

St. Clair County Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

The St. Clair County Mental Health Board held a regular monthly meeting on January 15, 2026, at 6pm.

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Elaine Cueto
Ann Barnum
Kristi Luetkemeyer
Curt Schildknecht
Deborah Jones
Dana Rosenzweig

Staff:

Jodi Gardner
Joe Jackson

Excused: John Kernan, Ted Baugh and Bobby Allen.

- **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - The minutes of the November 20, 2025, meeting were approved following a recommendation from Ms. Barnum and a second from Mr. Schildknecht.
- **Reports from Committees**
 - Finance Committee: Report approved following the recommendation by Ms. Barnum and a second by Mr. Schildknecht.

Associate Director's Report

The AD Reported the following:

- January is substance use disorder treatment month.
- Legislation update- Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). Illinois will receive about \$193 million per year to “expand rural health services.”
- ED and AD participated in ACMHA’s December membership meeting. This was a great opportunity to discuss best practices and emerging issues for 708 boards statewide.
- House of Mary broke ground on a new location for their transitional housing facility in East St. Louis. Lisa Atkins reported that the additional community action poverty simulation kits have already begun helping to provide additional poverty simulations.
- Joe also reported on behalf of Amare sharing Carson Conn’s regrets in being unable to attend the meeting.

Executive Director Report

The ED reporting the following:

- Welcome Dana Rosenzweig onto the Board.
- Staff worked to update the Community Health Plan on Preventing Suicide in conjunction with the Health Care Commission and SCC Health Department as part of a 5-year plan, carried out by the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance.

- Contractors for services in 2026 will include 9 professionals providing educational sessions, evaluations, management of needed services, or IT services.
- Opioid contracts for CY2026 have been finalized with 6 agencies.
- End-of-year-one-time-funds have been distributed as approved.
- CESSA/988 has moved into the implementation phase, and 988 call centers are accepting 988 calls and 911 transfers. The goal is to add 25 new answering centers per quarter but required trainings are extensive. The long-term goal is that all answering centers be running by June 30, 2027. Both the AD and ED are serving on related planning committees.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Gregory Gross -TASC; Jodi Flesner-Heartlinks; Dianna Cuddeback-Heartlinks; Lisa Atkins-ROE; Lara Duy-PSOP; Troy Matheny-ICA; Kirsten Peterson-OBK; Joe Harper-CBHC; Donna Brooks-EFGSWI; Courtney Kampwerth-VPC; Joe Lust-CPSWIL; Madeline Graham-Birth to Five; and Angie Anderson-CPSWIL.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Burroughs