

St. Clair County Mental Health Board Meeting Overview

The St. Clair County Mental Health Board held a regular monthly meeting on August 21, 2025, to discuss various reports, appointments, and future plans.

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Elaine Co
Ann Barnum
Kristi Luetkemeyer
Robert Clipper, PhD
Curt Schildknecht
Ted Baugh
Bobby Allen
Deborah Jones

Staff:

Jodi Gardner
Joe Jackson
Terri Burroughs

Excused: John Kernan, and Ted Baugh.

- **Public Comment and Call to Order**
 - The meeting began with offer of public comments and was officially called to order.
- **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - The minutes from the June 12, 2025, meeting were approved following a recommendation from Mr. Schildknecht and second from Dr. Clipper.
- **Reports from Committees**
 - Finance Committee: Report approved following the recommendation by Ms. Barnum and a second by Mr. Allen. June and July Funds Flow Statements and Budget Performance Reports, along with the July Opioid Funding Report, were reviewed.
 - Associate Director's Report: Joe Jackson provided updates on substance use disorder services and community engagement efforts.
 - Executive Director's Report: Jodi Gardner shared strategic planning initiatives and emphasized a possible theme of resilience.

Associate Director's Updates on Agencies and Programs

- **Community Engagement**
 - Attended multiple community meetings to enhance communication among service providers.
- **Strategic Planning**
 - Ideas for fostering peer-led support meetings were discussed, among other possibilities for strategic planning.

Executive Director's Report

The overarching theme for the strategic plan will be fostering resilience among staff, board members, agencies, workers, and the community.

- **Community Activities and Engagement**
 - Numerous community events are planned, including awareness walks and conferences.
- **Open Communication**
 - Gardner emphasized the importance of open communication and solicited feedback from board members regarding expectations.

- **Monthly Tasks and Timeline for FY26**

A draft timeline of essential tasks and meetings for the fiscal year was presented.

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Schildknecht reported that recommendation of officers for Mental Health Board in 2025.

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| President | Elaine Cueto |
| Senior Vice President | Ann Barnum |
| Vice President | Kristi Luetkemyer |
| Secretary | Curt Schildknecht |

On a motion by Mr. Schildknecht and a second by Dr. Clipper, the motion was approved.

President Elaine Cueto announced the Committee Appointments.

Finance Committee: Ann Barnum, Chair; Elaine Cueto, Curt Schildknecht, Ted Baugh

Personnel Committee: Kristi Luetkemyer, Chair; Ann Barnum, Deborah Jones

Building and Grounds Committee: Curt Schildknecht, Chair; John Kernan, Robert Allen and Deborah Jones

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Lisa Atkins- ROE; Carla Boswell and Lara Duy-PSOP; Madeline Graham- Birth to Five Illinois; Joe Lust-CPSWIL; Rico Parola-Hoyleton; Troy Metheny-ICA; Donna Brooks-Epilepsy Foundation of GSIL; Tyrone Hill and Carson Conn-Amare; Dianna Cuddeback-Heartlinks; and Kendra Copanas -East Side Aligned.

The meeting adjourned at 6.45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Burroughs