 Board Absent: Debbie Studnicki

377 Board Present: Vicki Day, Bob McCarty (by phone) & Mary Etta Mullen (by phone)

377 Board Absent: None

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti

Staff Present: Chris Myers, Janice Golliday, and Amy Zick

Guests: Joe Vaughan, IHR; Patty Haberkorn, Futures Unlimited; Susan Bursztinsky, Safe Journeys; Gary Beier, Dwight Police Dept., and Deb Moran,

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

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Rose Smith to approve the September 17th, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Lynette Barnett to approve the 708 Board September 2020 financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Chris Myers reported the County Board approved employees to take Election Day as a paid day off this year.
- Chris met with Megan DeMoss regarding creating a new program called Premise Alert Program. Many of the police departments and Randy Wittenberg of VCom (911) in the county are excited for this program to start as soon as possible. Chris will be meeting with local agencies to educate them regarding the new program that will be available soon.
- Amy Zick and Chris Myers went to Safe Journeys for an audit of August billing and now are reviewing more programming standards.
- Amy Zick is observing her 9th year of employment with the county in October. Chris Myers thanked her for her service.
- IHR, Public Health and Mental Health received a letter from Kathy Arbogast, County Board Chairwoman, regarding their concern over anyone's use of the south ramp entrance/exit located in the Mental Health Board's hallway of the H & E building.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- The 708 Board members were presented with agency funding requests to spend down their approved annual funding on other needs since it was not spent on services due to COVID-19. The following action was taken:

Safe Journeys-

Susan Bursztnsky stated they have no idea how many services will be used for prevention before the end of November. It will depend on what the schools will do. It was moved by Lynette Barnett and seconded by Ed Legner to move the balance of 52.49 from Domestic Violence Group to Domestic Violence Individual line item. Motion carried.

It was moved by Debbie Studnicki and seconded by Rose Smith to approve the remaining balance of Safe Journeys FY20 budget (after paying for services) to pay for new flooring and to purchase advertising in local newspapers. Motion carried.

IHR/Operation Snowball-

Christine McMillion, IHR Prevention Specialist, Operation Snowball has a balance of \$2,200 in the FY20 budget. There are several items that would be helpful when having their events. A list was provided for the board members to review. It was moved by Lynette Barnett and seconded by Ed Legner to approve the purchase of items requested with the \$2,222 left in the budget. Motion carried.

Livingston County Probation-

Heidi Zeidenstein is requesting gift cards to provide clients in need of clothing for work or groceries. These cards would be given to regular juveniles and adult probation clients. Gift cards would be from local stores and the money would come from Service Development line item of the 708 Board FY20 Budget. It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve \$800 out of Service Development for gift cards. Motion carried.

Futures Unlimited-

Patty Haberkorn provided Futures Unlimited's wish list of items they could purchase with their FY20 funding that will be unspent for services this year. It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Lynette Barnett to approve up to \$50,000 for new roofing at the main campus. If there is any money left then they would purchase other items listed. Motion carried.

- Susan Bursztnsky distributed Safe Journey brochures to all in attendance. Susan spoke of the many different services they provide in Livingston County and LaSalle County. Susan thanked the Board for their support over the years. Domestic Violence Awareness month is this month. Victims usually do not discuss what is going on in their home. They tend to share with a friend. They offer 24 hour support for the victim and their children. They also offer case management.

Agency Comments:

Safe Journeys:

- No further to report.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe reported about the same. They participated in Jesse's Ride and thanked Vicki Day. Joe also thanked Jack for his support during the construction process.

Futures Unlimited:

- Patty reported they have had four staff member test positive for COVID-19. All clients remain safe. They have cut back CDS services. Staff have been understanding however there have been a few people resign. The state is giving an extra 15% increase in rates for CDS services from October through December 31st. Every little bit helps. Production has slowed down to a more manageable pace. The parking lot is complete for this phase.

OSF:

- Not present.

It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Lynette Barnett to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Smith, Secretary