

**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
November 18, 2021 @ 4:00p.m. by Conference Call or In-Person**

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Rose Smith, Debbie Studnicki, Lynette Barnett, Pam Krominga, and Gary Beier

708 Board Absent: Ed Legner

377 Board Present: Bob McCarty and Vicki Day

377 Board Absent: Mary Etta Mullen

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti

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

Guests: Susan Bursztinsky, Safe Journeys; Patty Haberkorn, Christina Chavez, Futures Unlimited; Joe Vaughan, IHR; and Megan DeMoss, OSF; Joe, Jessica, and Patty, Advocates in Action

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

Chris Myers requested The Advocates in Action presentation be moved to the beginning of the agenda.

New Business:

Christina Chavez, Futures Unlimited, accompanied Joe, Jessica, and Patty the Advocates in Action members. The advocates presented to the Boards explaining what the advocates do. They are self-advocates who wish to become more independent so as to become their own guardians. They are actively speaking up about the needs of the developmentally disabled in Illinois. They have monthly meetings and follow the Robert's Rules of Order. Advocates in Action attend trainings and events and they recently participated at the Speak Up Speak Out conference. There are around 30 members who participate in Advocates in Action.

It was moved by Lynette Barnett and seconded by Gary Beier to approve the October, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Pam Krominga and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the October 708 Board check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Beier and seconded by Lynette Barnett to approve the 708 Board October financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Chris Myers reported a new target moving date into the building will be either the end of December or beginning of January.
- Laura Leslie has moved to an assisted living/retirement home near her daughter in Champaign. If anyone wishes to have her new address please see Chris. Laura served on both the 708/377 Boards for many years. She was a strong advocate for people with a mental illness and also was a member of the MI-LAN.
- Chris Myers announced she found a new Administrative Assistant who will begin training with Janice Golliday on December 6th. Her name is Brianne Loudon.
- Direct deposit of pay roll will begin in December. Also, the new health insurance will begin the 1st of the year.
- IHR substance use budgeted line item not used due to other outside funding that became available so the budgeted overage was moved to Psychiatry and Mental Illness line item. An amendment was created.
- Next year, Futures Unlimited funding will change too. DHS is changing some services they will pay for so the FY22 Budget line items with the 708 Board may change due to DHS changes.
- Chris reported the SB1649 is still out there. This bill would take 20% levy funding away from 708/377/553 Boards and give to the Sheriff's department. Chris may contact board members to fill out a Witness Slip opposing this Senate Bill SB1649.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Chris Myers noted the 708 Board FY21 Budget balance left in the Snowball line item and Service Development line item. Probation had a client who needed a place to stay until his next paycheck. Chris approved some nights stay out of Service Development that totaled \$300. That amount was spent out of 708 Board Service Development line item. Probation also paid for a few nights too. There may be many unknown expenses pop up once Mental Health is moved into the new building.

Agency Comments:**Safe Journeys:**

- Susan Bursztznsky echoed Patty in regards to staffing shortages. Safe Journeys has 4 openings, with 2 starting on Monday. Susan does have an interview on Friday.

Institute for Human Resources:

Joe Vaughan announced they just wrapped up their CARF accreditation survey. Hopefully they will receive a three year accreditation.

Futures Unlimited:

- Patty Haberkorn reported there is a staffing shortage. Patty had 5 interviews scheduled and all 5 did NOT show up. The male resident who has behavioral issues and has done significant damage to the CILA home has went to a crisis stabilization home. He will be gone for up to 90 days for help. They do plan to have Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 5th, but this year it will be a drive-through. Clients

that attend Futures Unlimited are enjoying it. Clients in the CILA homes are trying to learn how to do things for themselves.

OSF:

No report.

It was moved by Gary Beier and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Smith, Secretary