

St. Clair County Mental Health Board 2025 Annual Report



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**ST. CLAIR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MISSION STATEMENT:**

To assure the availability and accessibility of the broadest possible array of mental health service options to all St. Clair County residents in need of such services.

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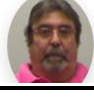
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Terri Burroughs, Executive Assistant

Introduction

The St. Clair County Mental Health Board (SCCMHB) is a governmental unit of St. Clair County, Illinois. Legal obligations are set forth in the Community Mental Health Act, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 405, Act 20. In November 1965, St. Clair County residents voted in a county-wide referendum to levy a tax to fund and coordinate a local system of care for mental health, substance use disorder, and intellectual/developmental disability services. It is the mission of the MHB to assure that a comprehensive and coordinated system of public mental health services is available and accessible to all of citizens of St. Clair County in need of those services.

Community Mental Health Act Mandates and Duties

- Participate in and assist in developing local plans for the most efficient delivery of mental health, substance use disorder, and intellectual and/or developmental disability services.
- Prepare and submit an annual budget of expenses.
- Within amounts appropriated therefore, execute such programs, and maintain such services and facilities as authorized under such appropriations.
- Review and evaluate community mental health services and facilities, including the treatment of mental illness, drug addiction, and intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.
- Prepare and publish annually a report of the budget showing the condition of its trust that year.
- Prepare, publish and submit a one-and-three-year plan to the SCCMHB, St. Clair County officials and the public.

The following information serves as the 2025 Annual Report. Included is financial and funding information as well as highlights and accomplishments in 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Gardner, MSW, LCSW,

St. Clair County Mental Health Board Executive Director

Elaine Rogers Cueto,

St. Clair County Mental Health Board President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Funded by the **Community Mental Health Act**, in summary of FY2025 (July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025), 17 agencies received contracts totaling \$2,484,174 to provide 25 programs. In preparation for FY2026 (July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026), these agencies and programs were again contracted, most with a 3% increase in funding, totaling \$2,530,172. The following chart lists these agencies, service categories, programs, and funding amounts:

AGENCY	SERVICE CATEGORY	PROGRAM	FY2025 CONTRACTED AMOUNT	FY2026 CONTRACTED AMOUNT
BBBS of SWIL	MH	Mentoring	\$70,000	\$72,100
CP of SWIL	IDD	Client and Family Support	\$33,650	\$34,660
Chestnut Health Systems	SUD	MAR	\$179,375	\$184,756
Chestnut Health Systems	MH	Advanced Team Based Care	\$397,439	\$390,822
Chestnut Health Systems	SUD	Recovery Coaching	\$50,000	\$51,500
CBHC	SUD	Residential Care	\$96,061	\$98,942
CBHC	MH	Specialty Court	\$45,817	\$47,191
CBHC	MH	Quality Assurance	\$96,367	\$99,258
Community Link	IDD	Art Therapy	\$18,000	\$18,540
East Side Aligned	MH	YWC	\$40,000	\$41,200
Epilepsy Foundation of Greater SIL	IDD	Client and Family Support	\$61,000	\$62,830
Family Hospice/Heartlinks	MH	Grief Counseling	\$120,615	\$124,233
Family Hospice/Heartlinks	MH	Community Ed	\$3600	\$3708
Hoyleton YFS	MH	Bilingual Counseling	\$46,947	\$48,355
Illinois Center for Autism	IDD	Adult Services	\$198,850	\$204,815
NAMI	MH	Community Ed	\$41,000	\$42,230
NAMI	MH	ETS/School program	\$15,140	\$15,594
SWIC/PSOP	MH	Senior Counseling	\$108,567	\$111,824
St. Clair County ROE	MH	Transitional program	\$32,933	\$33,921
St. Clair County Jail	MH	MH services	\$360,000	\$360,816
SAVE	IDD	Community Int.	\$98,423	\$101,375
SAVE	IDD	Day services	\$241,832	\$249,087
TASC	IDD	DV assessment	\$33,600	\$34,608
TASC	SUD	Drug Court	\$16,800	\$17,304
VPC	MH	Counseling	\$78,158	\$80,503

2025 Mental Health Act Funds Figures:

Real Estate Taxes: \$3,147,647
Interest and TIF: \$159,910
Miscellaneous: \$88.00
Total Revenue: \$3,307,646

Operations: \$66,224
Personnel: \$296,738
Services: \$2,630,362
Total Expenses: \$2,993,324

- 2. Funded by the **National Opioid Settlement Fund**, we were able to plan, contract with, and complete the CY2025 (January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025) with programming by 6 agencies utilizing a total of \$320,010. Planning and contracting for CY2026 is complete and programming has begun. Details of CY2025 are specified in the following chart:

AGENCY	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Amare	St. Vincent de Paul and county-wide case management and outreach	\$72,912
Chestnut Health Systems	School-based prevention; Porchlight outreach	\$80,123
CBHC	Residential-based case management	\$50,000
East Side Aligned	Youth Trauma Informed Leadership Institute programming	\$50,000
Family Hospice/Heartlinks	Opioid-loss support group	\$8,975
TASC	County-wide case management and outreach	\$58,000

2025 Opioid Settlement Funds Figures:

Court Settlements,
Interest and Amortization: \$317,286.92
Contracted Amount CY2025: \$320,010
Balance end CY2025: \$1,014,016
Contracted Amount CY2026: \$537,967
Balance end of CY2026 if no deposits: \$476,049.49 This is enough of a reserve to fund CY2027 at CY2025 amounts, if no payments are received in 2026. Agencies are aware of this.

- 3. In CY2025, we provided **one-time funds** to 18 agencies or organizations, including 9 that do not receive annualized funding. One-time funds may be used for a variety of reasons including but not limited to: hosting conferences, prevention programs, camps and public events; trainings for workers; therapeutic and other supplies, tools, and outreach materials. A total of \$79,464 was awarded in one-time funding.
- 4. The St. Clair County Mental Health Board utilizes **contractors** for educational sessions, psychological evaluations, electronic support, and social media management. Contractors utilized in CY2025 were: Chaz Franke; Ky Miller; Dr. Dan Cuneo; Dr. Jeremy Jewell; EMK Consulting; Tanya Koelker; Katie Wilson; Diana Cuddeback. A total of \$171,120 was used.

5. The SCCMHB is a recipient of State of Illinois funds for the **Juvenile Redeploy IL** program, which provides wraparound services for youth and families as an alternative to juvenile incarceration. For FY2025, a total of \$745,009 was granted to St. Clair County, and \$717,390 was in turn granted to subrecipient and service provider Brightpoint. For FY2026, the same amounts were granted to St. Clair County and in turn to Chestnut Health Systems.

CY2025 Notable Highlights

Staffing changes occurred as planned in June/July 2025. After the retirement of Jane Nesbit, Jodi Gardner, MSW, LCSW, was named the Executive Director. Joe Jackson, MA, LPC, was named as Associate Director, and Terri Burroughs remains on as the Executive Assistant.

Based on the Community Mental Health Needs Assessment conducted in 2024, staff and board volunteers completed strategic planning on a 1, 3, and 5+ year basis. This document, dated September 2025, is posted on the website www.stc708.org or is available upon request. Core values were reassessed and named: *access; collaboration; community; and stewardship*. “*Resilience*” was named as a guiding theme to connect every topic. Priority topics were named: *youth and family support; enhancement of childhood experiences; centralized resourcing and improved networking; attention to marginalized populations; continued productive evolution of crisis services*. Due to the expected staff changes, planning included their continued orientation to job roles, with an emphasis on staff being significantly involved in agency and community events. Strategic planning looked ahead to: increasing the number of agencies receiving annualized funding; investigating and implementing in-person, electronic, and collaborative system networking; and evaluating and implementing programs that target the mentioned marginalized populations.

The St. Clair County Mental Health Board staff facilitate the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance and participate in the Veteran Subcommittee. Staff participates in committees for CESSA planning and implementation, numerous advisory councils, and numerous community events planning committees. The staff and board members are strongly invested in the wellness of St. Clair County, our region, and its residents.