CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes—September 17, 2025

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Alejandro Gomez, Tony Nichols, Molly McLay, Elaine Palencia, Kyle Patterson, Jon Paul Youakim
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Chirs Miner, Emily Rodriguez, Jane Sprandel
STAFF PRESENT:	Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Lynn Canfield, Shandra Summerville
OTHERS PRESENT:	Jacinda Dariotis, UIUC; Jeniece Nance, Dave Barr, Urbana Neighborhood Connection Center (UNCC); Danielle Matthews, DSC; Justin Michael Hendrix (HITNHOMEBOY); Ann Pearcy, Cunningham Children's Home; Jessie Hickenmueller, RPC

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:

Dave Barr and Jeniece Nance from Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center (UNCC) stated their audit was complete and appreciated the support.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

CCMHB President Molly McLay recognized new board member, Alejandro Gomez. She thanked Joe Omo-Osagie for his service to the board and the community.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CCMHB minutes from July 23, 2025 and August 20, 2025 were included in the board packet for review.

> **MOTION: Dr. Youakim moved to approve the CCMHB minutes from July 23, 2025 and August 20, 2025. Mr. Patterson 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. McLay 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.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Deferred Agency Request:
Action deferred on April 30 is now requested for considering funding for Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center (UNCC). Their audit was received on August 5, 2025.

> **MOTION: Ms. McLaymoved to consider the UNCC funding request for PY2026. Dr, Youakim seconded. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted aye. The motion passed.**

Review of PY2026 Funding Request:
With the PY24 audit complete, the UNCC request for PY26 funding was reviewed and discussed by the Board. The DRAFT staff program summary was included for information only. Mr. Leon Bryson gave an overview of the program. Dr. Youakim made additional comments regarding their application for funding and the needs in our community. Dr. Nance from UNCC answered Board questions.

Additional PY2026 Allocation Decision:
Board members had a lengthy discussion regarding past procedures with late audits and the work of UNCC in our community.

> **MOTION: Mr. Patterson moved to approve CCMHB funding in the amount of $382,180 per year for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027 for Urbana Neighborhood Connections-Community Study Center, subject to the caveats presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Youakim seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

DRAFT Three Year Plan for 2026-2028:
An initial draft of a three year plan for fiscal years 2026-2028 with objectives for 2026 was included in the packet. A briefing memorandum described the process.

DRAFT PY2027 Allocation Priorities:
An initial draft of PY2027 funding allocation priorities and decision support criteria was presented in the packet.

REPORTS:

Staff Reports
Staff reports were included in the packet.

Evaluation Capacity Building Project Update:
An oral update was provided. See resources developed by the team at https://www.familyresiliency.illinois.edu/resources/microlearning-video

Community Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Activities:
Included for information only were notes from the September meeting of the Community Health Plan Behavioral Health Workgroup.

disAbility Resource Expo Update:
For information was a memorandum from the Expo Coordinators. See also https://disabilityresourceexpo.org

Fourth Quarter PY2025 Funded Program Service Reports:
Fourth quarter service activity reports for programs funded by the CCMHB in PY2025 were included in the packet. These reports are not cumulative.

PY2026 Funded Programs:
A summary of programs funded by CCMHB, CCDDB, and IDDSI was included in the packet for information only.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND AGENCY INPUT:

None.

BOARD TO BOARD REPORTS:

None.

COUNTY BOARD INPUT:

None.

CCDDB INPUT:

None.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Minutes approved by the CCMHB on October 22, 2025.*