



Approved Program Year 2027 Allocations

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TO: Members, Champaign County Mental Health Board (CCMHB or MHB)

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SUBJECT: Allocation of CCMHB Program Year 2027 Funding

Purpose:

For consideration by the CCMHB, this memorandum presents 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. The following scenarios were discussed during the May 20 study session. Possible motions are presented for action.

Statutory Authority:

The [Illinois Community Mental Health Act \(405 ILCS 20 / Section 0.1 et. seq.\)](https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/ILCS/Articles?ActID=1499) (<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/ILCS/Articles?ActID=1499>) is the basis for CCMHB funding policies. All funds are allocated within the intent of the controlling act as codified in the laws of the State of Illinois. The allocation scenarios described in this memorandum are based on board and staff assessment of how closely applications align with statute, CCMHB funding policies, approved decision support criteria and priorities, and our current understanding of the needs of Champaign County residents. Best and Final Offers may be sought as part of the contract negotiation process. The CCMHB reserves the right to refrain from making an award when such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

Background:

Input from people with Mental Illness (MI), Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) and their supporters should influence system advocacy and planning. The CCMHB participated in collaborative community health needs assessments, the resulting shared health plans, and priority workgroups, but they also welcome direct input from those who know best.

The CCMHB hosted a study session and survey focused on LGBTQIA+ individuals. The recording of that session can be viewed [at this link \(https://www.youtube.com/@champaigncountymhbandddb\)](https://www.youtube.com/@champaigncountymhbandddb). There was high survey participation, with results on pages 45-56 of the [study session packet linked here \(https://www.champaigncountyil.gov/mhbddb/agendas/mhb/2025/250820_Study_Session/250820_Study_Packet.pdf\)](https://www.champaigncountyil.gov/mhbddb/agendas/mhb/2025/250820_Study_Session/250820_Study_Packet.pdf).

The CCMHB and CCDDDB hosted a study session on immigrants and refugees, which can be viewed [at this link \(https://www.youtube.com/@champaigncountymhbandddb\)](https://www.youtube.com/@champaigncountymhbandddb). While survey participation was low and the concerns expressed unsurprising, we learned that the particular questions were not easy for respondents to speak to, though some appreciated being asked.

Input from people with I/DD was shared with the CCDDDB and the Champaign County Mental Health Board (CCMHB) during a September 2025 joint study session, the recording of which can be [viewed at this link, on the Boards' YouTube channel \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Axo9IIFEuA\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Axo9IIFEuA). Highlights from that session and written input were incorporated into the Program Year 2027 funding priorities to help guide the decisions now under consideration.

Reports from agencies about the utilization and outcome results of the most recent program year may be helpful in planning for the next set of services and supports.

- Utilization and outcome results for Program Year 2025 are summarized on pages 16-43 of the MHB's 2025 Annual Report, [posted online here \(https://champaigncountyil.gov/MHBDDB/reports/25Annualreport.pdf\)](https://champaigncountyil.gov/MHBDDB/reports/25Annualreport.pdf).
- Outcome reports for Program Year 2025 are in [this report posted online \(https://champaigncountyil.gov/MHBDDB/PDFS/CCMHB_PY25_Performance_Outcome_Reports.pdf\)](https://champaigncountyil.gov/MHBDDB/PDFS/CCMHB_PY25_Performance_Outcome_Reports.pdf). In these full reports, agencies share information about program goals, successes and plans for improvement, and any challenges which impacted the data.
- The May 27, 2026 Board packet will have current information, as reported by agencies in third quarter reports. Although this is partial year data, and only relates to utilization, it may also support Board decisions about future contracts.

Collaborations and Existing Commitments:

In addition to assessed preferences and funded programs' reports, collaborations with governmental and community partners play a role in setting priorities and in understanding what might constitute best value for residents of Champaign County.

Developmental Disabilities.

Collaboration with the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board (CCDDDB) is described in an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Boards, requiring integrated Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) planning, a specific CCMHB set-aside commitment, and shared authority over a separate special fund.

According to that agreement, the CCMHB set-aside for I/DD programs changes each year by the percentage change in property tax levy revenue. By applying the percentage increase from 2025 to 2026 to the Program Year 2026 I/DD set-aside amount, the amount available for Program Year 2027 contracts is \$964,863, to support Program Year 2027 I/DD contracts. For the new program year, the CCMHB maintains its interest in services for very young children and their families. One current two-year contract for developmental services was approved last year. Each board considered recommendations for how the remaining amount of set-aside should be spent, for which two funding requests were submitted and reviewed by both Boards.

The Boards share a commitment to another I/DD-focused collaboration, which from 2015 to 2021 enabled the operation of two small group homes. After the sale of the homes, the fund was renamed as I/DD Special Initiatives Fund, and the Boards continued to serve people with I/DD and complex service needs through a two-year contract, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Requests are no longer submitted to the Special Initiatives fund, but one CCDDDB funding request includes continuation of the contracted services.

NOTE: the Boards might consider transferring equal amounts from this fund's balance to each of their funds, to build up the CCMHB and CCDDDB fund balances or to help fund more of the Program Year 2027 requests than appear affordable, or both, though the maximum amounts are lower than \$200,000 each. Such transfers could be made in 2027, to be used for current or future requests.

Other Public Systems.

Various Justice System and Behavioral Health collaborations aim to support people who have behavioral health needs and some level of involvement with the criminal justice system. Community-based programs can deflect youth and adults from deeper involvement, which promises cross-system cost-shift (every \$1 spent saves \$2-\$10 in other systems) and better quality of life for those individuals, their families, and their supporters. Programs supporting people as they move from incarceration to community life can maximize their success. Alternative crisis response approaches are being developed in this community and by the State. The Board has a longstanding commitment to efforts to reduce justice system and law enforcement involvement through community-based care, a goal shared with Champaign County Problem Solving Courts, Youth Assessment Center Advisory Committee, the Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless, City of Urbana Alternative Response Task Force, Champaign County Community Coalition, Crisis Intervention Team Steering Committee, Community Emergency Services and Support Act (CESSA) Region 6 Advisory Committee, and others. As our partners have secured other funding for related programs, our involvement in some collaborations has changed. Remaining active and informed is appropriate to the CCMHB's mission and will help us respond to changes in other funding and to emerging best practices. CCMHB funds can be very helpful in filling gaps left by the larger systems or in testing promising practices well-suited for our County.

The Champaign County Community Coalition shares the Board's interest in trauma-informed and culturally responsive practices. This collaboration includes leadership from local government, other funders, service provider organizations, neighborhoods,

education, and the faith community. The Coalition sustains System of Care values through youth programming and efforts to mitigate the impacts of community violence. Early childhood providers are active in this network and in a Home Visiting Consortium which has the goal of serving all of the County's children.

Multiyear Obligations.

Nineteen contracts were approved last year for Program Year 2026 and Program Year 2027, extending through June 30, 2027. These commitments total \$3,329,421. The annual amounts do not increase in the second year. Application forms are updated during May.

CCRPC – Youth Assessment Center \$76,350
CC Children's Advocacy Center \$63,911
CC Christian Health Center – Community Mental Health Program \$100,000
CCHCC – CHW Outreach and Benefits Enrollment \$97,139
CCHCC – Justice Involved CHW Services & Benefits \$103,284
CSCNCC – Resource Connection \$70,667
Crisis Nursery – Beyond Blue Champaign County \$90,000
DSC – Family Development \$702,000 (uses \$702,000 of MHB I/DD set aside)
ECIRMAC/The Refugee Center – Family Support & Strengthening \$75,441
Family Service – Counseling \$143,322
Family Service – Self-Help Center \$38,191
Family Service – Senior Counseling & Advocacy \$214,360
Immigrant Services of CU – Immigrant Mental Health Program \$200,256
Promise Healthcare – Mental Health Services \$360,000
Promise Healthcare – PHC Wellness \$125,000
RACES – Sexual Trauma Therapy Services \$196,205
RACES – Sexual Violence Prevention Education \$108,115
Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center – Community Study Center \$382,180
WIN Recovery – Community Support Re-Entry Houses \$183,000

Priorities, Overarching Considerations, and Expectations for Minimal Responsiveness:

The Program Year 2027 CCMHB funding priorities and decision support criteria were approved on November 19, 2025.

Twenty-eight funding requests were submitted for the Board's consideration, totaling \$5,220,939. Twenty-six of them focus (directly or indirectly) on supports or services for people with mental health, substance use disorders, or both, and two include social emotional and developmental supports for young children and their families. The latter two were also reviewed by the CCDDDB, and officers of both boards discussed them with staff afterward.

Some Program Year 2027 funding applications described alignment with more than one priority category, but all had to select a primary priority. Primary choices are as follows:

- Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce:

- 1 application at \$19,656.
- Safety and Crisis Stabilization:
9 applications, totaling \$2,038,067, plus 3 multi-year contracts adding \$362,634 to this priority category.
- Healing from Violence and Trauma:
1 application at \$176,476, plus 3 multi-year contracts adding \$368,231 to this priority category.
- Access and Care:
8 applications, totaling \$1,056,442, plus 9 multi-year contracts adding \$1,348,935 to this priority category.
- Thriving Children, Youth, and Families:
9 applications, totaling \$1,667,435, plus 3 multi-year contracts adding \$547,621 to this priority category.
- Collaboration with CCDDDB - Very Young Children and Their Families:
2 applications with I/DD portions which should total \$262,863, plus one two-year contract for \$702,000. The CCMHB may allocate a total of \$964,863 for I/DD services, coordinated with CCDDDB. The other portions of these two applications, which total \$234,900, are treated as MH/SUD investments.

Funding Requests and Budget Impact:

CCMHB allocations to agencies have risen steadily from \$3,189,290 in Program Year 2012 to \$6,256,869 in Program Year 2026. Steady increases from 2012 to 2020 were possible due to property tax revenue growth and reductions in administrative costs.

For Program Year 2021, the CCMHB made an informed decision to award contracts greater than budgeted. Due to unspent funds being returned and some payments suspended, this intentional overfunding did not result in a deficit in 2020. Suspended payments were released in 2021, reducing the amount left to allocate and revealing an unsustainable award level as we headed into the next period.

For Program Year 2022, because behavioral health needs had surged and agencies hoped to meet these needs, the County provided American Rescue Plan Act funds, increasing Program Year 2022 awards by \$770,436. For Program Year 2023 and Program Year 2024, awards were based on 2022-2024 property taxes, without other substantial revenue, so that the allocation process remained competitive despite growth in tax revenue.

For 2025, projected growth was less than half the rate increase of 2024. With Program Year 2025 amounts paid half from 2024 and half from 2025, cautious awards continued. For 2026, growth was modest, near 3%. 2027 growth is expected to be even lower. With Program Year 2027 amounts paid half from 2026 and half from 2027, what appears affordable today falls very far short of total amounts requested and previously obligated.

Following submission of proposals for Program Year 2027 funding, CCMHB staff reviewed all materials, along with any previously reported data, independent audit reports, and compliance records of incumbent programs and agencies. Draft program summaries incorporated input from all staff and were shared with agencies, board

members, and public, to support the Board reviews which were conducted in a public meeting and study session during April. Agency corrections of staff errors and responses to questions or concerns are included in the May study session packet and might influence the Board's consideration of final allocations.

All Program Year 2027 CCMHB requests taken together total \$5,220,939. Twenty-six proposals relate directly or indirectly to mental health (MH) or substance use disorders (SUD) and total \$4,958,076. Two proposals offer a blend of developmental and social-emotional supports to very young children and their families.

The allocation scenarios presented here should be affordable within revenue projections, but 2027 budgets will be developed later with input from County officials.

If the final awards exceed available funds, it may be necessary to balance with: delayed effective dates; prorated contract award amounts as any compliance issues are resolved; prorated contracts where staff remain to be hired; deferral for later consideration; fee for service contracts; use of fund balance; or commitment to lower total awards next year.

If the final awards are below available funds, the remaining amount will build fund balance toward its goal of six months of operating costs by May, before the first tax distributions have been deposited. The Board might use additional available funds to consider any deferred funding requests. The Board might also use additional available funds to increase a Program Year 2027 contract developed through the current process.

A total Program Year 2027 amount of \$6,574,476 could add MH/SUD contracts totaling \$2,982,192. This is \$516,389 more than last year. Most funding requests address the growing needs of our community and align with Board priorities.

In the event of increased Program Year 2027 revenues, the Board might consider additional funding for contracts. Higher Program Year 2027 revenue could result from an increase in the anticipated property tax revenue for 2026 or 2027, reduction of other Program Year 2027 contracts, or unexpected other revenues. Working against these possibilities is the risk of additional tax liabilities lowering the fund's available amount. This leads us to favor a more cautious scenario which relies on other funding partners to lower the MHB's obligations, although this seems less likely than in recent years.

Contract Negotiations and Special Notifications

Some recommendations are contingent on completion of contract negotiations, application revisions, resolution of compliance issues, and hiring of program staff. Awards may be adjusted by the cost of a staff vacancy and amended when that vacancy is filled. Award recipients may be required to revise program or financial forms to align with CCMHB planning, budget, and policy specifications. They may be asked for more information prior to contract execution, to reach terms agreeable to both parties. If requirements are not met prior to completion of the contract, a later contract start date will be established and the award reduced commensurate with the shorter term. Failure to submit required information shall result in cancellation of the contract award.

- SUGGESTED motion: to authorize the Executive Director to conduct contract negotiations as specified in this memorandum.

Recommendations are based on revenue estimates not finalized until the Champaign County Board approves appropriations in November or December of 2026. For this reason, all Program Year 2027 contract maximums are subject to reductions to compensate for any CCMHB revenue shortfall. These reductions will be documented by contract amendment at the discretion of the CCMHB Executive Director and Board President or designee, with every effort made to maintain the viability and integrity of contracts. All Program Year 2027 contracts will include the following provision:

Obligations of the Board will cease immediately without penalty or further payment being required if, in any fiscal year, the tax that is levied, collected, and paid into the "Community Mental Health Fund" is judged by the CCMHB Executive Director not to be sufficient for payment as delineated in the terms and conditions under this Contract.

- SUGGESTED motion: to authorize the Executive Director to implement contract maximum reductions as described in this memorandum.

A standard provision has been included in recent years to clarify that specific terms of an agency's contract may supersede provisions of the funding guidelines, if the exception is in the best interest of the CCMHB and Champaign County. This remains relevant:

The CCMHB Requirements and Guidelines for Allocation of Funds are incorporated into this contract by reference, except this contract will control should there be an inconsistent/contrary provision in the aforesaid Requirements and Guidelines. If the contract and funding guidelines are not in agreement, the contract shall prevail. For example, if the Provider will incur higher cost for an audit, review, or compilation than allowed per the Funding Requirements and Guidelines, the greater amount may be agreed to through the original budget submitted with an application or by a subsequent formal written request.

- SUGGESTED motion: to include in all contracts a provision for specific exceptions to Funding Requirements and Guidelines, as described in this memorandum.

A new standard provision was introduced in Program Year 2026, to help CCMHB members and staff more closely track progress on annual independent financial audits, reviews, or compilations. After receiving a bit of input from smaller organizations, related to what they can reasonably expect from their contracted CPA firm, and finding a great deal of context within the current contract template, a simple addition is proposed:

The organization will share documentation of the date their CPA firm began its work on the audit, review, or compilation.

- SUGGESTED motion: to include in all contracts the requirement to share documentation of the onset of work on the audit, review, or compilation, as described in this memorandum.

Allocation Suggestions

To support Board consideration, allocation suggestions are organized in roughly the order of reviews. Affordability has been a key factor, especially as we consider sustainable levels of funding. Other items may be addressed by pre-contract conditions or special provisions. Contract awards could be for two-year terms, a strategy which reduces some administrative effort and increases consistency for those served. Program-specific notes are included for reference. If a contract is awarded, the prerequisites should be completed by June 17 to avoid delayed payments or reduced maximums. Negotiations may be conducted through email or meetings with staff. In the event of a failed contract negotiation, the Board may be asked to take subsequent action.

In addition to the pre-contract actions suggested below, any final award which is for a different amount than that requested will trigger the need for revised budget plan forms and, in some cases, adjustment to the Scope of Services. Special provisions suggested below are additional contract requirements which apply to the program but not all other programs. To complete the contract development, organizations share with the CCMHB Operations and Compliance Coordinator their annual certificates of insurance, any relevant subcontracts, and letters of engagement with CPA firms, and CCMHB staff will verify each agency has not been debarred or otherwise excluded from federal eligibility.

Due to the very large gap between what has been requested and what the Board will be able to afford, the following suggestions do not use fund balance or contribute to it. Strongest consideration is given to the quality of original application submissions, to preserving existing service capacity, and to striking a balance across the compelling needs of County residents. Some applicant organizations may be more ready to meet all contract expectations, and some may have access to other sources of funding, whether through reserves, an affiliate foundation, or federal and state programs. We have tried to take these issues into consideration, along with a great deal of follow-up information provided during the short turnaround time between Board discussions. The result includes rejection of some promising solutions. While final decisions are difficult, we take heart at the strong interest these applicants have in improving the well-being of our neighbors.

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

- Notes: Thriving Children, Youth, and Families priority; a new application from an agency not previously funded by the MHB; focus on children and families impacted by violence; care should be taken to avoid the risk of Medicaid supplementation, which applies to local funds as well as federal.
- Prior to contract: revise financial forms for clarification; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated

Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027; seek and report on other sources of revenue; avoid Medicaid supplementation.

- SUGGESTED motion: to deny CCMHB funding of \$217,106 for Brightpoint – Healing Beyond Violence.

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

- Notes: Safety and Crisis Stabilization priority; proposal to expand a longstanding program, to meet growing needs (and unfunded mandates) as the ‘hub’ for homeless services and planning.
- Prior to contract: resolve financial form discrepancies; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms; share updated indirect cost plan letter and approval.
- Special contract provisions: collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Safety and Crisis Stabilization priority; a new program proposal from an agency funded by the MHB for shelter case management; focus on people with housing risk; staff and peers with lived expertise inform the program.
- Prior to contract: add priority access for people with MI, SUD, or I/DD; revise financial forms; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: mid-year progress report to the Board; provide data to HMIS, IL-503 Continuum of Care, and Coordinated Entry System; collaborate with providers of similar services and CIT Steering Committee and Specialty Courts; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: to deny CCMHB funding of \$305,000 for CU at Home – Life Skills Case Management.

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

- Notes: Safety and Crisis Stabilization priority; to continue a program the MHB currently funds; focus on people with housing risk and MI or SUD.
- Prior to contract: revise financial forms; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.

- Special contract provisions: provide data to HMIS, IL-503 Continuum of Care, and Coordinated Entry System; collaborate with providers of similar services and CIT Steering Committee and Specialty Courts; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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.

CU Early – CU Early – requested \$86,701

- Notes: Thriving Children, Youth, and Families and Collaboration with CCDDDB; substantial long-term impacts from preventive Home Visiting and early identification and treatment of delays or social emotional risks; Spanish-speaking staff connect to families who might otherwise not access resources; fills unmet needs.
- Prior to contract: recategorize FICA and Medicare costs to Payroll Taxes line, correct a typo in Budget Narrative, resolve discrepancies between Budget Narrative and Expense forms.
- Special provisions: collaborate with providers of similar services; inform eligible families of PUNS and Independent Service Coordination; and if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- The CCDDDB reviewed and recommended that the CCMHB use I/DD set-aside funds to support an appropriate portion of this program and for a two-year term for CU Early – CU Early.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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.

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

- Notes: Thriving Children, Youth, and Families and Collaboration with CCDDDB; to continue a program currently funded by the MHB; far-reaching impact of developmental and mental health supports; serves children enrolled in HS/EHS and for whom a need has been identified; worked closely with the CLC Coordinator to strengthen services and relationships.
- Prior to contract: add specific targets to each outcome; if a lower amount is awarded, revisions will be needed in application forms.
- Special provisions: collaborate with providers of similar services; inform eligible families of PUNS and Independent Service Coordination; online service claims reporting; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.

- The CCDDDB reviewed and recommended that the CCMHB use I/DD set-aside funds to support an appropriate portion of this program and for a two-year term for Champaign County Head Start – Early Childhood MH Services.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Access and Care priority; to continue a program currently funded by the MHB; focus on disability benefits acquisition which is becoming more difficult to do alone.
- Prior to contract: update to TPC definition to PY27; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: participate with Coordinated Entry System when appropriate; collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

City of Champaign Township Strides Shelter – Behavior Health Program – NEW – requested \$150,000

- Notes: Access and Care priority; a new application from a local governmental unit which has not received MHB funding; to offer intake and SUD support to shelter guests, a high need population.
- Prior to contract: complete an agency CLC Plan; revise financial forms for clarification; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: mid-year progress report to the Board; provide data to HMIS, IL-503 Continuum of Care, and Coordinated Entry System; collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027; seek and report on other sources of funding for the program.
- SUGGESTED motion: to deny CCMHB funding of \$150,000 for City of Champaign Township Strides Shelter – Behavior Health Program.

Courage Connection – Courage Connection – requested \$176,476

- Notes: Healing from Violence and Trauma priority; to continue a program the MHB currently funds; focus on people fleeing domestic violence; people with lived experience have input at the agency board level.
- Prior to contract: update personnel form; revise outdated references in application forms; revise financial forms for clarification; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: use a data tracking system similar to but separate from Coordinated Entry; collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Thriving Children, Youth, and Families priority; to continue a currently funded program; focus on people who have housing instability.
- Prior to contract: update the CLC Plan; recategorize an expense item from consumables to equipment; revise financial forms for clarification and alignment across programs; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: provide data to HMIS, IL-503 Continuum of Care, and Coordinated Entry System; collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Thriving Children, Youth, and Families priority; to continue a program the MHB funds; uses a trauma-informed treatment framework selected by local stakeholders to focus on youth who have justice involvement or similar.
- Prior to contract: update CLC Plan; add targets to outcomes; recategorize expense item from consumable to equipment; revise financial forms for clarification and alignment across programs; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.

- Special contract provisions: collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027; seek and report on other funding for the program.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Thriving Children, Youth, and Families priority; to continue a program the MHB currently funds; offers intensive, personalized support for young people who have justice system involvement or related; some supports for their families.
- Prior to contract: resolve the Service Contract target discrepancy; revise financial forms for clarification; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027; seek and report on other funding for the program.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Thriving Children, Youth, and Families priority; to continue a funded program; short-term supportive activities, events, and program options many children would not access otherwise; subcontracts with educators and agencies.
- Prior to contract: if funded at a lower level than requested, revise any impacted forms.
- Special contract provisions: first payment will be made as early as possible after contract execution (prior to July 1) in order to support programs; provide all subcontracts to MHB staff; use the year-end outcomes report to share program information (possibly a later deadline); report on initiatives to the Coalition Executive Team; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Thriving Children, Youth, and Families priority; a new application from a family-run organization; supports families to advocate for their children; lived experience is central to the development of the program and individual plans.
- Prior to contract: recategorize Cost of Production expense to General Operating; revise program and financial forms for clarification; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: mid-year progress report to the Board; consult with CLC Coordinator for technical assistance and possible training; collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027; seek and report on other sources of revenue for the program, especially from the 23 school districts being served.
- SUGGESTED motion: to deny CCMHB funding of \$233,355 for Family First Advocacy, NFP – Empowering Bridge Program.

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

- Notes: Safety and Crisis Stabilization priority; to continue a current program; focus on housing and related support needs of people in reentry; people with lived experience inform every level of the organization.
- Prior to contract: update the CLC Plan; add specific targets for outcomes and indicate which tools measure each; revise financial forms for clarification and alignment across programs; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: develop individualized support plans for residents and directed by them; use a data tracking system similar to Coordinated Entry System, and work with CES and HMIS when appropriate (after initial placement); collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Safety and Crisis Stabilization priority; to continue a current program, with focus on a unique population; support include drop in center, workforce course, gardening initiative; people with lived experience inform every level of the organization.

- Prior to contract: update the CLC Plan; revise financial forms for clarification and alignment across programs; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: report only on TPCs in residency and demographic reports; use a data tracking system similar to Coordinated Entry System, and work with CES and HMIS when appropriate (after initial placement); collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Access and Care priority; to continue a current program and serve higher numbers of housing and short-term clients (unique population); harm-reduction approach and various supports, for which federal and state funding may be cut.
- Prior to contract: develop specific targets for outcomes; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: use a data tracking system similar to Coordinated Entry; identify a Board or staff member who may assist operations and reporting in a crisis; collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Access and Care priority; to continue a current program; 12-step peer support approach to mental health recovery, with experienced members leading many groups, in the community as well as the jail; part of a larger organization with a long history, continues to seek state funding.
- Prior to contract: resolve budget questions (related to other funding); identify specific targets for the consumer outcomes; revise financial forms for clarification; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.

- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Safety and Crisis Stabilization priority; proposal to support a new program, through an agency not previously funded by the MHB; to support 81 people in the homebuyer program and 128 others in the education program; consideration for people with medical or disability accessibility needs; focus on people with lower income and lower loan approval rates.
- Prior to contract: prioritize participants with diagnosed MI, SUD, or I/DD; add a consumer outcome related to housing or mortgage sustainability over time; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: mid-year progress report to the Board; collaborate with providers of similar services, especially the IL-503 Continuum of Care; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027; seek and report on other sources of revenue for the program.
- SUGGESTED motion: to deny CCMHB funding of \$229,560 for Habitat for Humanity – Homebuyer Program.

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

- Notes: Access and Care priority; proposes a new program component which could be added to another of the agency’s MHB funded programs; currently piloting this service, to which MHB funds would add another day of service, virtual psychiatric nurse practitioner, and enrollment specialist.
- Prior to contract: complete the Budget Narrative explanations; revise financial forms for clarification and alignment with current two year contract budgets; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: mid-year progress report to the Board; collaborate with providers of similar services; due to use of a January 1 to December 31 fiscal year, prepare additional schedules for CCMHB staff review; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027; seek and report on other sources of revenue for this program.
- SUGGESTED motion: to deny CCMHB funding of \$200,000 for Promise Healthcare – Mobile Clinic.

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

- Notes: Safety and Crisis Stabilization priority; a new request from an agency which has operated several MHB funded programs and made many changes in the

- last few years, partly due to other funding opportunities and, in this case, to input through their community needs assessment process; to offer 1100 people crisis intervention, clinical assessment, and stabilization plans (to other supports).
- Prior to contract: if funded at a lower level than requested, revise any impacted forms; share the updated indirect cost allocation plan and approval.
 - Special contract provisions: mid-year report to the Board; collaborate with providers of similar services; due to multiple vacancies to be filled, a lower initial contract award may be amended by pro-rated increases as each vacancy is filled; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027; seek and report on other sources of revenue for the program.
 - SUGGESTED motion: to deny CCMHB funding of \$360,000 for Rosecrance Central Illinois – Behavioral Health Urgent Care.

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

- Notes: Access and Care priority; to expand a longstanding MHB funded program; helps people secure public benefits, to meet increased demand and improves access for rural residents; experienced staff with specialized credentials.
- Prior to contract: add details to the Budget Narrative; revise financial forms for clarification; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms; share the updated indirect cost allocation plan and approval.
- Special contract provisions: collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027; seek and report on other sources of revenue for the program.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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.

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

- Notes: Safety and Crisis Stabilization priority; to continue a program the MHB currently funds; the only accredited Recovery Home in the county, a ‘step down’ from inpatient substance use treatment; includes intensive case management, peer support, and 12-step approach.
- Prior to contract: resolve total agency revenue form error and its impact on other financial forms; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms; share the indirect cost allocation plan and approval.
- Special contract provisions: collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027 ; seek and report on other sources of revenue for the program.

- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Thriving Children, Youth, and Families priority; to continue a current program with focus on a unique population; increases services to meet growing demand; offers support groups, specific assistance, educational programs, food pantry, gender affirming clothing, and virtual services; people with relevant lived experience shape the program.
- Prior to contract: resolve errors/discrepancies in the personnel form; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: allow the higher expense for independent CPA services; collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: 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 this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

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

- Notes: Access and Care priority; to fund a new program from an organization the MHB has not previously worked with; offers peer support to first responders, including dispatchers, retired first responders, and family members.
- Prior to contract: create an agency CLC Plan; due to for profit status, establish a local advisory committee representative of Champaign County; revise financial forms to include total agency information and align with the other program; if funded at a lower amount than requested, revise all impacted application forms.
- Special provisions: mid-year progress report to the Board; collaboration with the relevant stakeholders; seek and report on other sources of revenue for the program; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: to deny CCMHB funding of \$20,330 for We Never Walk Alone – Trained First Responder Peer Support.

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

- Notes: Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce priority; another NEW request from this organization; offers access to licensed mental health professionals who understand the particular stresses and needs of first responders, including those who've retired, and their families.
- Prior to contract: create an agency CLC Plan; establish a local advisory committee representative of Champaign County; revise financial forms to include total agency information and align with the other program; if funded at a lower amount than requested, revise all impacted application forms.
- Special provisions: mid-year progress report to the Board; collaboration with the relevant stakeholders; seek and report on other sources of revenue for the program; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: to deny CCMHB funding of \$19,656 for We Never Walk Alone – Vetted Mental Health Professional Network.

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

- Notes: Safety and Crisis Stabilization priority; a new request, improved over the version submitted last year; safe space for members of the target population who are not using the agency's reentry housing; includes housing navigation, case management, substance use recovery groups, family therapy; peer-led services; people with lived experience shape the program.
- Prior to contract: develop specific targets for outcomes; revise financial forms for clarification and to resolve discrepancies; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: mid-year progress report to the Board; collaborate with providers of similar services, the IL-503 Continuum of Care, and Specialty Courts; seek and report on other sources of revenue for the program.
- SUGGESTED motion: to approve CCMHB funding of \$210,000 for WIN Recovery – Win Resilience Resource Center, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement.

If the Board approves all suggestions above, another \$22,552 could build fund balance toward the goal or be obligated without exceeding the projected affordable amount.

Program Year 2027 Requests Submitted and Reviewed Later in the Process

At the time of this writing, the Board has not reviewed one request, as the applicant's Program Year 2025 audit is not available. In the event the Board chooses to review the TASC, Inc. request for Program Year 2027 funding, staff observations are summarized

here. If the audit has not been received by May 27, 2026, the Board might deny funding on the basis of incomplete application.

TASC, Inc. – Outreach and Recovery Support Services – NEW – requested \$90,429

- Notes: Access and Care priority; new program through an agency the MHB has not contracted with in the past; services through Peer Support Specialist; focus on people with SUD, overdose risk, co-occurring MI, or housing instability; specialized case management, harm reduction and trauma-informed care.
- Prior to contract: complete and share Program Year 2025 audit; revise financial forms for clarification, including total agency budget, and resolve discrepancies; if funded at a lower level than request, revise any impacted application forms.
- Special contract provisions: mid-year progress report to the Board; consult with the CLC Coordinator; when serving unhoused clients, participate with IL-503 Continuum of Care and provide data to HMIS and CES; collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for Program Year 2028 submitted prior to June 2027.
- SUGGESTED motion: to deny CCMHB funding of \$90,429 for TASC, Inc. – Outreach and Recovery Support Services.

**The allocation scenarios and suggested actions above were approved by the CCMHB on May 27, 2026.*