

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

Minutes January 28, 2026

*This meeting was held at the Scott Bennett Administrative Center
102 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61802
and with remote access via Zoom.*

9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kim Fisher, Dianne Husby-Gordon, Susan Fowler, Neil Sharma

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Anne Robin

STAFF PRESENT:

Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Lynn Canfield, Stephanie Howard-Gallo, Shandra Summerville, Chris Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Danielle Matthews, Kelli Martin, AJ Zwettler, Heather Levingston, Sarah Perry, Laura Bennett, Jami Olsen, DSC; Hannah Sheets, Becca Obuchowski, Community Choices; Paula Vanier, Mel Liong, Eric Enger, Michelle Ingram, PACE; Jacinda Dariotis, Family Resiliency Center UIUC; Angela Yost, Jessica Heckenmueller, Lisa Benson, CCRPC; Brenda Eakins, GROW in Illinois; Annie Bruno, ARC of Illinois; Jenny Lokshin, Champaign County Board; Lezlie McCoy, Terri Bristow, PSCI

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Fowler called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. CCDDB member Dr. Kim Fisher requested to attend remotely due to employment obligations. In compliance with the CCDDB By-Laws a motion was requested by Dr. Fowler to allow her remote attendance.

MOTION: Dr. Sharma moved to allow remote attendance for Dr. Kim Fisher for this meeting due to employment obligations, as allowed in the CCDDB By-Laws. Ms. Gordon seconded the motion. All CCDDB members voted aye and the motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

An agenda was approved.

CCDDB and CCMHB SCHEDULES/TIMELINES:

Draft CCDDB and CCMHB meeting schedules and CCDDB allocation timeline were included in the packet and are posted online and linked in the agenda.

MOTION: Dr Fisher moved to accept the CCDDB schedule as submitted. Dr. Sharma seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

ACRONYMS and GLOSSARY:

A list of commonly used acronyms was posted publicly and linked in the agenda.

CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS:

Dr. Fowler thanked staff for the pie charts for the Comparison of PY2025 Agency Revenues.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Director Canfield reviewed the status of agency audits.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the 11/19/25 meeting were included in the packet.

MOTION: Dr. Sharma moved to approve the 11/19/25 board meeting minutes. Ms. Gordon seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

VENDOR INVOICE LISTS:

Vendor Invoice Lists were included in the Board packet. An addendum was included.

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

STAFF REPORTS:

Staff reports were included in the packet for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Election:

Deferred to the next scheduled meeting.

Agency Special Request:

A request from PACE, Inc., that the Board waive suspension of payments due to late PY25 audit and authorize CCDDDB staff to release payments as scheduled, was included in the Board packet.

MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to waive suspension of payments due to late PY25 audit and authorize CCDDDB staff to release payments for January, February, and March. Dr. Sharma seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Expo Activities for 2026:

A Decision Memorandum presented an update. Director Canfield reviewed the challenges of having an Expo this year because of various issues including the recent resignation of the Expo coordinators.

MOTION: Dr. Sharma moved to direct CCDDDB-CCMHB staff to form an Advisory Committee to plan and carry out Disability Resource Expo activities, which may include an in-person event and to authorize the Executive Director to pay for related services and products using approved budgeted funds. Dr. Fisher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

AIR Activities for 2026:

A Decision Memorandum presented an update. Ebertfest organizers have a final 2-day festival planned for April 2026.

MOTION: Dr. Fowler moved to approve up to \$6,322.50 to share the cost of anti-stigma film sponsorship in Roger Ebert's Film Festival 2026 and to authorize the Executive Director and staff to issue payment. Dr. Sharma seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution #1 Update:

An adaptation of the Resolution adopted by the CCDDDB was included in the Board packet, with DRAFT actions for a multi-governmental pledge.

MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to accept the 2026 pledge to residents with disabilities as presented. Dr. Sharma seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Agency Special Request Update:

A Briefing Memorandum with an update on financial reporting by CU Autism Network was included in the Board packet. Although CUAN was working toward completing a financial review, their CPA firm has recently sent a letter of disengagement which was included in the Board packet. Ms. Canfield provided a brief recap, Board members discussed the 2024 contracts.

MOTION: Dr. Fisher moved to request an agency representative join Steven Beckett at the February meeting for a 15 minute time limit to discuss their request and answer Board questions. Dr. Sharma seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Emerging Threats:

For information were articles published by Disability Scoop, regarding new requirements of Medicaid and plans to reorganize the US Dept of Ed.

Input from People with I/DD:

None.

Engage Illinois:

An oral update was provided.

Evaluation Capacity Building Project Update:

An oral update was provided by Jacinda Dariotis from UIUC. See resources developed by the team at <https://www.familyresiliency.illinois.edu/resources/microlearning-videos>.

disAbility Resource Expo Update:

See New Business (above.) See also <https://disabilityresourceexpo.org>

Comparison of PY2025 Agency Revenues:

For information was a report showing sources of all revenue on which agencies also funded by the CCDDDB and Champaign County Mental Health Board (CCMHB) rely.

SUCSESSES AND AGENCY INFORMATION:

Successes and agency information were provided by Becca Obuchowski from Community Choices; Angela Yost from RPC; AJ Zwettler from DSC; Annie Bruno from Arc of Illinois; and Paula Vanier from PACE.

COUNTY BOARD INPUT:

Ms. Lokshin commented on the importance of financial accountability and that the County is facing a difficult budget planning season.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (CCMHB) INPUT:

The CCMHB met last week with similar agenda items.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Stephanie Howard-Gallo
CCMHB/CCDDB Compliance and Operations Coordinator

**Approved by the CCDDB on March 25, 2026.*