
***CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD FOR CARE AND TREATMENT OF
PERSONS WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY (CCDDB)
and CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (CCMHB)
Joint Study Session***

Minutes September 25, 2024

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

5:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Niswander, Anne Robin, Georgiana Schuster, Molly McLay, Jane Sprandel, Lisa Liggins-Chambers, Chris Miner, Elaine Palencia, Joseph Omo-Osagie

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Susan Fowler, Kim Fisher, Leah Taylor, Jon Paul Youakim, Anthony Nichols, Jennifer Straub

STAFF PRESENT: Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Lynn Canfield, Shandra Summerville

OTHERS PRESENT: Wendy Webber, Sarah Anderson, Patti Kincaid, DSC Advocates Group; Tiffany Dean, Eric Beasley, Tobie J. Wood, Ryan Murray, Community Choices Human Rights & Advocacy Group; Cathie Webber; Carl Webber; Debra Wood; Danielle Matthews, Patty Walters, Kelli Martin, DSC; Becca Obuchowski, Hannah Sheets, Community Choices; Angela Yost, Jessica McCann, CCRPC; Cindy Crawford, Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County; Darya Shahgheibi, GCAP.

CALL TO ORDER:

CCDDB President Vicki Niswander called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

An agenda was available for review and approved by voice vote.

CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS:

Ms. Niswander and Ms. McLay thanked all present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Canfield explained that the input from this session will be very helpful for planning.

STUDY SESSION: "Preferences of Champaign County Residents with I/DD"

Members of **Community Choices Human Rights & Advocacy** and **DSC Advocates** Groups lead a panel discussion based on questions provided in advance by board and staff members and read by Kim Bowdry.

Following the panel, Board members asked questions and opened the discussion to staff and public. Debra Wood, a parent, expressed satisfaction with services from both Community Choices and DSC, shared that some families still need the day program and that people need rides to fun activities.

The study session packet included, as background information:

Questions from Board and Staff Members; Advocates' Written Responses; REVUP (Register Educate Vote Use Your Power!) Meeting Notes; and "Creating Thriving Communities through Civic Participation."

SUCSESSES AND AGENCY INFORMATION:

None.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INPUT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lynn Canfield,
CCMHB/CCDDB Executive Director

**Minutes approved by the CCDDB and CCMHB on October 23, 2024.*