

St. Clair County Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes- draft

The St. Clair County Mental Health Board held a regular monthly meeting on August 20, 2026, at 6pm.

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Elaine Cueto
Ann Barnum
John Kernan
Curt Schildknecht
Ted Baugh
Bobby Allen
Dana Rosenzweig

Staff:

Jodi Gardner
Joe Jackson
Terri Burroughs

Excused: Kristi Luetkemeyer and Deborah Jones

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the June 18, 2026, meeting were approved following a recommendation from Ms. Barnum and a second from Mr. Kernan.

Reports from Committees

Finance Committee: Report approved following the recommendation by Ms. Barnum and a second by Mr. Kernan.

Associate Director's Report-

- **Site Visits/Program Monitoring**

June, we completed our round of site visits for the FY26 funding cycle. The next round of site visits will focus on Opioid related services that are funded by Opioid settlement funds.

- **ACMHAI legislative committee Update**

Highlights were **three bills** recently signed into law.

HB 4649 was signed into law with the intent of strengthening protections for older adults experiencing abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.

4728 was signed into law to increase transparency and accountability for congregate care facilities serving those with developmental disabilities.

HB 4509 was also signed with the intent of strengthening care for nursing home residents with severe mental illness. This law specifies that follow up is required at the state level after an admission or major change in physical or mental condition.

- **SUD-based meetings updates.**
- **Special mentions and community events**

St. Clair County Fair. The fair was a success despite the unfavorable weather. Inside the vendors building, the SCCMHB office was able to organize a multi-agency booth that showcased area resources and funded providers. **Mia Stroter represented Illinois Center for Autism** at the booth. **Savannah Herald represented Caritas Family Solutions**, **Kevin Strong attended to represent Marshmallow's Hope**, **Madeline Grahm attended to represent Birth to 5**, and **Jeff Morris, Morgan Hempen, and Poppy Ferrer** attended on behalf of **Chestnut Health Systems**. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to display our many community resources.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Jodi Gardner, LCSW, report provided an overview of the SCC Mental Health Board's activities and funding decisions for August 2026.

FY2027 renewal contracts have all been finalized. Work on one-time funds and some new programming continues. ORS is being prepared for FY2027 vouchers, reports, and compliance items for annualized agencies; other programs will submit written reports as agreed upon. The FY2027 JRI contract with the state of IL and subcontract with Chestnut Health Systems have been finalized. CY2027 opioid settlement funding contracting will begin soon. Joe Harper of CBHC is honored for his retirement, as Brian Stewart takes the ED role. The Pisel Center was dedicated. Numerous fall educational and fundraising events are upcoming, including but not limited to When Mental Illness Hits Home, Suicide Prevention Month, NAMI Walk and more. Thank you to those who participated in Fair St. Clair.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Angela Snell-New Opportunities; Tyrone Hill-Amare; Brian Stewart-CBHC; Marilyn Parsons-PSOP; Lara Duy-PSOP; Claire Breidenback-VPC; Gregory Gross-TASC; Federico Parola-Hoyleton; Donna Brooks-Epilepsy; Angie Anderson-CPSWIL; Jodi Flesner-Heartlinks; Troy Metheney-ICA; Madeline Graham-Birth to Five; PD VanKlaveren-Fifth Street Renaissance; Kevin Strong-Marshmallows Hope; Carolyn Hubler-CAC.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Burroughs