

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (CCMHB)

And

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) STUDY SESSION

Minutes – September 21, 2005

*Illinois Terminal Building
45 East University Avenue
Second Floor Conference Room
Champaign, IL*

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Ann Midden, Chair; Janet Anderson, Ernest Gullerud, Aillinn Dannave, Joyce Dill, Kathryn Hatfield, Holly Jordan, Mike McClellan, Thom Moore, Deborah Townsend

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Gina Jackson, Michael Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Tracy, Executive Director, Nancy Crawford, Mark Driscoll, Stephanie Howard-Gallo

STAFF EXCUSED: Bill Conlin

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry White, Champaign County Advocacy and Mentoring Resources (CCAMR); Sarah Jo Brenner, Barb Chatham, Persons Assuming Control of their Environment (PACE); Mary Kay Pleck, League of Women Voters (LWV); Dale Morrissey, Developmental Services Center (DSC); Jeanne Murray, Ann Osterling,, Parents Resource Organization (PROUDD); Jeanette McCollum, University of Illinois; Marcia Zumbahl, Citizen; Paula Vanier, Consumer; Linda Tortorelli, C-U Autism Network; Kathleen Williams-Hjort, Down Syndrome Network (DSN); Mike Frerichs, Champaign County Auditor

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Midden, CCMHB Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes were included in the Board packet.

MOTION: Dr. Townsend moved to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2005 Committee of the Whole (COW) study session. Ms. Hatfield seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE STUDY SESSION:

Presentations—Developmental Disability Parent Groups:

C-U Autism Network-- Ms. Linda Tortorelli represented the group and informed COW members about their mission. CCDDDB funds have supported the following:

- Family fun night;
- Two future family events;
- Resource brochures;
- A new meeting format;
- Recreational swimming through C-U Special Recreation;
- Two sibling support groups;
- A Crisis intervention training workshop for police officers.

Looking ahead, the group recognizes the following as needs for the future:

- A more central location for resources;
- More trained therapists;
- Expansion and improvement for persons 18-21 years old;
- Better Transition planning;
- Collaboration between the medical community and education;
- Crisis intervention services;
- Improvement of adult services.

Down Syndrome Network—Ms. Kathleen Williams-Hjort represented the group and informed COW members about their organization. CCDDDB funds have supported the following:

- Monthly meetings;
- Child care and speakers;
- Newsletters;
- The expansion of parent packets;
- The sponsorship of 3 families to attend a DS conference;
- DS library expansion.

In addition, a “Buddy Walk” for Down Syndrome awareness will held on October 15th at Crystal Lake Park.

Future plans include:

- A spring conference;
- Increased outreach services;
- A Father’s group;
- Special Olympic team sponsorship.

Ms. Williams-Hjort identified a more central location for resources as the organizations most important need for the future.

Parent Resource Organization (PROUDD)—Ms. Jeanne Murray and Ms. Ann Osterling represented PROUDD. CCDDDB funds have supported the following:

- Community events;
- Seminars for teachers;
- Workshops;
- Library expansion;
- The development of a “living skills” booklet.

Needs for the future were identified as the following:

- A central resource base;
- A resource database;
- A County-wide” Developmental Disabilities Awareness” date.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Champaign-Urbana Mental Health Public Education Committee will hold Depression Screening Events on October 4th, 5th and 6th 2005 at various locations in the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Midden adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____

Stephanie Howard-Gallo
CCMHB/CCDDB Staff

Mary Ann Midden
CCMHB Vice-President

Date: _____

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****Minutes were approved at the 10/19/05 COW meeting.***