

# ST. CLAIR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD



Jane Nesbit  
Executive Director

Jodi Gardner, LCSW  
Associate Director

Terri Burroughs  
Executive Assistant

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
May 15, 2025  
Annex Building  
Belleville, Illinois

## PRESENT:

### Board Members:

Elaine Cueto  
Ann Barnum  
John Kernan  
Dr. Clipper  
Kristi Luetkemyer  
Bobby Allen  
Deborah Jones

### Staff:

Jane Nesbit  
Jodi Gardner  
Terri Burroughs

### Board Members

Elaine Rogers Cueto  
President

Ann Martz Barnum  
Senior Vice President

Kristi A. Luetkemyer  
Vice President

Robert Clipper, Ph.D  
Secretary

John "Skip" Kernan

Curtis L. Schildknecht

Ted Baugh, MSW

Robert Allen

Deborah Jones

**Excused:** Curt Schildknecht, Ted Baugh.

The meeting began at 6:00p.m. and took place in the Annex Building.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a recommendation by Ms. Barnum and a second by Mr. Kernan, February 20, 2025, Board minutes were approved.

## REPORTS:

### Finance Committee:

Recommendation from the Finance Committee:

1. Approval of March and April Funds Flow and OPIOID Funds Flow Statements and Budget Performance Reports.
2. Approval of FY 2026 Agency Allocations
3. Approval of Agency One-Time Fund Request
  - o National Alliance on Mental Illness 2025 Annual Walk for Mental Health \$1000.00.
  - o The Shrine for "When Mental Illness Hits Home" Conference in the amount of \$3,450.
  - o CHADS Coalition for Mental Health in the amount of \$2,800.00.

On a recommendation by Ann Barnum and a second by Mr. Allen, the recommendations were approved.

**Personnel Committee:**

1. The Committee accepted the resignation of retirement notification of Jane Nesbit, Executive Director, effective June 30, 2025.
2. The Committee accepted the promotion of Jodi Gardner from Associate Director to Executive Director effective July 1, 2025.
3. The Committee accepted the hiring of Joe Jackson to fill the Associate Director position with start state to be determined.

**Associate Director's Report:**

Ms. Gardner welcomed the Board and thanked them for their confidence as she moves into the Executive Director position.

Ms. Gardner updated the Board on her and the Executive Directors continued work on the FY 2026 agency applications. Ms. Gardner shared a few quotes from agencies that illustrate the value of funded services.

Ms. Gardner gave a brief explanation of the changes at Juvenile Redeploy and said that Chestnut will be the new subcontractor for this grant.

She reported that the Metro East Every Survivor Counts Take Back the Night event was a meaningful evening with focus on awareness and services for those surviving sexual assault.

Ms. Gardner's report ended with a thank you for allowing the opportunity to continue serving the residents and providers of St. Clair County.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Ms. Nesbit welcomed the Board and thanked all for the continuous attendance. She highlighted Jodi Gardner, LCSW and all the experience she will be bringing to her new position of Executive director upon Ms. Nesbit's retirement.

Ms. Nesbit also introduced known colleague Joe Jackson as the new Associate Director.

Ms. Nesbit discussed the changes to the office and the success over the last two years and thanked the board of directors for all of their support and the time and grace given to adapt to a new Director.

Ms. Nesbit gave all agencies an opportunity to speak about the current unease with funding and services for their agencies.

Ms. Nesbit reminder the Board and Agency's that the next meeting will be June 12, 2025, at 6pm in the Annex building.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Federico Parola- Hoyleton; Lisa Atkins- SCCROE; Donna Brooks and Trudy Baxter- EFGSWI; Kelly Jefferson-NAMI; Diana Cuddeback – Heartlinks; Joe Harper-CBHC; Troy Metheny-ICA; Carla Boswell and Tanya Kolker-PSOP; Kathleen Winkelmann-One Hope United; Joe Jackson-TASC; Darlene Jones and Courtney Campwerth-VPC; Carson Con and Jason Forley- Amare; Paul Vibbenmeyer- SAVE; and Breanna Anderson – BBBS.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Terri Burroughs