

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (CCMHB)

And

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) STUDY SESSION

Minutes – October 19, 2005

*Illinois Terminal Building
45 East University Avenue
Second Floor Conference Room
Champaign, IL*

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Ann Midden, Chair; Janet Anderson, Ailinn Dannave, Joyce Dill, Kathryn Hatfield, Holly Jordan, Mike McClellan, Thom Moore, Deborah Townsend

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ernest Gullerud, Gina Jackson, Michael Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Tracy, Executive Director, William Conlin, Nancy Crawford, Mark Driscoll, Stephanie Howard-Gallo

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Jo Brenner, Persons Assuming Control of their Environment (PACE); Sandy Lewis, Sheila Ferguson, Julie Kartel, Mental Health Center (MHC); Mary Kay Pleck, League of Women Voters (LWV); Elaine Shpungin, Hona Jang, Psychological Services Center (PSC); Lisa Devivo, Proviso Township Mental Health Board; Cherry Rameriz, Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI)

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Midden, CCMHB Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes were included in the Board packet.

MOTION: Ms. Hatfield moved to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2005 Committee of the Whole (COW) study session. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE STUDY SESSION:

Presentation—St Louis Jail Diversion Initiative:

Ms. Debbie MacKie from BJC Behavioral Health was introduced. Ms. MacKie discussed the St. Louis jail diversion program.

“Jail Diversion” refers to programs that divert individuals with serious mental illness and often co-occurring substance abuse disorders in contact with the justice system from jail and provide linkages to community-based treatment and support services. Diversion occurs in pre-booking and post-booking.

Approximately 800,000 individuals with serious mental illnesses are admitted to U.S. jails each year. People with mental illness are over-represented in the criminal justice system. Many have committed minor crimes. Those who receive treatment have a better long-term prognosis and less chance of returning to jail for a similar offense.

There are six key features that have emerged as essential for creating a successful jail diversion program. These elements are crucial in linking the criminal justice and community treatment systems:

- Interagency collaboration
- Active involvement
- “Boundary spanner”
- Leadership
- Early identification
- Cross-trained case managers

Ms. MacKie discussed how a mental health court works. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Midden adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____

Stephanie Howard-Gallo
CCMHB/CCDDB Staff

Mary Ann Midden
CCMHB Vice-President

Date: _____

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**Minutes are in draft form and subject to COW approval.*