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

Minutes – July 10, 2015

*Brookens Administrative Center
Lyle Shields Room
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL*

8:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Dill, Phil Krein, Mike Smith, Sue Suter

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Deb Ruesch

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Tracy, Lynn Canfield, Mark Driscoll, Stephanie Howard-Gallo

STAFF EXCUSED: Nancy Crawford

OTHERS PRESENT: Dale Morrissey, Danielle Matthews, Patty Walters, Laura Bennett, Janice McAteer, Jim Smith, Mark Waldorph, Pat Kovar Linda Bailey, Teola Trowbridge, Connie Walsh, Zach Wetherell, Developmental Services Center (DSC); Gary Maxwell, Champaign County Board; Cindy, Frank, and Jimmy Creighton, Citizens; Lynn Watson, Brandi Granse, Head Start; Vicki Niswander, IAMC; Linda Tortorelli, The Autsim Network (TAP); Melissa Hoerner, Down Syndrome Network (DSN); Jennifer Knapp, Community Choices (CC)

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Sue Suter called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Ms. Vicki Niswander spoke regarding the need for more service options in Champaign County because there are many people needing services.

Mr. Dale Morrissey asked the Board to take a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Deb Curtin and her work with persons with developmental/intellectual disabilities.

Mr. Jim Smith, the Chair of Developmental Services Center's Board, summarized DSC's position on not being able to provide services to an individual.

Ms. Cindy Creighton stated local agencies need to learn how to serve people with behavioral challenges. She also shared that her son has been employed with Rural King in Rantoul for over a year and has been extremely successful in this position due to person-centered planning.

Ms. Laura Bennett from Developmental Services Center (DSC) stated DSC does safely serve people with behavioral challenges on a daily basis.

CCDDB MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 24, 2015 CCDDB meeting were included in the Board packet for information only. Action will be taken at a later date.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Suter stated that gaps in services are an issue in the community and as a community, we need to address these issues.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Tracy encouraged everyone to read the Introduction of the Transition to Independence Act.

Ms. Dill commented that both PAS and DSC are underfunded for all of the people they need to serve. She stated that when an agency feels that they can't safely provide a service, we need to respect that decision.

Mr. Krein stated we need to identify the gaps in services; then, we need to improve services, serve more people and set our sights higher.

AGENCY INFORMATION:

Ms. Linda Tortorelli from The Autism Program announced the program is operating on some slush money and they are on reduced hours and training.

Ms. Jennifer Knapp from Community Choices reported a client in the Community Living program has moved into his own apartment and has his own transportation business because of the Board's support.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of the Transition to Independence Act:

The floor speech of Senator Chuck Grassley and fact sheet on introduced legislation was included in the Board packet for information only.

OLD BUSINESS:

Crisis Case Update:

Mr. Tracy provided an update on efforts to date on behalf of the crisis case discussed at the 6/24/15 Board meeting. Equip for Equality was contacted and a person has been recommended to help with the crisis case. A contract is being negotiated. Two other known crisis situations exist in our community.

CCDDB FY16 Budget:

A Decision Memorandum and a draft budget was included in the CCDDB Packet.

MOTION: Dr. Krein moved to approve the 2016 CCDDB budget with anticipated revenue of \$3,607,482 and Professional and Program Fees of \$377,562 to be paid to the CCMHB as indicated by the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Boards. There was no second to the motion.

Mr. Smith indicated he still had some questions regarding the budget.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Suter would like an update on Employment First at the July 22, 2015 meeting. Dr. Krein would like to add the Intergovernmental Agreement between the CCMHB and CCDDB as an agenda item for the July 22, 2015 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Stephanie Howard-Gallo

**Minutes were approved at the 7/22/15 CCDDB meeting.*

