

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (CCMHB)

Study Session Minutes May 20, 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:

Den Arres, Alejandro Gomez, Molly McLay, Jane Sprandel, Jen Straub, Jon Paul Youakim

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Tony Nichols, Elaine Palencia, Kyle Patterson

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Melissa Pappas, Liz Miner, Dave Kellerhals, Rosecrance Central Illinois; Danielle Matthews, DSC; Kerri Hacker, Citizen; Ann Percy, Paige Garrison, Angie Bertauski, Cunningham Children's Home; Michelle Borrego, Thriving Sparrow Counseling; Brenda Eakins, GROW in IL; Katie Harmon, Courage Connection; Claudia Lennhoff, Champaign County Healthcare Consumers (CCHCC); Lisa Benson, Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)

CALL TO ORDER:

CCMHB President McLay called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was in the packet and approved.

CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Ms. McLay reviewed the agenda and discussed the difficulty in making funding decisions because of the great need for services in our community.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Director Canfield commented on the difficulty in making the funding decisions as well.

STUDY SESSION: Further Discussion of Funding Requests

Program Year 2027 Funding Requests:

A list of all requests for 2027 was included in the packet. The draft program summary for the Greater Community Aids Project (GCAP) was included in the packet, which is now eligible for consideration. Board members reviewed the GCAP application.

Additional Agency Input:

A briefing memorandum presented responses from applicants to some staff and board reviews of funding requests.

Agency Responses Regarding Reduced Budgets:

A briefing memorandum presented applicants' responses to questions about possible funding reductions. There was board discussion regarding the detailed responses from the agencies.

Allocation Scenarios:

A briefing memorandum presented affordable scenarios, as recommended by the CCMHB Director and Associate Directors, for Program Year 2027 allocations. A spreadsheet was included, tracking totals. Board members discussed individual programs and possible funding changes that differed from the memorandum. Another draft with revisions will be posted on Friday, May 22, 2026 as addendum for the May 27, 2026 regular CCMHB meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND AGENCY INPUT:

Kerri Hacker commended the board for making thoughtful considerations at tonight's meeting.

Director Canfield read aloud comments in the zoom chat.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The session ended at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

**Approved by the CCMHB on May 27, 2026.*