

CCMHB and CCDDDB grants

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CCMHB/CCDDDB 377 Board Members and Staff-

We recognize that our financial requirements for the CCMHB and CCDDDB grants are out of compliance. We have given the information to the auditors and we should have the required documents by the end of the week or sooner. We apologize that it has taken us so long, but we had to make sure everything was accurate due to the change in our financial personnel. We are interviewing board members for Champaign County in the next two weeks and hope to have one in place by the beginning of June. Sue Suter has agreed to help mentor the new board member once he/she comes on the board.

We would like you to reconsider your recommendation of denying UCP funding or possibly look at a fee for service option for UCP. This year the CCMHB grant has exceeded its numbers on the people we have served in the program, and we continue to receive referrals from Rosecrance, Goodwill and DRS. Twenty-nine (29) people are currently working in the community and three individuals are in job development – all are supported by UCP through the CCMHB grant. We are currently serving 20 individuals in the CCDDDB grant and 17 are working in the community – all are being supported by UCP through the CCDDDB. UCP opened up a new office this year because the tiny office we had for several years was too small as we are seeing such growth in our CCMHB and CCDDDB vocational services.

Without this funding, UCP will not be able to continue to provide services in Champaign County and will close the office in Urbana. We are genuinely concerned about the program individuals losing their jobs without consistent support. Again, we recognize that we have been out of compliance with the audit requirements, but we plan to have these issues resolved by the end of the week and a Champaign County board member in place by the beginning of June.

Please let us know if there is any other information you need in order to reconsider your recommendation.

Thanks,

Jenny Niebrugge

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