Livingston County Mental Health Board
708 Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2026 at 4:00 PM

708 Board Present: Jack Vietti, Debbie Studnicki, Barb Schlatter, Pam Stone
708 Board Absent: Ed Legner, Clark Reamer, Gary Beier

377 Board Present: Vicki Day, Chris Johnson
377 Board Absent: Bob McCarty

Livingston County Board Members: Jack Vietti

Staff Present: Taylor Hartman, Meg Gillette, Tanya Melvin

Guests: Patty Haberkorn, Futures; Maryssa McCoy, A.I.R.; Melody Robertson and Sandra Storm, Mosaic; Susan Bursztynsky, Safe Journeys; Joe Vaughan, IHR; Sheriff Ryan Bohm; Salina Nolan, LifeCIL

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

Agenda:

- It was moved by Pam Stone, seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the August 2026 Minutes. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Barb Schlatter, seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the August 2026 Check Listing. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Pam Stone, seconded by Barb Schlatter to approve the August 2026 Financial Statement. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- Jeremiah's Journey Event on 9/19 from 9:30-1:30pm at Humiston/Duck Park. The event will have food, family-friendly events, local agencies, and awareness speakers.
- Faith and Mental Wellness Recovery Workshop that Taylor plans to attend in Normal on 10/8.
- Clark has assisted Taylor with connecting with the LCSSU and she will be attending their department meeting at the end of October to provide information on No Ruff Days to their school social workers and psychologists. Taylor plans to also discuss Premise Alert and hopefully get some assistance with the Transitional Planning Committee. Taylor has still been attending the McLean County meetings but Shannon of Futures and herself have agreed we need some school representation to get this off the ground for Livingston County students.
- The county has notified the MHB that they anticipate another significant increase in costs to our insurance plan. We are waiting to hear what that will look like. Last year brought a large increase as well, but due to the packages our staff have it did not impact us.

Agency Comments:

IHR:

- Joe announced that they recently assisted Pontiac High School with a Signs of Suicide Screening. The students take a survey and then IHR can identify the kids that need to be followed up on. There were 3-4 kids needing follow ups and one needed a SASS screening which means they reached the level of being placed in a hospital or IHR can provide 90 days of service. Pontiac High School does a really nice job with screening kids for suicide, they have done this program for many years and it has been very successful.
- They just hired a full time SASS Worker from OSF. They have had 15 screens since the start of school, 12 of which were in the month of September. That program will increase, they will have about 80 to 85 typically in the fall.
- They now have a Community Resource scan that will be give you information to the Health Department, IHR, Livingston County Probation and other resources in the county. The QR scan code will be replacing the Resource Guide that is normally printed.



Safe Journeys:

- Susan announced they shelter continues to be busy. They went about three weeks without having to place anyone in hotels, now they have two families that needed placement, they are trying to keep hotel stays to emergency cases.
- The Prevention Educators are back in the schools.
- The staffing continues to be a challenge. They are looking for a Residential Director and a Part time Shelter Advocate, also they just started looking for a Compliance Director.

Futures:

- Patty announced that Denim & Diamonds is done and it went great. It was the highest event attended this year.
- They have a new board member Robbin Christian from CAT, he is taking the place of Ryan Rafferty who has been on the board for several years.
- They hired a second dispatcher for transportation, which was desperately needed to answer the almost 200 phone calls they receive daily for ride requests.
- DSP week is September 13-19 and they will be celebrating and recognizing their wonderful caregivers.

Sheriff:

- Sheriff announced that he attended the Sheriffs Conference. An important conversation at the conference this year related around DHS and how to help us get people out of their facility that aren't fit to stand trial. There are three jails in the state that have stepped up, they have increased their staffing to accept people from Livingston County. Those jails are Kankakee County, McHenry Co. and Franklin Co. jails. They hired on additional Mental Health Professionals and Medical Staff to help manage those detainees that are not fit to stand trial. Livingston County does have a 24/hour Nurse on staff and a Mental Health Professional who is on staff for a limited number of hours through the week. However, they are not equipped to handle someone that is in server Mental Health Crisis. Sheriff stated they are very thankful to those three jails that have the professional staff to help.

LifeCil:

- Salina Nolan announced that she is representing Life Center for Independent Living and is looking for a Livingston County resident to fill a position on the board. LifeCIL requires a county board member as they receive United Way funds and it is a requirement. If anyone is interested they can reach out to her.

New Business:

- **FY27 Budget Draft**
    - It was moved by Pam Stone, seconded by Debbie Studnicki to approve the FY27 Budget Draft. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

It was moved by Pam Stone and seconded by Barb Schlatter to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Stone, Secretary