
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (CCMHB)
Study Session

Minutes October 16, 2024

***This joint study session was held at the Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, IL 61802
and with remote access via Zoom.***

5:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Paul Youakim, Molly McLay, Jane Sprandel, Chris Miner, Elaine Palencia, Anthony Nichols, Joseph Omo-Osagie, Jen Straub

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lisa Liggins Chambers

STAFF PRESENT: Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Lynn Canfield, Shandra Summerville

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Courtright, Cedar King, Alex Coker, Elizabeth Campbell, CU at Home; Ann Percy, Cunningham Children's Home; Jami Olsen, DSC; Christina Reifsteck, Rantoul Police Department; Chris Stohr, Jenny Lokshin, Champaign County Board; Brenda Eakins, GROW in Illinois; Megan Cambron, UIUC Police Department; Shannon Siders, Court Services and Probation; Elisabeth Pollock, Public Defender; Julia Rietz, State's Attorney; Karee Voges, Champaign County Corrections.

CALL TO ORDER:

CCMHB President Molly McLay called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. Mrs. Palencia made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miner, to allow Board Member Jen Straub to participate through virtual means. The motion was approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

An agenda was available for review. President McLay moved to approve the agenda, Dr. Youakim seconded the motion, and this was approved by voice vote.

AGENCY OR CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Courtright introduced Alex Coker and Elizabeth Campbell, who provided impact statements related to those Champaign County resources they have utilized successfully.

PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS:

President McLay thanked those present and designated Mr. Miner to chair the session. Mr. Miner introduced the topic, discussed how presentations and questions will be handled, and acknowledged that his prepared comments are somewhat modified given the helpful public input.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Canfield provided an overview of longstanding collaborations across units of government, which have included direct funding for programs focused on their work as well as planning and monitoring by CCMHB staff and identification of best practices when possible. There is broad agreement that service providers are needed and may have interest in offering additional resources. She reviewed the documents included in this packet as background information.

STUDY SESSION: "Behavioral Health and Justice"

Justice System partners Captain Voges, Julia Rietz, Lis Pollard, Shannon Siders, and Megan Cambron, along with County Board Member Chris Stohr, discussed collaborations which utilize and determine resources for adults who have justice system involvement, including Problem Solving Courts, Crisis Intervention Team Steering Committee, and Reentry Council.

Mental Health Board members offered comments and questions, and discussion focused on improving the system.

AGENCY OR CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Eakins gave an update on current programming of GROW in Illinois, how it relates to the discussion, and indicated there is capacity to serve more people.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

President McLay and Mr. Miner summarized highlights and possible next steps.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lynn Canfield,
CCMHB/CCDDB Executive Director

**Approved by the CCMHB on November 20, 2024.*