La Salle County 708 Community Mental Health Board

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

February 8th 2023

Meeting held at 1:00 PM, the eighth day of February 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

Absent: Susan Thornton and John Koehler

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

Selenia Arteaga, Laura Hall and Jason Goode (LaSalle Co. States Attorney’s Office) and Jason Edgcomb (LaSalle Co. Jail)

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**: Board President Dave McClure called the meeting of the 708 Mental Health Board to order at 1:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Dave McClure, Ella Weber, Pamela Beckett, Lois Guyon, and Sara Escatel in person

Jack Leininger and Gary Peterlin by Zoom videoconferencing.

The Board and Agency representatives introduced themselves to the new 708 Board Member Pamela Beckett.

***Motion by Ella Weber, seconded by Lois Guyon to approve the Agenda.***

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Beckett, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, and Leininger

Nays: None. Motion carried

***Motion by Ella Weber, seconded by Sara Escatel to approve the minutes of the November 9th 2022 board meeting as printed.***

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Beckett, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, and Leininger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, persons who wish to address the board will be allowed five minutes.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**: Don Miskowiec gave the Treasurer’s financial report as presented on the attached PowerPoint slide. He summarized revenue and expense from November and December. The Fiscal year end (11/30/22) revenue = $2,324,095.29 and the expenses = $2,435,392.48

The expenses are under budget by 5% a total of $130,169.52. The final cash balance for FY 22 was $2,130,647.00

***Motion by: Ella Weber, seconded by Gary Peterlin to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.***

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Beckett, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, and Leininger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**: Don reviewed the attached Executive Director’s Report PowerPoint slide. A discussion on the COVID National Health Emergency ending May 11th ensued with consideration of the 708 funded agency 15% statistical variance requirement being waived in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 being once again waived for FY 22 and FY 23 .

***Motion by: Lois Guyon to retain the policy until our fiscal year ends, suspending the 15% statistical variance requirement through November 30th, 2023. Seconded by Jack Leininger***

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Beckett, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, and Leininger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Other items reported on in the Executive Director’s Report included FY 22 stats; Executive Director’s appointment to CESSA Advisory Workgroup for Region 2; Health Department IPLAN Steering Committee, Behavioral Health Workgroup; DMH Pathways Program; Public Health Workforce funding; Opioid lawsuit settlement dollars; the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act; the 988 Crisis Line; ACMHAI activities; FY 23 Summary of Contracts/Service Funding; school-based grants awarded in LaSalle and Bureau Counties; and the impact of the closure of IVCH/St. Margaret’s Health, Peru on behavioral health in the eastern portion of the county.

**FUNDED AGENCY WRITTEN REPORTS/UPDATES**: Members discussed the funded agency written reports which were mailed with the board packet. Members asked questions, and noted a few of the agency fundraisers.

**The u**pcoming Fundraiser for Friendship House will be held on March 9th

CASA will have the Chocolate Festival return on April 16th

John Mallaney with Streator Unlimited was presented with a few questions from Pamela Beckett, regarding the work and home status of their clients. John rep;orted that 21 clients have services funded by the 708 board and that SU has 5 group homes and two work/office buildings.

***OLD BUSINESS***

**ARPA Scholarship Committee update**: Lois Guyon, as the 708 Board representative to the ARPA Scholarship Committee reported on activities of the ARPA Scholarship Committee.

The total ARPA Scholarship funding allocation is $500, 000. $150, 000 is reserved for a mental health reverse scholarship program with the balance for regular healthcare scholarships through IVCC and the Regional Office of Education. Final guidelines and a timetable for all funding are currently under development.

**FY 23 Budget Update/Agency Contracts/Feb 9th County Board Presentation:** the Executive Director provided an update on the FY 23 Budget final approvals, and that agency contracts would receive final approval at a February 9th full County Board meeting at which he will give a presentation on the contracts and FY 23 planning.

**Guidelines/Bylaws/Budget Application Review/Revisions**. The Executive Director advised he was beginning work on the 708 guidelines, bylaws, and budget application changes/updates which will be reviewed by the board in the next four to five months.

**Website Status/Demo**: The website is close to launch. Don showed the website and printed pages from the website for the agencies to look over. The 988 crisis line has improved and we feel more comfortable now including the crisis information on our site. The website will be filled with resources to help find services and educational information on mental health, substance use and related services. Discussed ways to promote the website for use by LaSalle County residents and referral sources. Sara Escatel asked if we could add Google Translate to the website and staff will work with consultant to make translation available on the website.

***Motion by: Lois Guyon to approve the Directors Report. Seconded by Jack Leininger***

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Beckett, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin, and Leininger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

***NEW BUSINESS***

The Board and Agency representatives introduced themselves for a second time, along with the new Executive Director of YSB ,Sam Tenuto, and representatives of the State’s Attorney, Selenia Arteaga, Laura Hall, and other staff.

The LaSalle County States Attorney’s office came to the meeting with a brief presentation regarding the Veteran’s Deferment Program that’s hoped to begin in LaSalle County (similar to Veteran’s Court with more flexibility). The State’s Attorney’s Office is making a funding request to the 708 Board. PTSD and suicide rates are growing among veterans and the deferment approach allows for flexibility in dealing with charges against veterans suffering from mental health and/or substance use issues in order to provide them with the respect and dignity they deserve. LaSalle County is utilizing the Kendall County Veteran’s Court to model a deferment program. Members asked questions and commented on the benefits of the program. The Executive Director with work with Selenia and Laura in completing a formal detailed application for funding to be considered at the May 708 Board Meeting.

***Motion by Gary Peterlin, second by Jack Leininger, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 P.M***.  Unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**:  **there being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**

Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Danielle M. Lock

Administrative Assistant

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John Koehler

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**CALENDAR YEAR 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE REMINDER**

Wednesday, May 10th 1:00 PM

(5/10/23)

Wednesday, August 9th 1:00 PM

(8/9/23)

Wednesday, November 29th 1:00 PM

(11/29/23)

Locations of the quarterly board meetings to be determined.