CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (CCMHB) MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2026

This meeting was held at the Scott M. Bennett Administrative Center

102 E. Main St., Urbana, IL

and with remote access.

5:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Den Arres, Molly McLay, Elaine Palencia, Kyle Patterson, Jane Sprandel, Jen Straub, Jon Paul Youakim

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Alejandro Gomez, Tony Nichols

STAFF PRESENT:

Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Lynn Canfield, Stephanie Howard-Gallo, Shandra Summerville

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claudia Lennhoff, Champaign County Healthcare Consumers (CCHCC); Katie Harmon, Andi France, Courage Connection; Madison Palmer, Uniting Pride; Cindy Crawford, Community Services Center of Northern Champaign County (CSCNCC); Brenda Eakins, GROW in IL; Jim Hamilton, Promise Healthcare; Liz Miner, Dave Kellerhals, Rosecrance

CALL TO ORDER:

CCMHB President McLay called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

An additional set of minutes were added to the agenda. The Evaluation Capacity Project update will be postponed to the July meeting. 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. The June CCMHB meeting will be cancelled.

ACRONYMS and GLOSSARY:

A list of commonly used acronyms was included for information.

CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Claudia Lennoff from Champaign County Healthcare Consumers (CCHCC) expressed her appreciation for the funding of their disability program.

Jim Hamilton from Promise Healthcare expressed the importance of their new application for the mobile clinic and the importance of serving rural Champaign County.

Melissa Pappas from Rosecrance announced the Rosecrance Urgent Care Open House on May 29, 2026.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

CCMHB Chair Molly McLay stated this was her last meeting as President and shared a personal story of what her service to the CCMHB has meant to her.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Director Canfield discussed the importance of the CCMHB's difficult decisions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 22, April 29, and May 20, 2026 CCMHB meetings were included in the board packet for review. McLay pointed out typos that should be corrected.

> **MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to approve the minutes as amended of the CCMHB's meetings on April 22, 2026, April 29, 2026, and May 20, 2026. Ms. Straub 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: Mx. Arres moved to accept the Vendor Invoice Lists as presented in the Board packet. Dr. Youakim seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Allocation Decisions for Program Year 2027:

For consideration by the CCMHB, a decision memorandum (added as addendum) presented staff suggestions related to funding for the Program Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027). Decision authority rests with the CCMHB and their sole discretion concerning appropriate use of available dollars based on assessment of community needs, best value, alignment with decision support criteria, pricing, affordability, and distribution across categories of need and service intensity. Scenarios were discussed during the May 20 study session. Possible motions were presented in the memorandum.

Director Canfield reviewed the decision making process and the content of the decision memorandum.

> **MOTION: Ms. Sprandel moved to authorize the Executive Director to conduct contract negotiations as specified in the memorandum. Mx. Arres seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

> **MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to authorize the Executive Director to implement contract maximum reductions as described in the memorandum. Ms. Sprandel seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

> **MOTION: Mx. Arres moved to include in all contracts a provision for specific exceptions to Funding Requirements and Guidelines, as described in the memorandum. Dr. Youakim seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

> **MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to include in all contracts the requirement to share documentation of the onset of work on the audit, review, or compilation, as described in the memorandum. Ms. Sprandel seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. McLay reviewed each application by stating the program name, the amount requesting, and if they are a new or returning program. Director Canfield reviewed possible scenarios and provisions.

Brightpoint – Healing Beyond Violence – NEW – requested $217,106

MOTION: Mx. Arres moved to deny CCMHB funding of $217,106 for Brightpoint – Healing Beyond Violence. Ms. Palencia seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

CCRPC – Community Services – Homeless Services System Coordination – requested $189,007

MOTION: Ms. Straub moved to approve CCMHB funding of $189,007 per year for a two-year term, for CCRPC – Community Services – Homeless Services System Coordination, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. McLay seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

CU at Home – Life Skills Case Management – NEW – requested $305,000

MOTION: Mx. Arres moved to deny CCMHB funding of $305,000 for CU at Home – Life Skills Case Management. Ms. Palencia seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

CU at Home – Shelter Case Management – requested $295,000

MOTION: Ms. Sprandel moved to approve CCMHB funding of $295,000 per year for a two-year term, for CU at Home – Shelter Case Management, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. McLay seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

CU Early – CU Early – requested $86,701

MOTION: Dr, Youakim moved to approve CCMHB funding of $86,701 per year for a two-year term, for CU Early – CU Early, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Straub seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Champaign County Head Start – Early Childhood MH Services – requested $411,062

MOTION: Ms. Straub moved to approve CCMHB funding of $411,062 per year for a two-year term, for Champaign County Head Start – Early Childhood MH Services, subject to the caveats as 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.

CC Healthcare Consumers – Disability Application Services – requested $121,000

MOTION: Ms. Palencia moved to approve CCMHB funding of $121,000 per year for a two-year term, for Champaign County Healthcare Consumers – Disability Application Services, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. McLay seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

City of Champaign Township Strides Shelter – Behavior Health Program – NEW – requested $150,000
Board members expressed their regrets in not having the funds to support this program this year. They were encouraged to apply again next year.

MOTION: Ms, Sprandel moved to deny CCMHB funding of $150,000 for City of Champaign Township Strides Shelter – Behavior Health Program. Ms. Palencia seconded. A ro;; call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Courage Connection – Courage Connection – requested $176,476

MOTION: Ms. Straub moved to approve CCMHB funding of $176,476 per year for a two-year term, for Courage Connection – Courage Connection, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Mr. Patterson seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Cunningham Children's Home – ECHO Housing and Employment - requested $264,351

MOTION: Ms. Palencia moved to approve CCMHB funding of $264,351 per year for a two-year term, for Cunningham Children's Home – ECHO Housing and Employment, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Sprandel seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Cunningham Children's Home –Families Stronger Together – requested $298,532

MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to approve CCMHB funding of $298,532 per year for a two-year term, for Cunningham Children's Home – Families Stronger Together, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Straub seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club – CU Change – requested $94,135

MOTION: Ms. Sprandel moved to approve CCMHB funding of $94,135 per year for a two-year term, for Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club – CU Change, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. McLay seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club – Community Coalition Summer Initiatives – requested $100,000

MOTION: Ms. Palencia moved to approve CCMHB funding of $100,000 per year for a two-year term, for Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club – Community Coalition Summer Initiatives, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Mx. Arres seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Family First Advocacy – Empowering Bridge Program – NEW – requested $233,355

Board members stated they hope the agency will apply again next year.

MOTION: Ms. Straub moved to deny CCMHB funding of $233,355 for Family First Advocacy, NFP – Empowering Bridge Program. Dr. Youakim seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

FirstFollowers – FirstSteps Community Reentry House – requested $69,500

MOTION: Ms. Palencia moved to approve CCMHB funding of $69,500 per year for a two-year term, for FirstFollowers – FirstSteps Community Reentry House, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Sprandel seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

FirstFollowers – Peer Mentoring for Reentry – requested $120,000

MOTION: Mx. Arres moved to approve CCMHB funding of $90,000 per year for a two-year term, for FirstFollowers – Peer Mentoring for Reentry, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Straub seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

GCAP – Advocacy, Care, and Education Services – requested $113,878

MOTION: Dr. Youakim moved to approve CCMHB funding of $113,878 per year for a two-year term, for Greater Community AIDS Project of East Central Illinois – Advocacy, Care, and Education Services, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB

Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. McLay seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

GROW in Illinois – Peer Support – requested $179,805

MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to approve CCMHB funding of $171,805 per year for a two-year term, for GROW in Illinois – Peer Support, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Straub seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Habitat for Humanity – Homebuyer Program – NEW – requested $229,560

MOTION: Mx. Arres moved to deny CCMHB funding of $229,560 for Habitat for Humanity – Homebuyer Program. Dr. Youakim seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Promise Healthcare – Mobile Clinic – NEW – requested $200,000

MOTION: Ms. Palencia moved to deny CCMHB funding of $200,000 for Promise Healthcare – Mobile Clinic. Ms. Sprandel seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Rosecrance Central Illinois – Behavioral Health Urgent Care – NEW – requested $360,000

Board members expressed their regret that there was not enough funding to be allocated for this program. The agency is encouraged to apply for funding for this program next year.

MOTION: Ms. Sprandel moved to deny CCMHB funding of $360,000 for Rosecrance Central Illinois – Behavioral Health Urgent Care. Dr. Youakim seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Patterson, Palencia, Sprandel, Straub, Youakim, and McLay voted aye. Arres voted nay. The motion passed.

Rosecrance Central Illinois – Benefits Case Management – requested $181,000

MOTION: Ms. McLay moved to approve CCMHB funding of $181,000 per year for a two-year term, for Rosecrance Central Illinois – Benefits Case Management, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Palencia seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Rosecrance Central Illinois – Recovery Home – requested $200,000

Mx. Arres expressed her concerns regarding how reducing the request would impact services for this program.

MOTION: Ms. Straub moved to approve CCMHB funding of $125,000 per year for a two-year term, for Rosecrance Central Illinois – Recovery Home, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Palencia seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Uniting Pride of Champaign County – Children, Youth, & Families Program – requested $225,056

MOTION: Ms. Palencia moved to approve CCMHB funding of $225,056 per year for a two-year term, for Uniting Pride of Champaign County – Children, Youth, & Families Program, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Sprandel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

We Never Walk Alone – Trained First Responder Peer Support – NEW – requested $20,330

MOTION: Mx. Arres moved to deny CCMHB funding of $20,330 for We Never Walk Alone – Trained First Responder Peer Support. Ms. Straub seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

We Never Walk Alone – Vetted MH Professional Network – NEW – requested $19,656

MOTION: Ms. Sprandel moved to deny CCMHB funding of $19,656 for We Never Walk Alone – Vetted Mental Health Professional Network. Ms. McLay seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

WIN Recovery – Win Resilience Resource Center – NEW – requested $270,000

MOTION: Dr. Youakim moved to approve CCMHB funding of $210,000 for WIN Recovery – Win Resilience Resource Center, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Sprandel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

TASC Inc.—Outreach and Recovery Support Services – NEW - Requested $90,429

MOTION: Dr. Youakim moved to deny funding of $90,429 for TASC Inc.—Outreach and Recovery Support Services. Ms. McLay seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Evaluation Capacity Building Project Update:

Deferred. For more information:
https://www.familyresiliency.illinois.edu/resources/microlearning-videos

Board Officer Elections:

The CCMHB By-Laws were included in the packet for information.

> **MOTION: Dr. Youakim nominated Ms. Sprandel as Board President. Ms. Arres seconded. A voice vote was taken and all members voted aye. The motion passed.**
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> **MOTION: Dr. Youakim nominated Ms. McLay as Vice President/Secretary. Ms. Palencia seconded. A voice vote was taken and all members voted aye. The motion passed.**
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> **MOTION: Ms. Straub moved to elect Ms. Jane Sprandel as CCMHB President and Ms. Molly McLay as CCMHB Vice-President/Secretary for the term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. Mx. Arres seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS:

Staff Reports:

Staff reports from Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Stephanie Howard-Gallo, and Shandra Summerville were included in the packet.

Community Behavioral Needs Assessment:

Minutes from the April meeting were included in the packet. Director Canfield and Ms. Sprandel provided updates.

disAbility Resource Expo and AIR Updates:

Websites are under construction. https://disabilityresourceexpo.org and https://champaigncountyair.com/

Third Quarter Service Activity Reports:

Third quarter service reports were included in the packet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND AGENCY INPUT:

Kerrie Hacker expressed her appreciation to the CCMHB for making difficult funding decisions this evening.

BOARD TO BOARD REPORTS:

Ms. Palencia attended a Champaign County Community Coalition meeting.

COUNTY BOARD INPUT:

None.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD (CCDDB) INPUT:

None.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

Ms. Sprandel thanked Board members for their vote for her presidency.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Stephanie Howard-Gallo

CCMHB/CCDDB Compliance and Operations Coordinator

**Minutes approved by the CCMHB on July 22, 2026.*