
**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD FOR CARE AND TREATMENT
OF PERSONS WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY
(CCDDB) MEETING**

Minutes February 19, 2025

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

9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Fisher, Vicki Niswander, Anne Robin, Neil Sharma (remote), Susan Fowler

STAFF PRESENT: Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Lynn Canfield, Chris Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jessica Smith, Jodi Harmon, Heather Levingston, AJ Zwettler, Annette Becherer, Sarah Perry, Jami Olsen, Laura Bennett, Danielle Matthews, Patty Walters, DSC; Becca Obuchowski, Community Choices; Angela Yost, CCRPC; Jacinda Dariotis, Rachel Jackson-Gordon, UIUC; Mel Liong, Michelle Ingram, PACE; Brenda Eakins, GROW; Jenny Lokshin, County Board; and (closed session only) Joel Fletcher, State’s Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Niswander called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CCDDB member Dr. Neil Sharma requested to attend remotely due to employment obligations. In compliance with the CCDDB By-Laws a motion was requested by Ms. Niswander to allow his remote attendance.

MOTION: Ms. Niswander moved to allow remote attendance for Dr. Neil Sharma for this meeting due to employment obligations, as allowed in the CCDDB By-Laws. Dr. Robin seconded the motion. All CCDDB members voted aye and the motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

An agenda was approved.

CCDDB and CCMHB SCHEDULES/TIMELINES:

Updated copies of CCDDB and CCMHB meeting schedules and CCDDB allocation timeline were posted.

ACRONYMS and GLOSSARY:

A list of commonly used acronyms was posted.

CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

Ms. Niswander made brief comments concerning the review process.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:

Director Canfield introduced Jenny Lokshin from the Champaign County Board. She made some brief comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the 1/22/25 meeting were included in the packet.

MOTION: Dr. Robin moved to approve the 1/22/25 board meeting minutes, with the correction of adding Kim Fisher as present at the meeting. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

VENDOR INVOICE LIST:

The Vendor Invoice List was included in the Board packet.

MOTION: Dr. Robin moved to approve the Vendor Invoice List as presented. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

Reports from Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Stephanie Howard-Gallo, and Chris Wilson were included in the packet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Applications for PY2026 Funding:

For information only, the packet included a briefing memorandum on the process of reviewing requests for funding, with a checklist for (optional) Board member use. A list of successful applications was attached.

Input from People with I/DD:

Feedback shared with staff or board members was included in the packet for information only. Kelli Martin, DSC, spoke to the board, reading input from self-advocates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Response to Emerging Threats:

Dr. Fisher requested a monthly discussion of vulnerable community members who may no longer receive federal benefits in the future. An article from “NEA Today” was included in the packet.

Engage Illinois:

A section of justadollap.org relevant to Engage Illinois efforts was included in the Board packet for information only. Ms. Niswander provided a verbal update on their activities.

Evaluation Capacity Building Project Update:

An oral update was provided by Rachel Jackson-Gordon from the Evaluation Team.

disAbility Resource Expo Update:

Deferred.

PY2025 Second Quarter I/DD Program Activity Reports:

For information, service activity reports from funded I/DD programs were included in the board packet.

PY2025 Second Quarter Service Claims Data:

For information only were summaries of service claims from many I/DD programs.

SUCSESSES AND AGENCY INFORMATION:

Kelli Martin from DSC spoke about “Spread the Word”. Becca Obuchowski from Community Choices commented on transportation issues and options. Patty Walters from DSC introduced new employees and position changes within the agency. AJ Zwettler from DSC shared activities.

COUNTY BOARD INPUT:

None.

CCMHB INPUT:

The CCMHB will meet this evening.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

It was decided to cancel the March 26, 2025 meeting.

Other Business - Closed Session

MOTION: At 9:51 a.m. the Ms. Niswander moved to enter Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to consider litigation which is pending against or on behalf of Champaign County, and litigation that is probable or imminent against Champaign County. The following individuals joined the closed session: members of the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board, Executive Director Canfield, Associate Director Bowdry, and Assistant State's Attorney Joel Fletcher; and to enter into Closed Session for Semi-Annual Closed Session Minutes Review Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. Dr. Robin and Dr. Sharma recused themselves from the Closed Session.

The Board returned to open session at 10:28 a.m. with a roll call vote.

MOTION: Ms. Niswander moved to accept the February 19, 2020, February 26, 2020, July 21, 2021, and February 23, 2022 closed session minutes as presented, to continue maintaining them as closed, and to destroy the recording of the February 23, 2022 meeting. Dr. Fisher seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Stephanie Howard-Gallo,
CCMHB/CCDDB Operations and Compliance Specialist

**Approved by the CCDDB on March 19, 2025.*