

**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
May 21, 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 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: Joe Vaughan, IHR; Patty Haberkorn and Adeana Fox, Futures Unlimited

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

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

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Vicki Day to approve the 708 Board April 2020 check listing. Motion carried

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Rose Smith to approve the 708 Board April 2020 financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Chris said we have received very nice thank you notes from the agencies, Futures Unlimited, Mosaic, and Safe Journeys for the gift cards.
- May is Mental Health Awareness month and Chris feels the pandemic has made people more aware of mental health and the need. She hopes this will reflect in more funding for these important needs.
- Governor Pritzker and Ngozi Ezike, IDPH Director, sent a letter to hospitals regarding the importance of DD individuals having a direct care staff present with them to help hospital staff understand their needs and to allow them in these circumstances.
- Chris would like to discuss the underspending of funded agencies due to the pandemic at the June meeting.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Futures Unlimited has to remain open during the COVID-19 however they cannot conduct Day Services. The back building is open and running and office staff continue to work. Day Services may begin June 30, 2020. Futures Unlimited is requesting the unused funding from the 377/708 2019 budget to help pay for improved parking lots at Pontiac and Dwight. At this time, when traffic is slow, would be the perfect time to have this work done. Camp Humiston has agreed to fund \$60,000 towards the project and the USDA would take care of \$21,000 however, additional funding is needed to complete the projects. No decisions were made until the boards were sure this would be allowable according to the 708/377 Statutes. Also, their technology is antiquated and they knew that, but now it seems worse since they are more reliant on technology due to the

pandemic. Possibly some unspent funds could be used for technology updates. Some research and some more details will be needed. A special meeting will be scheduled to decide on the funding of these requests.

- Chris reported that Ed Legner has graciously agreed to remain on the 708 Board for a 4-year term. It was moved by Jack Vietti and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve Ed Legner for a 4-year term. Motion carried. Vicki Day is also up for re-election on the 708 Board however, she has asked Chris to try and find another person to fill the opening. If no one is available then she would agree to another 4-year term. Chris has a couple of names of possible candidates to fill the open spot. This opening will be filled in the next month or two.
- The following slate of officers were nominated by Ed Legner and seconded by Vicki Day. Motion carried.

President-Jack Vietti

Vice-President-Ed Legner

Treasurer-Debbie Studnicki

Secretary-Rose Smith

Agency Comments:

Safe Journeys:

- Not present on conference call.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe Vaughan reported June 1st employees will come back to work in the building. The following week IHR will start their group sessions back up. The effects of the pandemic will slowly show up in mental health issues over time.

Futures Unlimited:

- Patty reported the CILA homes are doing well. There have been very few incidents. Many of the residents are enjoying being at home and sleeping in. Futures Unlimited employees will come back to work in mid-June. The Brian Blossom Golf Outing has been cancelled. There will not be a 50th Anniversary celebration so Patty reported they are going to post a \$50 for 50 on their website referring to a donation of \$50 for 50 years of service to Livingston County. She hopes this fund raiser will help bring in some monies since they are losing profits from the cancellation of the golf outing.

OSF:

- Not present on conference call.

It was moved by Ed Legner and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Day, Secretary