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

Minutes May 21, 2025

*This meeting was held at the Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, IL 61802
and with remote access via Zoom.*

9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Fisher, Vicki Niswander, Anne Robin, Neil Sharma

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Susan Fowler

STAFF PRESENT: Kim Bowdry, Lynn Canfield, Stephanie Howard-Gallo, Shandra Summerville, Chris Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelli Martin, Jodi Harmon, Sarah Perry, Danielle Matthews, Jami Olsen, DSC; Becca Obuchowski, Hannah Sheets, Community Choices; Angela Yost, Jessie Heckenmueller, CCRPC; Paula Vanier, Mel Liong, PACE; Jenny Lokshin, County Board; Annie Bruno, The Arc of IL; Jacinda Dariotis, Family Resiliency Center UIUC

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Niswander called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

An agenda was approved.

CCDDB and CCMHB SCHEDULES/TIMELINES:

Updated copies of CCDDDB and CCMHB meeting schedules and CCDDDB allocation timeline were posted.

ACRONYMS and GLOSSARY:

A list of commonly used acronyms was posted.

CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the 4/16/25 meeting were included in the packet.

MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to approve the 4/16/25 board meeting minutes. Dr. Robin seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

VENDOR INVOICE LIST:

The Vendor Invoice List was included in the Board packet.

MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to approve the Vendor Invoice List as presented. Dr. Robin seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agency Response to Staff Review of PY2026 Funding Requests:

Responses from agency applicants regarding the draft staff reviews were included in the packet.

Allocation of PY2026 Funding for I/DD Programs:

A Decision Memorandum was included in the packet. For consideration by the CCDDDB, this memorandum presented staff suggestions related to funding for the Program Year (PY) 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.) Decision authority rests with the CCDDDB 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 service intensity.

MOTION: Dr. Robin moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$425,042 for CCRPC-Community Services – Decision Support PCP, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr Fisher seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$500,000 for DSC-Service Coordination, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Robin seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Robin moved to deny CCDDDB funding of \$87,186 for The Autism Program at UIUC – The Autism Program UIUC, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Sharma seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

If later in 2025, the CCDDDB determines that additional funds are available to allocate for PY26 contracts, the agency will be encouraged to modify the submitted proposal for completeness and clarity of eligibility, which the Board might then consider.

MOTION: Ms. Niswander moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$233,000 for Community Choices, Inc. –Inclusive Community Support, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Robin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Sharma moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$628,000 for DSC – Community Living, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Fisher seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$243,000 for Community Choices, Inc. –Transportation Support, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Niswander seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Robin moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$263,000 for DSC – Clinical Services, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Niswander seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Niswander moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$320,000 for DSC- Individual and Family Support, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Fisher seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Sharma moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$45,972 for Persons Assuming Control of Their Environment (PACE) – Consumer Control in Personal Support, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Fisher seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Niswander moved to deny CCDDDB funding of \$70,959 for Parkland College District 505 – Parkland College OT at Head Start West, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Fisher seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$256,000 for Community Choices, Inc. –Customized Employment, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Ms. Niswander seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$523,000 for DSC – Community Employment, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Sharma seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Sharma moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$102,500 for DSC/Community Choices –Employment First, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive

Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Fisher seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Robin moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$228,000 for Community Choices, Inc.–Self-Determination Support, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Fisher seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$990,000 for DSC – Community First, subject to the caveats as presented in the memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Robin seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Sharma moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$122,000 for DSC – Connections, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Fisher seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Robin moved to approve CCDDDB funding of \$48,000 for Community Choices – Staff Recruitment and Retention, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCDDDB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement. Dr. Sharma seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to advise the Champaign County Mental Health Board to use \$702,000 of I/DD set-aside funds per year for a two-year term for DSC – Family Development. Dr. Sharma seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Niswander moved to authorize the Executive Director to conduct contract negotiations as specified in the memorandum. Dr. Robin seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Niswander moved to authorize the Executive Director to implement contract maximum reductions as described in the memorandum. Dr. Fisher seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Niswander moved to include in all PY2026 contracts the provision for specific exceptions to Funding Requirements and Guidelines, as described in the memorandum. Dr. Robin seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input from People with I/DD:

None.

Response to Emerging Threats:

Dr. Sharma brought up pay disparities for people with I/DD. Dr. Fisher reported advocacy is needed for Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP benefits.

Engage Illinois:

Ms. Niswander provided a verbal update on their activities.

Evaluation Capacity Building Project Update:

The two-year report from the Family Resiliency Center was included in the packet. Representatives presented the report.

disAbility Resource Expo Update:

Ms. Bowdry provided a brief update. The Expo will be held October 18, 2025.

Third Quarter Program Activity Reports:

Reports were included in the packet.

Third Quarter Service Claims Data:

Reports were included in the packet.

SUCSESSES AND AGENCY INFORMATION:

Becca Obuchowski from Community Choices; Paula Vanier from PACE provided updates. Jessie Heckenmueller from RPC introduced herself.

COUNTY BOARD INPUT:

Jenny Lokshin thanked staff for participating in the budget allocation process.

CCMHB INPUT:

The CCMHB will meet this evening.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

The CCDDDB meeting scheduled for June will be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Stephanie Howard-Gallo,

CCMHB/CCDDB Operations and Compliance Specialist

**Approved by the CCDDB on July 23, 2025.*