



Board Meeting Minutes – Regular Session

 **Date:** August 27, 2026

 **Time:** 2-3pm

 **Location:** 102 E. Main Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Board Members Present: Dr. Kathleen Buetow, Shannon Siders, Rachel Ahart, Dr. Joycelyn Landrum-Brown, Rebecca Goodwin, Zackery Nichols, and Aaron Lack

Absent: Julia Rietz, Andrew Killian, Brad Wakefield, Narcisco Mendoza, and Dave Roesch

Staff Present:

Dr. Lisa Liggins-Chambers, Executive Director

Welcome & Introductions: Liggins-Chambers opened the meeting at 2:00pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- Goodwin moved to approve the agenda.
- Lack seconded the motion
- Goodwin moved to approve the minutes for May 28, 2026
- Buetow seconded the meeting minutes
- Motions carried unanimously

Executive Director's Report:

- *Financial Report*
 - *Counseling numbers decreased for FY26, 3rd and 4th quarters*
 - **FY27 Budget presented to the Champaign County Board:**
 - **CAC Transition:** Transition to the State's Attorney's Office
 - **Financial Stability:** Focus on long-term financial sustainability
 - **Salary:** Request to transfer appointed official salary
 - **FY27 Grant Funding:** Increases and reductions in grant funding
 - **DCFS:** Increased by \$1,482.33 (1%)



- **VOCA:** No funding increase
- **VCVA:** Decreased by **\$1,650 (4%)**
- **CCMHB:** Staff salary bonus \$2500 (Mary, Lisa)
 - **Board approved 08-27-2026**
- **FY28 Grant Funding Outlook:** Grant funding increases and reductions anticipated:
 - **DCFS:** Minimal increase expected
 - **VOCA:** No increase anticipated
 - **CCMHB:** Reduced funding anticipated due to retaining only **75.08%** of the FY26 award
 - **CCMHB (FY26):** Returned **\$15,926 (24.92%)** of awarded funding
- **VCVA:** Decrease of approximately **\$1,200 or 2.86%** anticipated
 - Discussed the Executive Director's salary
 - **VCVA** will not approve for FY28 due to minimal direct service hours
- **United Way:** Decreasing by **\$7,500 (20%)**
- **Staffing**
 - New Family Advocate
 - New Deputy Administrator
- **Training & Conferences**
 - State and Nationwide CAC Conferences
 - Mary - 1st Annual Forensic Interviewer Conference
 - September 1-2
 - Bloomington, IL

Mental Health Clinicians

- Primary Agency - Soul Counseling
- The Wellness Workshop – non-renewal of contract by clinician
- Envisage – non-renewal of contract by CAC

Old Business:

- Follow-up on previous action items - none



New Business:

- *Liggins-Chambers to submit Champaign and Ford Counties Police Contributions to CAC.*
- *Update FY27 budget for conferences and training.*
- *Update the board*
 - *FY27 CAC by-laws (to become an official part of Julia's office).*

Closed session: *None*

Public Comments: *None*

Announcements:

- *Next Board meeting will be held in-person on September 14, 2026, at 9:00am*

Adjournment: *Buetow moved, Goodwin seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Lisa Liggins-Chambers, Executive Director

Pending Board Approval on September 14, 2026