

La Salle County 708 Community Mental Health Board
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 10th 2023

Meeting held at 1:00 PM, the tenth day of May, 2023 , at Horizon House 4110 Progress Blvd. Peru IL. 61354

ACTING AS CHAIRMAN: Dave McClure, President

Present: Dave McClure, Lois Guyon, Pamela Beckett, Sara Escatel, and Ella Weber in person; Gary Peterlin and Jack Leininger by Zoom/telephone.

Absent: Pamela Beckett

Also Present: Don Miskowicz, Executive Director, and Danielle Lock, Admin Assistant

Funded Agency Representatives: CiCi Chalus (CASA), Jodi Mahoney (NCBHS), John Mallaney (Streator Unlimited) Tracy Beattie (SRRC), Rachel Galetti (Horizon House), Susan Bursztynsky (Safe Journeys), Kristen Goodchild (Ottawa Friendship House) and Sam Tenuto (YSB)

CALL TO ORDER: Board President Dave McClure called the meeting of the 708 Mental Health Board to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Dave McClure, Ella Weber, Susan Thornton, Lois Guyon, Sara Escatel, Jack Leininger, John Koehler and Gary Peterlin.

Motion by Susan Thornton, seconded by Lois Guyon to approve the agenda.

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Thornton, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, Koehler and Leininger

Nays: None. *Motion carried.*

Motion by John Koehler, seconded by Jack Leininger to approve the minutes of the February 8th 2023 board meeting as printed.

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Thornton, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, Koehler and Leininger

Nays: None. *Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no one present who wished to address the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Member's reviewed the Treasurer's financial report as presented on the attached PowerPoint slide. Packet items mailed included monthly financial reports for Periods 2, 3 and 4 and Year-to-Date revenue at 3/31/23 totaled \$2,324,095.29 and expenses totaled \$2,435,392.48.

The cash balance at 3/31/23 totaled \$1,404,426.29 in accordance with the CIC accounting system reports. The first expected Calendar Year 2022 tax disbursement will occur in July, 2023.

Motion by: John Koehler, seconded by Susan Thornton to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Thornton, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, Koehler and Leininger

Nays: None. *Motion carried.*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Don reviewed the attached Executive Director's Report PowerPoint slide including funds, grants, and legislation; statistics on increases in child/adolescent and young adult usage of ER's and suicide-related events; updates on the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI); Medication Assisted

Recovery (MAR); Opioid Settlement funding status; continuing to monitor MH/SUD, I/DD, Child Welfare, DV/SA, and related service happenings at the state and federal level. The 988 line system is running better and continuing involvement with regional CESSA workgroup.

Don discussed the services of the Perfectly Flawed Foundation based in LaSalle and the “risk reduction” approach to substance use including Perfectly Flawed’s ability to provide Narcan and Fentanyl test strips.

FUNDED AGENCY WRITTEN REPORTS/UPDATES: Not all written reports were received prior to the deadline.

A brief discussion was held regarding the information in the reports.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

SRRC (Family Fun Festival) June 4th

Safe Journey (color Run) June 16th

Open Door (golf outing) June 17th

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Scholarship Committee update: Lois Guyon is representing the 708 on the ARPA Scholarship committee.

Lois updated the board on the \$150,000 reverse scholarship component of the ARPA scholarships and its goal to keep LCPC and LCSW therapists within LaSalle County delivering services. She also briefly discussed additional ARPA scholarship funds of totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars for individuals interested in pursuing careers in mental health/substance use and other human service related areas as well as nursing and a long list of healthcare areas. The Regional Office of Education is in charge of reviewing, selecting recipients, and administering the scholarships. Lois is a voting member of the ARPA Scholarship Committee and the 708 office distributed information on the scholarships to funded agencies for distribution to their staff. The deadline is June 16th 2023 for scholarship applications.

Veterans Deferred Prosecution Program: Members discussed the proposal from the State’s Attorney’s office to provide one-time start-up funding from the 708 Board for the Veterans program. The one-time funding application was submitted with a request of \$30,000 start up and continuing funding next year.

Following discussion, *motion by Gary Peterlin, seconded by Susan Thornton that the written LaSalle County Veteran’s Deferred Prosecution Program start-up funding request for outpatient treatment and education services, as proposed by the LaSalle County State’s Attorney’s Office, is approved for one-time funding of up to \$20,000.00 from the 708 budget Program Line to be requested and disbursed on a monthly fee-for-service basis in accordance with the 708 guidelines and procedures; the stated application assurances of 708 dollars being payor of last resort for outpatient services only and a nonduplication of services; and that the use, reporting data and outcomes of the funding will be assessed at six months and twelve months following program start-up.* By Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Thornton, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, Koehler and Leininger

Nays: None. *Motion carried.*

Website Demo and Final Approval: The 708 website will be launching this week. Don reviewed the website and discussed the ways we will promote the website to help those in LaSalle County seeking services. Other agencies will have links to our website including the county’s main page. Very positive feedback thus far from the Healthier LaSalle County workgroup which has been reviewing and making suggestions on the website.

Motion to approve the website by Sara Escatel, Seconded by Ella Weber. Ayes: McClure, Weber, Thornton, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, Koehler and Leininger. Nays: None. *Motion carried*

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: In accordance with 708 Board Bylaws board members discussed election of officers for the term beginning July 1st, 2023. **Motion by Susan Thornton, Seconded by Gary Peterlin to elect the following officers:**

President: Dave McClure

Vice President: Jack Leininger

Secretary: John Koehler

Treasurer: Lois Guyon

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Thornton, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, Koehler and Leininger

Nays: None. *Motion carried*

FOIA Officer: Motion by Ella Weber, seconded by Jack Leininger to designate Don Miskowiec as the 708 FOIA Officer

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Thornton, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, Koehler and Leininger. Nays: None. *Motion carried.*

OMA: Don will meet with everyone individually to help with the online training.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Jack Leininger, to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 P.M. Unanimously approved.

Recorder: _____

Danielle M. Lock

Administrative Assistant

Secretary: _____

John Koehler

Date: _____

CALENDAR YEAR 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE REMINDER

Wednesday, August 9th 1:00 PM
(8/9/23)

Wednesday, November 29th 1:00 PM
(11/29/23)

Locations of the remaining quarterly board meetings to be determined.

