

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

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) STUDY SESSION**

**Minutes – September 19, 2007—6:00 p.m.**

*Illinois Terminal Building  
45 East University Avenue  
Champaign, IL*

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janet Anderson, Aillinn Dannave, Joyce Dill, Bill Gleason, Ernest Gullerud, Deloris Henry, Holly Jordan, Mike McClellan, Mary Ann Midden, Thom Moore, Deborah Townsend

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Michael Smith

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Auth, Citizen; George Roth, Consultant; Mary Kay Pleck, League of Women Voters

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Dr. Townsend, CCMHB Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**CITIZEN INPUT:**

Senator Michael Frerichs provided a verbal report on the Illinois State Budget.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the August 15, 2007 Committee of the Whole study session were included in the Board packet.

**MOTION: Dr. Moore moved to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2007 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:**

Dr. Aaron Ebata, Linda Tortorelli, Sheila Krein and Micki Ostrosky represented The Autism Program.

The Autism Program is a network of services and supports for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families. All of the services and supports are intended to model best practice standards for diagnosis, treatment and support for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, based on current leading research and expert consensus. In 2006, the Autism Program expanded to include two affiliates which includes The Autism Program Affiliate at the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign.

The Autism Program is in the process of building their autism collection of books, videos and teaching kits. It is housed within the Resource and Information Center at Doris Kelley Christopher Hall. This is an exchange center where family members, educators and professionals can consult with Family Resiliency Center staff, students and community volunteers, take part in educational programs, and obtain resources, information, and referrals to help resolve a variety of family issues.

The New Parent Orientation program is offered to families who have recently received the diagnosis of autism for their child. Participants meet for an hour and a half, once a week, for three consecutive weeks to learn about autism. The topics covered are: What is Autism, Interventions, and Resources.

A social skill pilot program called “Teen Connection” launched in 2007. This program targets high school students who are in need of help with social skills necessary for the work place. Additional social skill programs are being planned for other age groups.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions to the panelists.

#### **BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Townsend adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Stephanie Howard-Gallo  
CCMHB/CCDDB Staff

Dr. Deborah Townsend  
CCMHB Vice-President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*Minutes were approved at the 10/17/07 meeting.*