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

*Minutes –March 18, 2015*

*Brookens Administrative Center  
Lyle Shields Room  
1776 E. Washington St.  
Urbana, IL*

*6:00 p.m.*

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joyce Dill, Deb Ruesch, Sue Suter

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Phil Krein, Mike Smith

**STAFF PRESENT:** Peter Tracy, Lynn Canfield, Nancy Crawford, Mark Driscoll,  
Stephanie Howard-Gallo

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Knapp, Linda Tortorelli, Community Choices; Dale Morrissey, Danielle Matthews, Patty Walters, Felecia Gooler, Laura Bennett, Jennifer Carlson, Janice McAteer, Annette Becherer, Developmental Services Center (DSC); Gary Maxwell, Patti Petrie, Champaign County Board; Eric Trusner, PACE; Kathy Kessler, Community Elements (CE); Judi O'Connor, Deloris Henry, Aillinn Dannave, Anne Robin, Champaign County Mental Health Board; Darlene Kloeppel, Regional Planning Commission (RPC); Teresa O'Connor, C-U Autism Network; Sheila Krein, Parent; Cindy Creighton, Parent; Amanda Bohn, United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Sue Suter called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

None.

### **CITIZEN INPUT:**

Linda Tortorelli announced The Autism Project has been cut from the proposed State of Illinois budget, which would be devastating for the agency.

Sheila Krein from the County Transition Planning Committee and updated the Board on recent activities.

Gary Maxwell from the Champaign County Board urged collaborations between the agencies in the coming year.

### **CCMHB INPUT:**

A copy of the 2/18/15 Board minutes was included in the Board packet for information only.

### **CCDDB/CCMHB Joint Study Session: The New Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA):**

Darlene Kloepfel, Community Services Director at the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission presented on the Act. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act replaces the Workforce Investment Act. The new law combines many current federal workforce education, economic development and employment assistance programs in an effort to connect job seekers to employers in needed business sectors through training and skill matching. The new law emphasizes mainstream employment for persons with disabilities and more resources focused on those with barriers to employment. WIOA encourages more on-the-job training and apprenticeships as good ways to gain needed skills for employment.

Following the presentation, Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the presentation.

### **APPROVAL OF CCDDB MINUTES:**

Minutes from the February 18, 2015 CCDDB meeting were included in the Board packet.

**MOTION: Ms. Ruesch moved to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2015 CCDDB meeting. Ms. Dill seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

None.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Tracy reported he and Lynn Canfield attended the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Director's (NACBHD) Conference in Washington D.C. and shared highlights of the conference with Board members.

## **STAFF REPORT:**

Ms. Canfield's staff report was included in the Board packet for review. Mr. Tony Records is retiring as the Ligas Court Monitor.

## **AGENCY INFORMATION:**

Felicia Gooler from Developmental Services Center (DSC) stated the proposed State of Illinois budget proposed a 23 million dollar cut to early intervention services. She distributed a document detailing specific information regarding the proposed cut.

Laura Bennett from Developmental Services Center (DSC) invited CCMHB members to a DSC Prompting Theatre movie event on April 21, 2015 at the Art Theatre.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A copy of the claims report was included in the Board packet.

**MOTION: Ms. Dill moved to accept the claims report as presented. Ms. Ruesch seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **2016 Funding Applications:**

A list of funding applications for the CCDDDB was included in the Board packet for information only.

### **Requests for Consideration of Late Submissions for FY16 Funding:**

A Decision Memorandum was included in the Board packet. Late applications were received from The Autism Society (TAS), and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Land of Lincoln. These providers missed the original deadline.

**MOTION: Ms. Ruesch moved to approve acceptance of applications received from The Autism Society and United Cerebral Palsy for consideration of FY16 funding. In addition, applicants shall be**

**notified that this does not represent a change in policy and future requests of this kind will not be accepted. Ms. Dill seconded the motion. Extensive discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken. The following members voted aye: Ruesch and Suter. The following member voted nay: Dill. The motion passed.**

**Integration Transition Successes:**

Ms. Jennifer Knapp from Community Choices (CC) reported a woman living in temporary housing is moving into an apartment and receiving some services at Developmental Services Center (DSC). Another client has received a job at a consignment shop that he really wanted.

Jennifer Carlson from Developmental Services Center (DSC) reported on the progress made on the home in Mahomet that was recently purchased.

Annette Becherer from Developmental Services Center (DSC) reported on a man who just was employed by Caterpillar Logistics.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Alliance for the Promotion of Acceptance, Inclusion and Respect:**

A verbal report by Ms. Canfield was provided at the meeting.

**disAbility Resource Expo:**

A written report from Ms. Barb Bressner was included in the Board packet. The event will be held at the Fluid Event Center in Champaign on October 17, 2015.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Stephanie Howard-Gallo

*\*Minutes were approved at the 4/22/15 CCDDDB meeting.*