

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
(CCMHB) MEETING**

Minutes April 22, 2026

*This meeting was held at the Scott M. Bennett Administrative Center
102 E. Main St., Urbana, IL
and with remote access.*

5:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Den Arres, Alejandro Gomez, Molly McLay, Tony Nichols, Elaine Palencia, Kyle Patterson, Jane Sprandel, Jen Straub, Jon Paul Youakim

STAFF PRESENT:

Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Lynn Canfield, Stephanie Howard-Gallo, Shandra Summerville

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jacinda Dariotis, UIUC; Marlon Mitchell, James Kilgore, First Followers; Claudia Lennhoff, Champaign County Healthcare Consumers (CCHCC) Cindy Crawford, Community Services Center of Northern Champaign County (CSCNCC); Jessie Heckenmueller, Lisa Benson, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC); Brenda Eakins, Kaysa Haley, GROW in IL; Tammy Lemke, CU at Home; Katie Harmon, Andi France, Courage Connection; April Garcia, Brightpoint; Joshua Gavel, Madison Palmer, Uniting Pride; Jazmine Hernandez, Charlene Murrey, City of Champaign Township; Kim Gollinas, Habitat for Humanity.

CALL TO ORDER:

CCMHB President McLay called the meeting to order at 5:47 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.

ACRONYMS and GLOSSARY:

A list of commonly used acronyms was included for information.

CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Joshua Gavel from Uniting Pride introduced Madison Palmer as the new director of the agency. Madison Palmer told the board a few things about herself.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

CCMHB Chair Molly McLay encouraged the board members to consider being the CCMHB President or Vice-President during the next election. Jen Straub was welcomed to the Board, replacing Chris Miner.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

No comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the March 18 and March 25, 2026 CCMHB meetings were included in the board packet for review.

MOTION: Mx. Arres moved to approve the minutes of the CCMHB's meetings on March 18, 2026 and March 25, 2026. Ms. Sprandel seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR INVOICE LISTS:

The Vendor Invoice List was included in the packet.

MOTION: Mx. Arres moved to accept the Vendor Invoice Lists as presented in the Board packet. Dr. Youakim seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Draft 2025 Annual Report:

A draft of the CCMHB Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025 was included in the packet for Board review and approval.

MOTION: Mx. Arres moved to approve the CCMHB Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025 as presented. Ms. Sprandel seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Staff Reports:

Staff reports were deferred to allow for focus on the review of agency applications.

Evaluation Capacity Building Project Update:

An oral update from Jacinda Dariotis was provided. See resources developed by the team at <https://www.familyresiliency.illinois.edu/resources/microlearning-videos>

Community Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Activities:

Minutes of the March workgroup meeting were included in the packet for information only.

disAbility Resource Expo and AIR Updates:

See also <https://disabilityresourceexpo.org> and <https://champaigncountyair.com/>

Director Canfield provided oral updates. She reflected on the great work of Barbara Bressner for past art shows and Expos.

OLD BUSINESS:

Agency Audit/Review Updates:

A decision memorandum offered an update on the delayed Greater Community AIDS Project of East Central Illinois (GCAP) Program Year 2025 review. Director Canfield stated GCAP has been sharing audit updates nearly daily.

MOTION: Mx. Arres moved to continue the GCAP Program Year 2026 contract, withholding payments until the Program Year 2025 financial review is submitted and any follow-up issues resolved. Ms. Palencia seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Requests for Program Year 2027 Funding:

A list of funding applications followed by a staff review of the applications was included in the Board packet. Many agency representatives were present to answer questions from Board members. CCMHB reviewed and discussed each application requesting funds from the CCMHB alphabetically. The review will continue at the April 29, 2026 Board study session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND AGENCY INPUT:

Jessie Heckenmueller from Regional Planning Commission (RPC) commented on engagement with the Families Stronger Together program. Their Homelessness program has a need for additional staff.

BOARD TO BOARD REPORTS:

None.

COUNTY BOARD INPUT:

None.

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD
(CCDDB) INPUT:**

None.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Stephanie Howard-Gallo

CCMHB/CCDDB Compliance and Operations Coordinator

**Minutes approved by the CCMHB on May 27, 2026.*