



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD
BOARD MEETING Minutes**

DATE: April 13th TIME: 6:00pm

Montgomery County New Court House, PBC Room

Members present: Dan Hough, Terri Miller, Tricia Maulding, Ethan Murzynski, Lori Hopwood, Jen Carron
Absent: Brett Holiday

Meeting called to Order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call for guest: Randall from FAYCO, Lynn from TASC and Karen from HSHS

Ethan made a motion to approve January meeting Notes. Dan seconded - All in favor: PASSED

Committee Reports:

HSHS Hospital - Karen gave a handout of expenses and said that The Next Network is doing a great job helping with transportation but she is seeing a concern in young children. Many from ages 3-12 that need transferred and many times it's as far as Chicago.

TASC – Lynn gave a report of all the events from January - April to the board 4 Monthly support group meetings 64 in attendance, 4 Sensory Friendly Films 221 attending, 3 TASC events candle making and art painting class. Annual sensory friendly Easter Egg Hunt – 125 kids and their families attended. This was a very successful event. This month is National Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month and lots of activities are planned such as each Saturday a special event is planned – movie, bowling, pizza, Bremer's Sanctuary. There is also a pack the place fundraiser being planned for April 26 at Diamond Bistro in Litchfield. Currently they have spent \$2,949.60 of the \$8,000 grant. Dan told Lynn to keep up the good work and what they are doing is making a difference!

Randall from FAYCO – he reviewed several case management stories and how the services are making such a difference. He has a spreadsheet on all expenses to date. Dan also told Randall to keep up the good work!

Dan had everyone review the letter from Litchfield School District where the superintendent has changed the Engagement Coordinators job description. We have been told that Candy Massa will no longer be doing this job. We are concerned that this change isn't in the original grant. Dan is going to review the application with the new job description and see if this is adequate or not. Dan is also going to invite the Superintendent to come to the next board meeting for questions and to explain the new position.

Terri made a motion to Adjournment at 8:10 2nd by Jen, All in favor



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Home of the Purple Panthers Superintendent: Dr. Kelly McClain

February 23, 2026

Dear Members of the Montgomery County 708 Board,

On behalf of Litchfield CUSD #12, I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support of our students and families through your funding of our Family Engagement Program. Your investment over the past several years has allowed our district to better connect some of our most at-risk students and families to critical community resources that support mental health needs, housing stability, attendance, and overall student success.

As outlined in our current grant application for the Family Engagement Program @ LCUSD #12, this position has played an important role in helping remove non-academic barriers that impact a student's ability to fully access their education, particularly for those experiencing homelessness, substance abuse in the home, or other trauma-related challenges.

As I shared with the President of your Board, the district recently had to make several difficult staffing decisions as we plan for the upcoming school year. After careful review of our current student needs, we determined that we must prioritize positions that can provide more direct, individualized support to students during the school day. Unfortunately, the Family Engagement Coordinator position was not structured to provide that type of 1:1 student support, which is where our greatest needs currently exist.

While we are deeply appreciative of the work that has been done in this role and the positive impact it has had on our families, the district has decided not to continue the position in its current form.

However, we remain fully committed to the intent and purpose of the services outlined within our existing agreement. To ensure continuity of support for students and families, the district has created a Student Support Coordinator position. This role will continue to carry out the original responsibilities identified in the grant, including connecting students and families to community resources, coordinating access to services, and supporting social-emotional needs, with assistance from other district personnel as appropriate.

Due to differences in fiscal-year timelines between the District (July–June) and the 708 Board (January–January), aligning these staffing changes within the existing agreement poses logistical challenges. As such, the district respectfully requests a minor amendment to the

current contract to update the funded position title from Family Engagement Coordinator to Student Support Coordinator, while maintaining the original scope and intent of services supported by 708 funding.

This request does not reduce or eliminate any of the services outlined in our original application, but rather replaces the position to better meet the evolving needs of our students.

We are grateful for your ongoing partnership and for the support you provide to the students and families of Montgomery County. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like any additional information as you consider this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly McClain".

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