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

*Minutes –June 24, 2015*

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

*6:00 p.m.*

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dale Morrissey, Danielle Matthews, Vicki Tolf, Patty Walters,  
Felicia Gooler, Laura Bennett, Jennifer Carlson, Annette Becherer,  
Janice McAteer, Ron Bribrisco, Developmental Services Center  
(DSC); Gary Maxwell, Sam Shore, Patti Petrie, Champaign  
County Board; Dylan Boot, PACE; Kathy Kessler, Community  
Elements (CE); Judi O'Connor, Deloris Henry, Champaign County  
Mental Health Board; Darlene Kloeppe, Lisa Benson, Regional  
Planning Commission (RPC); Cindy, Frank, Jimmy and Justin  
Creighton, Citizens; Barb Jewett, Citizen; Brenda Yarnell, Jenny  
Niebrugge, United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)—Land of Lincoln)

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Sue Suter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Mike Smith requested time to speak during the meeting. He also requested a CCDDDB regular meeting time be revisited and a CILA update. Dr. Krein and Mr. Maxwell requested time to speak to the Board as well.

**CITIZEN INPUT:**

Ms. Cindy Creighton addressed the Board regarding her frustration in finding services in Champaign County for her son who has behavioral challenges. She feels her family has been in a crisis situation for quite some time.

Ms. Barb Jewett addressed the Board and spoke regarding the need for more options for providers and the importance of person-centered planning and person-centered choice. She stated the lack of money will always be an issue and everyone needs to focus on moving forward. She also encouraged Board members not to accept late application in the future.

**CCMHB INPUT:**

A draft copy of the 5/20/15 CCMHB minutes was included in the Board packet for information only.

**APPROVAL OF CCDDDB MINUTES:**

Minutes from the May 20, 2015 CCDDDB meeting were included in the Board packet.

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2015 CCDDDB meeting. Ms. Dill seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

Ms. Suter expressed her concern over people in crisis and the amount of resources available in our County. She requested staff meet with the family in crisis, the local service providers, the state, and explore an action plan for the family in crisis, both short term and long term.

Ms. Dill said there are many families out there with these issues who don’t have a spokesperson. Everyone should have the services they need; but, we need to be realistic about what providers can offer. Dr. Krein requested an emergency meeting because “the ball is being dropped”. Mr. Smith concurred with Dr. Krein.

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved the CCDDDB hold a Special Board meeting to be held within the next two weeks to address the family in crisis and to find out how many other families in Champaign County are in a crisis situation. Dr. Krein seconded the motion. All members voted aye and the motion passed.**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Tracy stated he was not allowed to speak at the County Board meeting in regard to CCDDDB appointments. He stated the County Board chair did not seek any advice on interview questions for CCDDDB applicants, as has been done with past County Board chairs. Mr. Tracy distributed several documents related to Olmstead Enforcement. Mr. Maxwell stated an administrator does not get to pick their board.

## **STAFF REPORT:**

Ms. Canfield's written report was included in the Board packet. The current PUNS list was attached to her report.

## **AGENCY INFORMATION:**

Ms. Darlene Kloepfel from the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) announced she would be retiring and introduced her replacement, Lisa Benson.

Patty Walters from Developmental Service Center (DSC) announced that IARF asked DSC to host a press conference on Monday, June 29 and 10 a.m., along with Community Elements (CE) to address the impact on proposed funding cuts to consumers. A flyer regarding the press conference was distributed.

Dylan Boot from Persons Assuming Control of their Environment (PACE) announced recent activities involving PACE including two press conferences regarding budget cuts. Flyers were distributed.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A copy of the claims report was included in the Board packet.

**MOTION: Dr. Krein moved to accept the claims report as presented. Ms. Ruesch seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Creation of CCDDDB Advisory Committee:**

A Briefing Memorandum was included in the Board packet. Additional interested parties would be of great value to the board in its strategic planning, development of policy, and funding decisions. Dr. Krein stated he would like to see self-advocates and interested parties from the University of Illinois on the advisory board. Mr. Smith and Ms. Ruesch concurred. Ms. Suter instructed staff to present a draft of advisory board issues; goals and objectives; the logistics of

meeting times; and, any community input for CCDDDB members to review. Ms. Walters stated she would like to see provider participation in the board.

**Strategic Planning Retreat:**

A date of September 30, 2015 was discussed for the CCDDDB retreat. Because this date does not work for all Board members, other dates will be explored. Board members should contact Lynn Canfield with their availability in September and October of 2015.

**Alliance for the Promotion of Acceptance, Inclusion, and Respect:**

A Decision Memorandum on a 2016 event was included in the Board packet. The purpose of the memorandum was to seek approval for the Executive Director to commit to working with the Champaign County Alliance for the Promotion of Acceptance, Inclusion, and Respect to sponsor an anti-stigma film at the 2016 Roger Ebert's Film Festival and related concurrent anti-stigma activities.

The Roger Ebert's Film Festival is the centerpiece of our anti-stigma efforts in Champaign County. Our status as a primary sponsor has grown over the years, reaping increased exposure, special attention from Chaz Ebert and festival staff, the most high-profile concurrent art exhibits to date, increased collaboration with local alliance members, and strong interest from other community stakeholders in future 'pro-inclusion' partnerships.

The total cost for the event/sponsorship is approximately \$30,000 and would be divided between the CCMHB and CCDDDB. The CCDDDB share is charged as part of the administrative fee paid under the Intergovernmental Agreement. We continue to offset this total cost with contributions from members and ticket sales. In FY15, members contributed \$9,460.

**MOTION: Dr. Krein moved to approve up to \$12,645 as the CCDDDB share, contingent on approval of up to \$17,355 by the CCMHB, to sponsor an anti-stigma film and concurrent anti-stigma activities at the 2016 Roger Ebert's Film Festival. Ms. Ruesch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted aye. The motion passed.**

**CCDDDB FY16 Budget:**

A draft budget and a Decision Memorandum was included in the Board packet. The purpose of the memorandum was to seek approval of the preliminary budget managed by the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board (CCDDDB) for County Fiscal Year 2016 (January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016). An additional staff position for the ACCESS Initiative (Cultural and Linguistic Competence Specialist) was included in the proposed budget.

All Champaign County Departments are required to submit their proposed operating budgets to the Champaign County Administrator in July and the Champaign County Board in August for review, comment, and disposition. In November, final budgets for county departments are formally approved by the Champaign County Board.

**MOTION: Ms. Ruesch moved to approve the attached budget document for County Fiscal Year 2016 for the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board. Dr. Krein seconded the motion.**

Discussion followed. Mr. Smith stated a 20% increase in administrative expenses was outrageous and the budget should be looked at in greater detail. Mr. Tracy stated the increase is around 11% and these expenses include the yearly disAbility Expo and the Anti-Stigma Alliance event. When these services are backed out the increase will be around 8%. Mr. Maxwell asked if the U of I program evaluation expense was included in the CCDDDB budget. It had been included by error and staff was instructed to remove it. Dr. Krein stated he would like to see a more detailed budget. The rest of the Board concurred.

**Dr. Krein moved to table the motion until the Special Board meeting. Ms. Ruesch seconded. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted aye to table the motion until the next Board meeting.**

**Proposed CCMHB FY16 Budget:**

A draft copy of the CCMHB FY16 Budget was included in the Board packet for information only.

**Integration Transition Successes:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FY2016 Allocation Decision:**

A Decision Memorandum regarding an application for FY16 funding by United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)-Land of Lincoln was included in the Board packet. At the May 20, 2015 meeting of the CCDDDB, recommendations for allocation of FY16 funding were considered, discussed, and voted on. Decision regarding an application submitted by United Cerebral Palsy of Land of Lincoln for Vocational Services was deferred pending additional information, particularly on the possible impact of denial to those being served in FY15.

As directed, CCDDDB staff met with UCP-LL staff for discussion of current services and possible impact of denial of FY16 program funding. The agency director provides detail in correspondence dated June 4, 2015. Mr. Smith stated his opinion had not changed and the Board should not change the rules and accept late applications. Ms. Ruesch said she had concerns over client eligibility and understood that Developmental Services Center (DSC) had been working with UCP on the issue. Mr. Ron Bribrisco stated although DSC had attempted to work with UCP, they failed to meet necessary deadlines. Ms. Jenny Niebrugge from UCP said she was unaware of the deadline and the agency had been short staffed. 22 persons that have documentation are being served and a total of 30 are expected to be funded. Dr. Yarnell from UCP addressed the missed application deadline. Mr. Smith stated he would vote to fund the UCP program only to support the clients that needed this funding. Ms. Dill concurred.

**MOTION: Ms. Suter moved to approve the funding request for \$86,475 to support employment in integrated settings for United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Land of Lincoln – Vocational Services. Ms. Ruesch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted aye. The motion passed.**

**disAbility Resource Expo:**

A written report from Ms. Barb Bressner was included in the Board packet.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dr. Krein congratulated Ms. Dill and Mr. Smith on their re-appointments to Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board. He stated it was exciting to see so many people interested in being on the Board.

Mr. Smith would like members to consider a different meeting time. Discussion followed. Board members should email their available meeting times to Lynn Canfield and the topic will be discussed again at a later date.

Mr. Smith requested a CILA update. Mr. Tracy stated two houses are owned and having renovations done. Clients have been identified for the houses.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted by: Stephanie Howard-Gallo

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