

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

## ***Study Session Minutes April 29, 2026***

***This meeting was held at the Scott M. Bennett Administrative Center  
102 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801 and remotely.  
5:45 p.m.***

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

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### **STAFF PRESENT:**

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

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Liz Miner, Maggie Bianchi, Steve Smith, Rosecrance Central Illinois; Jessica Smith, DSC; Jessica Heckenmueller, Elisa Ransom, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC); Brenda Eakins, GROW in IL; Joshua Gavel, Madison Palmer, Uniting Pride; Claudia Lennhoff, Champaign County Healthcare Consumers (CCHCC); Chad Hoffman, Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County; Marlon Mitchell, James Kilgore, FirstFollowers; Kelly Russell, CU Early; Jennifer Henry, Jim Hamilton, Promise Healthcare; Ann Percy, Cunningham Children's Home; Darya Shahgheibi, Greater Community Aids Project (GCAP); Bethany Little, WIN Recovery.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

CCMHB President McLay called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was in the packet.

## **CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None.

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

Ms. McLay introduced herself and thanked everyone for attending.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

None.

## **STUDY SESSION:**

### **Program Summary Review:**

Chair McLay reviewed the application review process. Associate Director Leon Bryson provided an overview of each program. The Board continued their review of applications from the April 22, 2026 meeting. Many agency representatives were present to answer questions from Board members.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND AGENCY INPUT:**

None.

## **BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The session ended at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Stephanie Howard-Gallo, CCMHB/CCDDB Compliance and Operations Coordinator

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