



## *APPROVED* ALLOCATION DECISIONS

**DATE:** May 28, 2025  
**TO:** Members, Champaign County Mental Health Board (CCMHB)  
**FROM:** Leon Bryson and Kim Bowdry, Associate Directors,  
and Lynn Canfield, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** **Allocation of PY2026 Funding**

### **Purpose:**

For consideration by the CCMHB, this memorandum presents staff suggestions related to funding for the Program Year (PY) 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.) Decision authority rests with the CCMHB and their sole discretion concerning appropriate use of available dollars based on assessment of community needs, best value, alignment with decision support criteria, pricing, affordability, and distribution across categories of need and service intensity. Action is requested, with possible motions presented.

### **Statutory Authority:**

The [Illinois Community Mental Health Act \(405 ILCS 20 / Section 0.1 et. seq.\)](#) is the basis for CCMHB funding policies. All funds are allocated within the intent of the controlling act as codified in the laws of the State of Illinois. The allocation scenarios described in this memorandum are based on board and staff assessment of how closely applications align with statute, CCMHB funding policies, and approved decision support criteria and priorities. Best and Final Offers may be sought as part of the contract negotiation process. The CCMHB reserves the right to refrain from making an award when such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

### **Background:**

**Input from people with MI, SUD, or I/DD and their supporters** should influence system advocacy and planning. The CCMHB participates in a collaborative community health needs assessment, but they welcome direct input from those who know best. During a [study session on October 16, 2024](#), people offered written and oral observations about services they had accessed, some funded by the Board, but not all.

During a joint September 25, 2024 study session with the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board (CCDDDB), advocates who have I/DD shared their

interests and opinions on resources. The recording of that conversation can be [viewed here](#). Self-advocates' comments were incorporated into PY2026 priorities.

**Utilization data** are useful for guiding the next set of decisions. A summary of utilization by PY24 MHB funded programs is [found on pages 68-81 of this posted packet](#). A look at changes from PY23 to PY24 in demographic characteristics and residency of people served is found on pages 82-110.

**Program performance outcomes** reports for PY2024 are aggregated in [this report](#). Within each of these, funded agencies report on all program goals and optionally on successes, plans for improvement, surprises, and any challenges which impacted the data or the people, which may include those served as well as the staff.

## **Collaborations and Existing Commitments:**

*In addition to assessed preferences and funded programs' reports, collaborations with governmental and community partners play a role in setting priorities and in understanding what might constitute best value for residents of Champaign County.*

Collaboration with the **Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board (CCDDDB)** is described in an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Boards, requiring integrated Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) planning, a specific CCMHB set-aside commitment, and shared authority over a separate special fund.

According to that agreement, the CCMHB set-aside for I/DD programs changes each year by the percentage change in property tax revenue. By applying the percentage increase from 2024 to 2025 to the PY2025 I/DD set-aside amount, the amount available for PY2026 contracts is \$939,944, to support PY26 DD contracts. For the new program year, the CCMHB maintains its interest in services for very young children and their families. Two current two-year contracts include services and costs specific to DD and were approved last year. Each board will consider recommendations for the remaining amount, for which one funding request was reviewed.

The Boards share a commitment to a special I/DD-focused collaboration, which from 2015 to 2021 enabled the operation of two small group homes. After the sale of the homes, the fund was renamed as I/DD Special Initiatives Fund, and the two boards approved a set of PY25 funding priorities, in the hope of serving the population initially of concern, people with I/DD and complex service needs not readily addressed in Champaign County. Through a competitive allocation process, a contract was awarded for a two-year period, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Various **Justice System and Behavioral Health** collaborations aim to support people who have behavioral health needs and some level of involvement with the criminal justice system. Community-based programs can deflect youth and adults from deeper involvement, which promises cross-system cost-shift (every \$1 spent saves \$2-\$10 in

other systems) and better quality of life for those individuals, their families, and their supporters. Programs supporting people as they move from incarceration to community life can maximize their success. Alternative crisis response approaches are being tested and in some cases funded otherwise, acknowledging the human and cost benefits. The Board has a longstanding commitment to efforts to reduce justice system and law enforcement involvement through community-based care, a goal shared with Champaign County Problem Solving Courts, Reentry Council, Youth Assessment Center Advisory Committee, the Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless, Crisis Intervention Team Steering Committee, and others. As other sources of funding for related programs have become available and partners have been successful in securing them, our involvement in some collaborations has changed. Remaining active and informed is appropriate to the CCMHB’s mission and will help us respond to changes in other funding and to emerging best practices. CCMHB funds can be very helpful in filling gaps left by the larger systems or in testing promising practices well-suited for our County.

**The Champaign County Community Coalition** shares the Board’s interest in trauma-informed and culturally responsive practices. This collaboration includes leadership from local government, other funders, service provider organizations, neighborhoods, education, and the faith community. The Coalition sustains System of Care values through youth programming and efforts to mitigate the impacts of community violence. Early childhood providers are active in this network and in a Home Visiting Consortium.

**Two-year Contracts approved for PY25 and PY26.** Nineteen current contracts extend through June 30, 2026. These commitments total \$3,089,066. The annual amounts do not increase in the second year, and application forms are updated in May, with technical assistance available as during the open application period.

CCRPC – Homeless Services System Coordination	<b>\$54,281</b>
CU at Home – Shelter Case Management Program	<b>\$256,700</b>
CU Early – CU Early	<b>\$80,723</b>
	<i>(uses \$16,145 of the MHB I/DD set aside)</i>
CC Head Start – Early Childhood MH Svcs	<b>\$388,463</b>
	<i>(uses \$216,800 of the MHB I/DD set aside)</i>
CCHCC – Disability Application Services	<b>\$105,000</b>
Courage Connection - Courage Connection	<b>\$128,038</b>
Cunningham Children’s Home – ECHO Housing & Employment	<b>\$203,710</b>
Cunningham Children’s Home – Families Stronger Together	<b>\$282,139</b>
Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club – CU Change	<b>\$85,575</b>
Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club – Community Coalition Summer Youth Initiatives	<b>\$100,000</b>
FirstFollowers – FirstSteps Community Reentry House	<b>\$69,500</b>
FirstFollowers – Peer Mentoring for Reentry`	<b>\$95,000</b>
GCAP – Advocacy, Care, and Education Services	<b>\$61,566</b>
GROW in Illinois – Peer Support	<b>\$157,690</b>
Rosecrance Central Illinois – Benefits Case Management	<b>\$84,625</b>
Rosecrance Central Illinois – Criminal Justice PSC	<b>\$336,000</b>

Rosecrance Central Illinois – Crisis Co-Response Team	<b>\$310,000</b>
Rosecrance Central Illinois – Recovery Home	<b>\$100,000</b>
UP Center of CC – Children, Youth & Families Program	<b>\$190,056</b>

## **Priorities, Overarching Considerations, and Expectations for Minimal Responsiveness:**

The PY2026 CCMHB funding priorities and decision support criteria were approved on November 20, 2024 and can be viewed using [this link](#).

Twenty funding requests were submitted for the Board’s consideration, totalling **\$3,599,421**. Nineteen focus on supports or services for people with mental health, substance use disorders, or both, and one is for developmental supports for young children and their families. The CCDDDB also reviewed the early childhood program request which was submitted to the CCMHB. Officers of both boards and staff have discussed that application.

Some PY2026 funding applications described alignment with more than one priority category, but all had to select a primary priority. Their primary choices are as follows:

- **NEW – Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce:** while no application identified this as the primary priority category, others related their proposal to it by increasing staff salaries toward competitive levels.
- **Safety and Crisis Stabilization:** 4 applications, totaling \$632,634  
*(Plus 5 multi-year contracts adding \$1,067,200 to this priority.)*
- **Healing from Interpersonal Violence:** 3 applications, totaling \$368,231  
*(Plus 1 multi-year contract adding \$128,038 to this priority.)*
- **Closing the Gaps in Access and Care:** 9 applications, totaling \$1,348,935  
*(Plus 7 multi-year contracts adding \$766,8724 to this priority.)*
- **Thriving Children, Youth, and Families:** 3 applications, totaling \$547,621  
*(Plus 6 multi-year contracts adding \$894,011 to this priority.)*
- **Collaboration with CCDDDB - Very Young Children and Their Families:** 1 application + *DD portions of 2 multi-year contracts*, totaling \$934,945, The CCMHB may allocate this amount for DD services, coordinated with CCDDDB.

## **Requests for Funding and Budget Impact:**

CCMHB allocations to agencies have risen steadily from \$3,189,290 in PY12 to \$5,741,107 in PY25. Steady increases from PY12 to PY20 were possible due to property tax revenue growth and reductions in administrative costs.

For PY21, the CCMHB made an informed decision to award contracts greater than budgeted. Due to unspent funds being returned and some payments suspended, this

intentional overfunding did not result in a deficit in 2020. Suspended payments were released in 2021, reducing the amount left to allocate and revealing an **unsustainable award level** as we headed into the next period.

For PY22, because behavioral health needs had surged and agencies proposed to meet these needs, the County provided **American Rescue Plan Act** funds, increasing PY22 awards by \$770,436. For PY23 and PY24, awards were based on 2022-2024 property taxes, without other substantial revenue, so that the allocation process remained competitive despite growth in tax revenue.

For 2025, projected growth was less than half the rate increase of 2024. With PY25 amounts paid half from 2024 and half from 2025, cautious awards continued. For 2026, the initial projected growth is again modest, near 3%. With PY26 amounts paid half from 2025 and half from 2026, what appears affordable today falls short of the total amounts requested or previously obligated.

Following submission of proposals for PY26 funding, CCMHB staff reviewed all materials, along with any previously reported data, independent audit reports, and compliance records of incumbent programs and agencies. Draft program summaries incorporated input from all staff and were shared with agencies, board members, and public, to support the Board reviews which were conducted in a public meeting and study session during April. Agency corrections of staff errors and responses to board questions were considered in the recommendations which follow.

Nineteen submitted proposals relate to mental health or substance use disorders (MH/SUD) and total \$2,897,421. An additional proposal is exclusive to I/DD supports, at \$702,000. These PY26 CCMHB requests total \$3,599,421. Another \$3,089,066 is already obligated for PY26 through two-year contracts, of which \$232,945 is for DD.

The allocation scenarios presented here should be affordable within revenue projections, but 2026 budgets will be developed later with input from County officials.

- If the final awards made through this process exceed available funds, it may be necessary to balance with: delayed effective dates; prorated contract award amounts as any compliance issues are resolved; prorated contracts where staff remain to be hired; deferral for later consideration pending resolution of any compliance issues; fee for service contracts; use of fund balance; or commitment to lower total awards next year.
- If the final awards made through this process are below available funds, there is benefit to building the fund balance back toward its goal (six months of operating costs at May-June, before the first tax distributions have been deposited). The board might use additional available funds to consider funding requests which were deferred pending resolution of compliance issues or due to an extended deadline. The board might use additional available funds to amend a PY26 contract developed through the current process.

A total PY26 amount of \$6,256,869 could add new MH/SUD contracts at \$2,465,803. An advantage to not committing the full amount of the target would be to allow the fund balance to rise toward the goal. Most PY26 funding requests address continuing and growing needs of the community and align well with Board priorities.

In the event of increased PY26 revenues, the Board might consider additional funding for contracts. Higher PY26 revenue could result from an increase in the anticipated property tax revenue for 2025 or 2026, reduction of other PY26 contracts, or unexpected other revenues. Working against these possibilities is the risk of additional tax liabilities lowering the fund's available amount. This leads our staff to favor a more cautious scenario which brings in other funding partners to lower the MHB's obligations, although this seems less likely than in recent years.

## **Decision Sections:**

### **Contract Negotiations and Special Notifications**

Some recommendations are contingent on completion of contract negotiations, application revisions, resolution of compliance issues, and hiring of program staff. Awards may be adjusted by the cost of a staff vacancy and amended when that vacancy is filled. Award recipients may be required to revise program or financial forms to align with CCMHB planning, budget, and policy specifications. They may be asked for more information prior to contract execution, to reach terms agreeable to both parties. If requirements are not met prior to completion of the contract, a later contract start date will be established and the award reduced commensurate with the shorter term. Failure to submit required information shall result in cancellation of the contract award.

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to conduct contract negotiations as specified in this memorandum:

*Jane Sprandel made the motion. Chris Miner seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

Recommendations are based on revenue estimates not finalized until the Champaign County Board approves budgets in November or December of 2025. For this reason, all PY2026 CCMHB contract maximums will be subject to reductions necessary to compensate for any CCMHB revenue shortfall. These reductions will be documented by contract amendment at the discretion of the CCMHB Executive Director and Board President or designee, with every effort made to maintain the viability and integrity of prioritized contracts. All PY2026 contracts will include the following provision:

***Obligations of the Board will cease immediately without penalty or further payment being required if, in any fiscal year, the tax that is levied, collected, and paid into the "Community Mental Health Fund" is judged by the CCMHB Executive Director not to be sufficient for payment as delineated in the terms and conditions under this Contract.***

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to implement contract maximum reductions as described in this memorandum:

*President McLay made the motion. Elaine Palencia seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

A provision has been included in recent year contracts to clarify that specific terms of an agency's contract may supersede a provision of the funding guidelines, if the exception is in the best interest of the CCMHB and Champaign County. This remains relevant:

***The CCMHB Requirements and Guidelines for Allocation of Funds are incorporated into this contract by reference, except this contract will control should there be an inconsistent/contrary provision in the aforesaid Requirements and Guidelines. If the contract and funding guidelines are not in agreement, the contract shall prevail. For example, if the Provider will incur higher cost for an audit, review, or compilation than allowed per the Funding Requirements and Guidelines, the greater amount may be agreed to through the original budget submitted with an application or by a subsequent formal written request.***

Motion to include in all contracts the provision referencing specific exceptions to Funding Requirements and Guidelines, as described in this memorandum:

*Jane Sprandel made the motion. Chris Miner seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

A new standard contract provision is meant to help CCMHB members and staff more closely track progress on annual independent financial audits, reviews, or compilations. After receiving a bit of input from smaller organizations, related to what they can reasonably expect from their contracted CPA firm, and finding a great deal of context within the current contract template, a simple addition is proposed:

***The organization will share documentation of the date their CPA firm began its work on the audit, review, or compilation.***

Motion to include in all contracts the requirement to share documentation of the onset of work on the audit, review, or compilation, as described in this memorandum:

*Jane Sprandel made the motion. President McLay seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

## **Allocation Scenarios**

To support Board consideration, staff allocation scenarios are organized in roughly the order in which they were reviewed. Affordability is the key factor, especially as we consider sustainable levels of funding. Where there were other items to address, pre-contract conditions or special provisions are suggested. Most contract awards could be

for two-year terms, if the applicants have indicated they might accept. This strategy tends to benefit agency and Board staff. Program-specific items are included as discussion points for the Board. If a contract is awarded, the prerequisites should be completed by **June 17** to avoid delayed payments or reduced maximums. Negotiations may be conducted through email, remote meeting, or in person. In the event of a failed contract negotiation, the Board may be asked to take subsequent action.

In addition to the **pre-contract** actions suggested below, any final award which is for a different amount than that requested will trigger the need for revised budget plan forms and, in some cases, adjustment to the Scope of Services. **Special provisions** suggested below are additional contract requirements which apply to the program but not all other programs. To complete the **contract development**, organizations share with the CCMHB Operations and Compliance Coordinator their annual certificates of insurance, any relevant subcontracts, and letters of engagement with CPA firms, and CCMHB staff will verify each agency has not been debarred or otherwise excluded from federal eligibility.

#### **CCRPC-Community Services – Youth Assessment Center (Companion Proposal)**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** *the request, \$76,350, would be 18% of total program revenue; selected priority was Safety and Crisis Stabilization; serves the whole county; many referrals are from law enforcement, with purpose of diverting from deeper justice involvement; good length of engagement; minority youth are overrepresented (relates to other system involvement); screening involves multiple factors, many outside the program's control.*
- **Prior to contract:** *update personnel form.*
- **Special provisions (to address during contract year):** *excess revenue based on Q4 report rather than audit; collaborations with SOFFT/LANS, Champaign County Community Coalition, and with CCMHB and system partners; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted prior to June 2026.*

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$76,350** per year for a two-year term, for **CCRPC – Community Services – Youth Assessment Center (Companion Proposal)**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Jane Sprandel made the motion. Chris Miner seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center – Children's Advocacy Center**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** *the request, \$63,911, would be 16% of total program revenue; aligns with priorities for Healing from Interpersonal Violence, Safety and Crisis Stabilization, and Thriving Children, Youth, and Families; evidence-based scales and clear referral sources; rural reach; a vital and unique service using a good model.*



- **Prior to contract:** financial plan revisions to fully expend program revenues; program plan revisions to include the new director's credentials.
- **Special provisions:** consult with CLC Coordinator; share agency board minutes with Operations and Compliance Coordinator quarterly; avoid use of this funding to serve non-residents or to offset the costs of their care; excess revenue based on Q4 report rather than audit; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted prior to June 2026.

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$63,911** per year for a two-year term, for **Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center – Children's Advocacy Center**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement: *President McLay made the motion. Vice President Youakim seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

### **Champaign County Christian Health Center – CCCHC Community Mental Health Program**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** the request, \$100,000, would be 100% of total program revenue; aligns with the priority for Closing the Gaps in Access and Care; telepsychiatry through a consultant; partnership with Carle residency program; planned expansion; outreach a focus; spiritual support optional; focus on uninsured and underinsured people tended not to include maternal health, but there may be opportunities for expansion into that area as well.
- **Prior to contract:** develop and clarify the financial plan to include indirect staff costs and activities; distribute the cost of an audit across all funders requiring one; use other resources prior to MHB funds; any agency revenue surplus should be applied to costs of the services proposed for the MHB or used to expand services but not to add to a reserve.
- **Special provisions:** share agency board minutes with Operations and Compliance Coordinator quarterly; complete CLC assessment within first quarter; outcome support through Evaluation Capacity Building project; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted prior to June 2026.

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$100,000** per year for a two-year term, for **Champaign County Christian Health Center – CCCHC Community Mental Health Program**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement: *Jane Sprandel made the motion. Tony Nichols seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

### **Champaign County Health Care Consumers – CHW Outreach and Benefits Enrollment**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** the request, \$97,139, would be 91% of total program revenue; aligns with the priority for Closing the Gaps in Access and Care; a well-run program which becomes more necessary when funding for other programs is reduced; broad reach, serving many people and offering emotional support in navigation of complex, sometimes unfriendly systems.
- **Prior to contract:** resolve discrepancies in personnel forms across programs; update financials with these revisions.
- **Special provisions:** if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026; continue Rantoul presence and collaboration; continue presence in Rantoul and collaboration with Rantoul Service Providers; CLC training.

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$97,139** per year for a two-year term for **Champaign County Health Care Consumers – Disability Application Services**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Elaine Palencia made the motion. Jane Sprandel seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **Champaign County Health Care Consumers – Justice Involved CHW Services and Benefits**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** the request, \$103,284, would be 90% of total program revenue; aligns with the priority for Safety and Crisis Stabilization; well-regarded staff; broad reach through presence at the jail, word of mouth, other locations, and through women’s group at the jail.
- **Required prior to contract:** resolve discrepancies in personnel forms across programs; update financials with these revisions.
- **Special provisions:** if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026; participation in Reentry Council and similar partnerships; CLC training.

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$103,284** per year for a two-year term for **Champaign County Health Care Consumers – Justice Involved CHW Services and Benefits**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Jane Sprandel made the motion. President McLay seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County – Resource Connection**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** the request, \$70,667, would be 24% of total program revenue; aligns with priorities for Closing the Gaps in Access and Care and Safety and Crisis Stabilization; focus on residents of northern county areas,

*many of which are underserved; effective use of funds to meet particular needs, such as for bilingual or non-English speaking residents and transportation for young people; collaboration with many agencies and with churches on food distribution; good use of support from the Evaluation team.*

- **Prior to contract:** n/a
- **Special provisions:** participate in Rantoul Service Providers Group and Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$70,667** per year for a two-year term for **Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County – Resource Connection**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Jane Sprandel made the motion. Chris Miner seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **Crisis Nursery – Beyond Blue – Champaign County**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** the request, \$90,000, would be 42% of total program revenue; aligns with the priority for Thriving Children, Youth, and Families; length of engagement supports healing process; reaches rural residents and many others, with good outreach efforts; well-considered treatment approach and relevant partnerships across agencies and systems.
- **Prior to contract:** n/a.
- **Special provisions:** collaborate with providers of early childhood services; at least 50% of new clients from outside of Champaign and Urbana; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$90,000** per year for a two-year term for **Crisis Nursery – Beyond Blue – Champaign County**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Elaine Palencia made the motion. Chris Miner seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **DSC – Family Development**

- **MHB or DDB member or staff note(s):** the request, \$702,000, would be 61% of total program revenue; selected priority was Collaboration with the CCDDDB (Young Children and their Families); free developmental screenings, referrals to appropriate resources, Developmental Therapy, Speech, OT, PT, developmental play groups, parent support groups, and PLAY Project (an evidence-based model); partners through Home Visiting Consortium, Birth to 5 Council, and

*monthly joint playgroup; funds services not otherwise covered, including as people move in and out of other payers' eligibility (offering continuity of the care team); playgroups bring families together, parent advisory group being explored.*

- **Prior to contract:** *adjustment to General Operating expense.*
- **Special provisions:** *collaborate with providers of similar services; inform eligible families of PUNS and ISC; online service claims reporting; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted prior to June 2026; monthly personnel change report.*

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$702,000** per year for a two-year term, for **DSC – Family Development**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Jane Sprandel made the motion. Elaine Palencia seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (The Refugee Center) – Family Support & Strengthening**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** *the request, \$75,441, would be 5% of total program revenue; aligns with priorities for Thriving Children, Youth, and Families and Closing the Gaps in Access and Care; addresses growing needs, including for children and particular to refugees; lived experience of staff is vital; education to counter stigma, e.g., which causes students to refuse financial aid.*
- **Prior to contract:** *n/a.*
- **Special provisions:** *maintain regular presence in Rantoul and participate in Rantoul Service Providers Group; collaborate with providers of similar services; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.*

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$75,441** per year for a two-year term for **East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (The Refugee Center) – Family Support & Strengthening**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Chris Miner made the motion. Vice President Youakim seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **Family Service of Champaign County-Counseling**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** *the request, \$142,322, would be 93% of total program revenue; aligns with priorities for Closing the Gaps in Access and Care, Safety and Crisis Stabilization, and Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce; proposes to increase staff and numbers of people served and adds Art Therapy for all ages, not always billable to other payers; salaries increased to competitive level; promotes healthy community.*

- **Prior to contract:** revise CLC Plan.
- **Special provisions:** collaborate with Problem Solving Court; continue to pursue and report on efforts to secure other funding, either expanding services through other total program revenue or offsetting CCMHB funds; mid-year progress report to the Board on the new component of the program; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$142,322** per year for a two-year term for **Family Service of Champaign County-Counseling**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Vice President Youakim made the motion. Chris Miner seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

### **Family Service of Champaign County-Self-Help Center**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** the request of \$38,191 would be 100% of total program revenue; aligns with the priority for Closing the Gaps in Access and Care; unique and reflective of a unique strength of Champaign County; advisory council is people with lived experience; proposal adds speakers for some groups; federal funding cuts have impacted other agency services; demographic data would offer more insight if not limited to groups; well established program also valuable to social work students.
- **Prior to contract:** revise CLC Plan.
- **Special provisions:** for any subgrants through this program, provide CCMHB staff the written agreement as early as possible in the process; continue to report on details of events (locations and numbers attending) but begin to collect and report demographic and residency data on individual participants, as practical; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$38,191** per year for a two-year term for **Family Service of Champaign County – Self-Help Center**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*President McLay made the motion. Jane Sprandel seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

### **Family Service of Champaign County-Senior Counseling and Advocacy**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** the request of \$214,360 would be 29% of total program revenue; aligns with priorities for Closing the Gaps in Access and Care and Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce; longstanding federal funding for related agency service has been cut, now covered by volunteers; effort

- to increase staffing and reach more rural residents; if approved, the agency would also use this funding as match for ECIAA Senior Information Services.*
- **Prior to contract:** revise CLC Plan.
  - **Special provisions:** if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$214,360** per year for a two-year term for **Family Service of Champaign County – Senior Counseling and Advocacy**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:  
*Jane Sprandel made the motion. Chris Miner seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

Motion to approve the use of CCMHB funding for **Family Service of Champaign County – Senior Counseling and Advocacy** as match for East Central Illinois Area on Aging Senior Information Services contract.  
*President McLay made the motion. Elaine Palencia seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

**Promise Healthcare-Mental Health Services**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** the request of \$360,000 would be 14% of total program revenue; aligns with the priority for Closing the Gaps in Access and Care; adds staff and increases some salaries; duplication is good if related to people making use of both psychiatry and counseling; large numbers served, including many Spanish-speaking residents; majority of agency board members are also patients; need detail on specific outreach and collaborations.
- **Prior to contract:** revise CLC Plan; clarify budget details; revise outcomes.
- **Special provisions:** collaborate with providers of similar and related services; attend meetings of the Rantoul Service Providers Group and the Champaign County Community Coalition; report on efforts to secure other funding; due to use of a January 1 to December 31 fiscal year, prepare additional schedules for CCMHB staff review; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$360,000** per year for a two-year term for **Promise Healthcare-Mental Health Services**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:  
*President McLay made the motion. Jane Sprandel seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

**Promise Healthcare-PHC Wellness**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** the request of \$125,000 would be 75% of total program revenue; aligns with the Closing the Gaps in Access and Care priority;

*fills gaps in care, particularly for underserved populations; uses patient assessments and screening tool for social determinants of health; a measure of positive impact can be developed.*

- **Prior to contract:** *revise CLC Plan.*
- **Special provisions:** *participate as a target program in the Evaluation Capacity project; collaborate with providers of similar and related services; attend meetings of the Rantoul Service Providers Group and the Champaign County Community Coalition; report on efforts to secure other funding; due to use of a January 1 to December 31 fiscal year, prepare additional schedules for CCMHB staff review; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.*

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$125,000** per year for a two-year term for **Promise Healthcare – PHC Wellness**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Jane Sprandel made the motion. Chris Miner seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services -Sexual Trauma Therapy Services**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** *the request of \$196,205 would be 26% of total program revenue; aligns with priorities for Healing from Interpersonal Violence and Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce; the agency and program have been impacted by and anticipate further VOCA funding cuts and possible Prevention cuts; notable trainings and impact of people with lived experience.*
- **Prior to contract:** *recategorize rental expense.*
- **Special provisions:** *avoid use of this funding to serve non-residents or to offset the costs of their care; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.*

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$196,205** per year for a two-year term for **Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services -Sexual Trauma Therapy Services**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Chris Miner made the motion. President McLay seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services -Sexual Violence Prevention Education**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** *the request of \$108,115 would be 51% of total program revenue; aligns with priorities for Healing from Interpersonal Violence, Safety and Crisis Stabilization, and Strengthening the Behavioral Health*

*Workforce; unique and fills a gap; specific curricula for various age groups; notifies all school districts in the four county service region and trains on a first come, first served basis; locally developed and more effective than one-time programming.*

- **Prior to contract:** *reategorize rental expense.*
- **Special provisions:** *avoid use of this funding to serve non-residents or to offset the costs of their care; attend meetings of the SOFFT/LANS group; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.*

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$108,115** per year for a two-year term for **Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services -Sexual Violence Prevention Education**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Jane Sprandel made the motion. Elaine Palencia seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **WIN Recovery-Community Support ReEntry Houses**

- **MHB member or staff note(s):** *the request of \$183,000 would be 31% of total program revenue; aligns with priorities for Safety and Crisis Stabilization and Healing from Interpersonal Violence; trauma-informed, individualized approach; evidence-based benchmarks; effective outreach to members of gender minorities who face additional barriers to care.*
- **Prior to contract:** *update CLC Plan; correct financial forms; add measurable targets for each outcome; (clarify utilization categories and targets IF the other program is also funded; revise budget plans if the other program is not funded.)*
- **Special provisions:** *report quarterly on numbers of people residing in homes for more than three months; document Champaign County residency prior to incarceration; participate in Champaign County Reentry Council and Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless and Problem Solving Courts; outcome support through Evaluation Capacity Building project; forward agency board minutes to CCMHB staff at least quarterly; if a two-year term, excess revenue cannot be spent in 2nd year, and an updated Agency Plan for PY27 submitted by June 2026.*

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$183,000** per year for a two-year term for **WIN Recovery – Community Support ReEntry Houses**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*President McLay made the motion. Jane Sprandel seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

#### **WIN Recovery – Win Resilience Resource Center**



- **MHB member or staff note(s):** the request of \$270,000 would be 46% of total program revenue; aligns with priorities for Safety and Crisis Stabilization and Healing from Interpersonal Violence; items for improvement include removing unallowed expense, defining targets unique to the program, esp as the center has the capacity to serve more people than the homes.
- **Prior to contract:** update CLC Plan; correct financial forms; add measurable targets for each outcome; (clarify utilization categories and targets IF the other program is also funded; revise budget plans if the other program is not funded.)
- **Special provisions:** participate in Champaign County Reentry Council and Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless; outcome support through Evaluation Capacity Building project; forward agency board minutes to CCMHB staff at least quarterly; mid-year progress report to the Board.

Motion to deny CCMHB funding for **WIN Recovery – Win Resilience Resource Center:**

*Following lengthy discussion, President McLay made the motion, and Tony Nichols seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

**Total Affordable for NEW PY26 Awards = \$3,167,803**

**Total Reviewed/Suggested for NEW PY26 Awards = \$2,746,985**

If the Board approves all suggestions to this point, \$420,818 more could be obligated without exceeding the projected affordable amount. Two other requests total \$582,436.

### **PY2026 Requests Submitted but not Reviewed**

At the time of this writing, the Board has not reviewed two additional requests for funding, as PY2024 audits were not presented with the submitted applications. With a recently completed audit, one of them might be reviewed during the May 28 meeting, prior to a decision on whether to fund it. In the event the Board chooses to review either for possible PY26 funding, staff observations are summarized here.

#### **Immigrant Services of Champaign-Urbana-Immigrant Mental Health Program**

- **Staff note(s):** the request of \$200,256 would be 90% of total program revenue; aligns with the priority for Closing the Gaps in Access and Care.
- **Prior to contract:** corrections to financial plan forms, including details in budget narrative; confirm vacancies have been filled.
- **Special provisions:** consult with CLC Coordinator; attend Rantoul Service Providers Group; collaborate with providers of similar and related services and report on these in comments of quarterly service reports; mid-year progress report to the Board.
- **The funding request was reviewed earlier in the May 28 meeting.**

Motion to approve CCMHB funding of **\$200,256** per year for a two year term for **Immigrant Services of Champaign-Urbana – Immigrant Mental Health Program**, subject to the caveats as presented in this memorandum, and to authorize the CCMHB Executive Director and Board Officer to execute the agreement:

*Emily Rodriguez made the motion. Chris Miner seconded. After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.*

**Urbana Neighborhood Connections- Community Study Center**

- **Staff note(s):** the request of \$382,180 would be 50% of total program revenue; aligns with Thriving Children, Youth, and Families priority.
- **Prior to contract:** financial form revisions; identify numeric targets for utilization; clarify relationships across program performance targets, youth outcomes, and assessment processes.
- **Special provisions:** consult with CLC Coordinator; outcome support through Evaluation Capacity Building project; collaborate with providers of similar services and with efforts of the Champaign County Community Coalition; attend SOFFT/LAN meetings; mid-year progress report to the Board; forward agency board minutes to CCMHB staff at least quarterly.

*No action taken at this time in relation to **Urbana Neighborhood Connections-Community Study Center**.*

*Approved by the CCMHB on May 28, 2025.*