
**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes—February 19, 2025

*This meeting was held
at the Brookens Administrative Center, Urbana, IL and remotely.*

5:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Omo-Osagie, Tony Nichols, Molly McLay, Chris Miner, Elaine Palencia, Kyle Patterson (arrived 6:05 pm), Emily Rodriguez, Jane Sprandel, Jon Paul Youakim

STAFF PRESENT: Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Lynn Canfield, Stephanie Howard-Gallo

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Jackson, UIUC; Brenda Eakins, GROW; Cindy Crawford, Community Services Center of Northern Champaign County (CSCNCC); Andrew Muller, Joel Fletcher, Champaign County States Attorney's Office; David Dorman, Maria Jimenez, Immigrant Services of CU; Jessica Smith, DSC: Ann Percy, Cunningham Children's Home

CALL TO ORDER:

CCMHB President McLay called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved.

CCDDB and CCMHB SCHEDULES:

Updated copies of CCDDB and CCMHB meeting schedules and CCMHB allocation timeline were included in the packet. The March 26, 2025 meeting will be cancelled.

ACRONYMS and GLOSSARY:

A list of commonly used acronyms was included for information.

CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS - Closed Session:

Dr. Youakim recused himself from the Closed Session.

MOTION: At 5:54 p.m. Ms. Sprandel moved to enter into 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 this closed session: members of the Champaign County Mental Health Board, Executive Director Canfield, Operations and Compliance Coordinator Howard-Gallo, and Assistant State's Attorney Fletcher. Ms. Rodriguez seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to enter into Closed Session for Semi-Annual Closed Session Minutes Review Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). The following individuals will join this closed session: members of the Champaign County Mental Health Board, Executive Director Canfield, and Operations and Compliance Coordinator Howard Gallo. Ms. Palencia seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

The CCMHB returned to Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to accept the February 19, 2020, February 26, 2020, and July 21, 2021 closed session minutes as revised and to continue maintaining them as closed. Ms. Palencia seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Ms. McLay stated the board supports our mental health programs and all community members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:

No comments.

APPROVAL OF CCMHB MINUTES:

Minutes from the 1/22/25 meeting and the 1/29/25 study session were included in the packet.

MOTION: Ms. Sprandel moved to approve the meeting minutes from 1/22/25 and 1/29/25. Mr. Miner seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VENDOR INVOICE LISTS:

Vendor Invoice Lists were included in the Board packet.

MOTION: Ms. Sprandel moved to accept the Vendor Invoice Lists. Dr. Youakim seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Mental Health Crisis Intervention Reports & Court Cases:

For information only was a report on collected by the Champaign County State’s Attorney’s Office Civil Division for 2024. ASA Andrew Muller presented. Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.

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 Board member use. A list of successful applications was included in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS:

Evaluation Capacity Building Project Update:

An oral update was provided by a representative from the Evaluation Team.

Community Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Activities:

Deferred.

disAbility Resource Expo Update:

Deferred.

Special Agency Request:

A Decision Memorandum provided background information to support the Board's discussion of action requested by Immigrant Services of CU (ISCU), Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center (UNCC), and Women in Need Recovery (WIN). Letters from ISCU, UNCC, and WIN were included in the packet.

Immigrant Services of CU (ISCU) requested the CCMHB give full consideration to their PY2026 application despite a late audit. They expect the PY24 audit to be completed by late May 2025. Board members discussed late audits and the Board's responsibilities. David Dorman and Maria Jimenez from ISCU were present to answer Board questions and provide additional information.

MOTION: Ms. Rodriguez moved to consider Immigrant Services of CU Program Year 2026 funding request. Ms. Palencia seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion passed.

Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center (UNCC) requested full consideration to their PY2026 application despite a PY2024 audit not being available. A representative from UNCC was not present to answer Board questions.

MOTION: Ms. Sprandel moved to consider Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center Program Year 2026 funding request. Dr. Youakim seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Women in Need Recovery (WIN) requested the Board waive the suspension of payments while waiting for the completed PY24 audit, which is anticipated March 31, 2025. A representative from WIN was not present to answer Board questions.

MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to continue the suspension of payments on the WIN Recovery Program Year 2025 contract until the PY24 audit is submitted and any follow-up issues resolved or until the Board decides to resume payment. Ms. Sprandel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Miner abstained. The motion passed.

PY2025 Second Quarter MHB Program Activity Reports:

For information only, funded program service reports were included in the packet

SUCSESSES AND AGENCY INPUT:

None.

BOARD TO BOARD REPORTS:

None.

COUNTY BOARD INPUT:

Ms. Rodriguez stated they are bracing for economic distress locally.

CCDDB INPUT:

The CCDDB met earlier in the day.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

Dr. Youakim announced on May 19th there will be a mental health conference for providers at the IHotel in Champaign.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully

Submitted by: Stephanie Howard-Gallo
CCMHB/CCDDB Operations and Compliance Coordinator

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