
**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes—July 23, 2025

*This meeting was held
at the Scott M. Bennett Administrative Center, Urbana, IL
and with remote access.
5:45 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tony Nichols, Molly McLay, Chris Miner, Elaine Palencia, Kyle Patterson, Emily Rodriguez, Jane Sprandel, Jon Paul Youakim
STAFF PRESENT:	Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Lynn Canfield, Shandra Summerville, Stephanie Howard-Gallo, Chris Wilson
OTHERS PRESENT:	Rachel Jackson-Gordon UIUC; Jessie Heckenmueller, RPC; Brenda Eakins, GROW; Cindy Crawford, Community Services Center of Northern Champaign County

CALL TO ORDER:

CCMHB President McLay called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved.

CCDDB and CCMHB SCHEDULES:

Updated copies of CCDDB and CCMHB meeting schedules and CCMHB allocation timeline were included in the packet.

ACRONYMS and GLOSSARY:

A list of commonly used acronyms was included for information.

CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

CCMHB President Molly McLay expressed her appreciation for Scott M. Bennett and his work. She stated it was an honor to have CCMHB meetings in a building named after him.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Director Canfield provided an update on the 988 crisis line. She also provided information regarding services to undocumented immigrants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CCMHB minutes from May 21, 2025 and May 28, 2025 were included in the board packet for review.

MOTION: Ms. Sprandel moved to approve the CCMHB minutes from May 21, 2025 and May 28, 2025. Mr. Miner seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR INVOICE LISTS:

The Vendor Invoice List was included in the packet.

MOTION: Ms. Rodriguez moved to accept the Vendor Invoice Lists as presented in the Board packet. Ms. Palencia seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Reports from CCMHB/CCDDDB staff members were included in the packet for information only. Kim Bowdry provided additional information regarding the upcoming quarterly reports training for funded agencies.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Agency Request:

A decision memorandum was included in the packet. It requested a waiver of requirements for Terrapin Station Sober Living (TSSL) due to the unexpected passing of the agency's executive director, Nelson Novak.

MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to waive the remaining contract requirements associated with contract #MHB25-067 for Terrapin Station Sober Living (TSSL). Mr. Miner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Palencia moved to recognize and honor Nelson Novak for his significant contributions to Champaign County through TSSL and his related efforts. Dr. Youakim seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Setting the Stage for 2026 and 2027:

A briefing memorandum detailing current strategic plan objectives and funding allocation priorities and lists of PY2026 awards was included in the packet.

United Way 211 MOU:

The packet contained a decision memo regarding continues funding for 211 call services, a draft MOU with United Way of Champaign County, and United Way's agreement with the provider of these services.

MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to approve the MOU with United Way of Champaign County for 2-1-1 Services at an annual cost of \$2,000, pending similar approval by the CCDDb, and to authorize the Executive Director and Board Officer to enter into the agreement. Mr. Miner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Budgets:

Budgets were included in the packet for Fiscal Year 2026 Budgets.

MOTION: Ms. Sprandel moved to approve the draft 2026 CCMHB budget, with anticipated revenues and expenditures of \$7, 397,936. Ms. McLay seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed.

MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to approve the draft 2026 I/DD Special Initiative Fund Budget, with anticipated expenditures of \$233,117 with equal revenues, including transfer from fund balance. Full approval is contingent on CCDDb action. Mr. Miner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Evaluation Capacity Building Project:

Rachel Jackson-Gordon from the UIUC Family Resiliency Center provided an update.

Community Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Activities:

Notes from recent meetings were included in the packet.

disAbility Resource Expo Update:

A brief update was provided by Jane Sprandel. The event is scheduled for October 18, 2025 at Marketplace Mall in Champaign.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND AGENCY INPUT:

A representative from RPC provided an update on LIHEAP services.

BOARD TO BOARD REPORTS:

None.

COUNTY BOARD INPUT:

None.

CCDDB INPUT:

None.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully

Submitted by: Stephanie Howard-Gallo
CCMHB/CCDDB Operations and Compliance Coordinator

**Minutes approved by the CCMHB on September 17, 2025.*