

**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
August 19, 2021 @ 4:00p.m. by Conference Call or In-Person**

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Debbie Studnicki, Lanette Barnett, Gary Beier, and Rose Smith

708 Board Absent: Deb Moran, and 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: Joe Vaughan, IHR; and Patty Haberkorn, Futures Unlimited; Susan Bursztnsky, Safe Journeys; and Meagan DeMoss, OSF

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

It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the June, 708 Board minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Debbie Studnicki and seconded by Gary Beier to approve the June, 708 Board check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Gary Beier to approve the July, 708 Board check listing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lynette Barnett and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the 708 Board June financial statements. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Beier and seconded by Rose Smith to approve the 708 Board July financial statements. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Chris reported the new H & E building progress is moving slowly. Construction crews are waiting on siding to finish the outside and also waiting on Com Ed to install a transformer. Furniture has been delivered and stored in the old IHR front of the building until the new building is complete. Madison Construction will be cleaning up the lot and planting grass seed. The asphalt has still not been laid on the parking lot.
- A couple of great laws were passed are one which allows a student in special ed to finish out the school year even after they turn 22 years old. The other approved law allows an individual to come back to school one more year even though the graduated from special ed the school year before. This law was because of COVID

last year. Chris has doubts that many schools will promote this second law to parents/guardians.

- St. Clair County Mental Health developed a collaborative effort with Chestnut Health Systems and Metrolink (commuter service) to provide mental health counselors along with Metrolink security on the train.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Patty Haberkorn of Futures Unlimited addressed both boards with the request to receive approved budgeted money for the FY21 year in advance to take care of debts that are due for payment. The state is far behind on paying them and they need early funding to stay afloat. Futures Unlimited has not used a good share of their budgeted funding due to COVID rules in place. Amy Zick created a spreadsheet of Futures Unlimited's billed services so far and projected expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year showing the amounts that will not be spent on both the 708 or 377 budgeted amounts. The State has also told Patty not to expect payment for the month of December.. After a brief discussion it was moved by Lynette Barnett and seconded by Gary Beier to approve \$36,000 advancement of Futures Unlimited's 708 FY21 Budget. Motion carried.
- Chris mentioned the upcoming "Hidden in Plain Sight" trailer event to be at Dwight Heritage Days. She would like to get 708 Board approval for some money to resent to the agency providing the "Hidden in Plain Sight" trailer. Dwight is the farthest away from their home and would like to give the driver some money. It was moved by Gary Beier and seconded by Rose Smith to approve \$300 to give the driver of the semi-trailer. Motion carried. Public Health will also be at the event and providing a training on how to administer Narcan.
- Chris met with Alina Hartley, Ginger Harris and Kathy Arbogast to discuss the possibility of Mental Health employees changing to the County Health insurance BCBS policy. They did not see a problem with getting us on the insurance but strongly suggested the Mental Health go to direct deposit and get on the same pay period as the rest of county employees. County employees get paid every other Friday and it is direct deposit. Chris is asking approval from the 708 Board to go ahead with this. It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Gary Beier to approve the change in health insurance and also the new pay period schedule. Motion carried.
- A Policy on Conflict of Interest for board members was revised. It was moved by Lynette Barnett and seconded by Gary Beier to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried.
- It was moved to abort the Mental Health Board Policy on Payroll and approve the County Board Policy on Payroll. Motion by Lynette Barnett and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the County Policy on Payroll. Motion carried.

Agency Comments:

Safe Journeys:

- Susan Bursztnsky reported services continue and they have hired a new finance director, Josh Biros, who is young and the CEO at the Streator YMCA and then worked for a bank for two years. He missed working for a nonprofit agency. He has proven to be a great help to Susan by taking many jobs off her plate. Dana Wright, the LaSalle County Sexual Assault advocate, will be reaching out to Livingston County as well. They will help individuals with filing an order of protection when

requested. Safe Journeys continues to have staff changing positions within the agency. There are a couple of positions they are wanting to fill now.

Institute for Human Resources:

- Joe Vaughan reported they are all moved into their new building at 920 W. Custer Avenue. He cannot thank John and Paula Opperman enough for all their help getting the building ready the way IHR needed it. An Open House is being planned for some time in September. Joe has new Social Service directories available to take and may also be accessed on their website. Joe completely understands the cash flow dilemma like Futures Unlimited is experiencing.

Futures Unlimited:

- Patty Haberkorn said they are still trying to serve more individuals. They are trying to be more creative with some individuals coming in the morning and others who would like to come in the afternoon. They are not sure if Breakfast with Santa will happen this year. It is not so much of a fundraiser as it is a PR event. Chris suggested they apply for a grant from the county COVID 6.9 million funding This money is to be awarded to not for profit agencies and other businesses who stayed open and had to continue to serve individuals. The grant is due September 30th. All but 2 CILA residents are vaccinated. It is more of FUI staff who are not vaccinated.

OSF:

- Meagan DeMoss did not have anything to report.

It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Gary Beier to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rose Smith and seconded by Gary Beier to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

No action was taken in executive session.

It was moved by Lynette Barnett and seconded by Debbie Studnicki to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Smith, Secretary