

**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**  
**April 16, 2020 @ 4:00p.m. by Telephone Conference**

**708 Board Present:** Jack Vietti, Vicki Day, Ed Legner, Debbie Studnicki, Rose Smith, and Jane Anderson

**708 Board Absent:** Mark Donovan

**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, and Amy Zick

**Guests:** Joe Vaughan, IHR;

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

It was moved by Jane Anderson and seconded by Vicki Day to approve the December 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the 708 Board December check listing. Motion carried. It was moved by Vicki Day and seconded by Jane Anderson to approve the 708 Board January 2020 check listing. Motion carried. It was moved Jane Anderson and seconded by Rose Smith to approve the 708 Board February check listing. Motion carried. Vicki Day inquired about our Xerox machine. Chris reported the first one installed did not work well so it was replaced with another Xerox of the same model. Staff are not satisfied with its performance either. The contract has never been signed. It was moved by Debbie Studnicki and seconded by Rose Smith to approve the 708 Board March check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jane Anderson and seconded by Vicki Day to approve the 708 Board December financial statements. Motion carried. It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Vicki Day to approve the 708 Board January 2020 financial statements. Motion carried. It was moved by Vicki Day and seconded by Jane Anderson to approve the 708 Board February financial statements. Motion carried. It was moved by Debbie Studnicki and seconded by Vicki Day to approve the 708 Board March financial statements. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

- In January, Chris met with Representative Tom Bennett and his assistant. Representative Bennett is honored to represent Livingston County.
- Chris and Amy conducted an audit at OSF for the Infant Toddler Enrichment Program. Amy will let OSF know quarterly, where they are with their funding balance.
- Futures Unlimited mailed a nice thank you note for the Peoria Rivermen hockey tickets.
- There has been talk the State Medicaid may go to a block grant and that would be detrimental to the client. Chris contacted Bennett, Durbin, and Duckworth. She did hear back from them.
- Chris has been participating in Department Head meetings and keeping informed. Our department needs to remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic with one staff present in the office M-F 8-4:30 with a 12-1 lunch hour. It has been working out quite well. IHR is counseling

and having client interaction by phone calls with a few staff coming in daily. Public Health is busy. If anyone needs to come in the building, call the office phone number first, and one of us will let you in the building.

- Mosaic is in the CILA homes 24/7 since Futures Unlimited Day Services Program is unable to be open. Chris spoke with Bob McCarty and with his approval, gave Mosaic & Futures Unlimited some gift cards to Bernardi's. This would give the staff a break from cooking.

**Old Business:**

- The County Board did approve the plans for the new H & E Building with the cutbacks that were proposed. It will cost around \$5 million.

**New Business:**

- The 708/377 Board FY19 Annual Report was presented and Chris answered a few questions and discussed some of the highlights. It was moved by Jane Anderson and seconded by Ed Legner to approve the 708/377 Board FY19 Annual Report. Motion carried. Chris will provide copies to the County Board when open meetings are allowed again. She has prepared a slide show for them to view.
- Ed Legner has agreed to stay on the 708 Board for an additional 4 year term. Vicki Day agreed to stay on if Chris could not find someone else for her term. Chris asked the board members for some new board member ideas. Please contact her if you have a person who may be a good candidate. The election will be held in May.
- The Child Advocacy Center is requesting funding to update the interview room for the children. The Youth Commission agreed to fund \$1,000 of the \$2,664.00 request. It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Jane Anderson to fund the remaining request needed for \$1,664.00. This funding will come out of the Service Development line item of the budget. Motion carried.

**Agency Comments:**

**Safe Journeys:**

- Not present on conference call.

**Institute for Human Resources:**

- Joe Vaughan reported the office continues to be open with approximately 10 employees per day. The remaining staff make calls from home to their clients for counseling purposes. They are not having group sessions but are starting some activities to keep them active in the group. Dr. Puga and Dr. Sherry continue their usual schedule. They continue to do intakes.

**Futures Unlimited:**

- Not present on conference call but Chris gave a short report. Futures Unlimited continues to pay their employees per state mandate. DHS/DD will be reimbursing Community Day Services Programs but the dollar amount level has not been announced. Pay rate for direct support professionals will receive an increase of \$.58 per hour.

**OSF:**

- Not present on conference call.

It was moved by Vicki Day and seconded by Ed Legner to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Day, Secretary