

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (CCMHB) MEETING

Closed Session Minutes – February 19, 2020

This meeting was held at the Brookens Administrative Center, Lyle Shields Room

5:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Omo-Osagie, Kyle Patterson, Elaine Palencia, Jane Sprandel, Julian Rappaport, Kathleen Wirth-Couch. Jon Youakim recused himself.

STAFF PRESENT:

Lynn Canfield, Mark Driscoll

Closed Session Summary*:

The Board entered closed session at 7:20 PM to consider litigation pending against or on behalf of Champaign County, and litigation that is probable or imminent against or on behalf of Champaign County. Motion made by Joe Omo-Osagie, seconded by Kyle Patterson and approved by roll call. Board member Jon Youakim recused himself from the session due to a potential conflict of interest and left the meeting. Present for the discussion were Board members Joe Omo-Osagie, Kyle Patterson, Elaine Palencia, Jane Sprandel, Julian Rappaport, and Kathleen Wirth-Couch. Also present were Executive Director Lynn Canfield and Associate Director Mark ~~Director~~ Driscoll.

Ms. Canfield recorded the closed session, noting start time and those present. Then provided an overview of the issue/question before the Board – whether to pursue an appeal to the recent ruling in the property tax case between Carle Foundation Hospital and various local taxing bodies including the Champaign County Board and by extension the Champaign County Mental Health Board (CCMHB).

Members present asked questions regarding the role of the CCMHB in the appeal, the respective roles of the CCMHB and Champaign County Board. The CCMHB and County are taxing districts and is why the question is before the respective bodies as to whether to support filing an appeal. Further discussion on the CCMHB's position as a taxing body and the legal and moral aspects of the issue was held. Action by the County Board on the question is expected at the next meeting.

The consensus of members present was to support the Champaign County Board if it chooses to pursue the appeal but not to take any action separate from that of the County Board concerning the recent ruling.

Closed session ended at 7:35 PM and returned to open session on a motion by Kyle Patterson, seconded by Joe Omo-Osagie and passed on roll call vote.

Meeting summary prepared by Mark Driscoll, CCMHB/DDB Associate Director

**Reviewed and approved July 21, 2021*

**Reviewed and approved February 23, 2022*

**Reviewed and approved September 21, 2022*

**Reviewed and approved March 22, 2023*

**Reviewed and approved October 18, 2023*

**Reviewed and approved WITH REVISIONS March 20, 2024*

**Reviewed and approved September 18, 2024*

**Reviewed and approved February 19, 2025*

**Reviewed and approved October 22, 2025*

**Reviewed and approved by the CCMHB on March 18, 2026*

**Released from closed status by the CCMHB on March 18, 2026*