

St. Clair County Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes- draft

The St. Clair County Mental Health Board held a regular monthly meeting on April 16, 2026, at 6pm.

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Elaine Cueto
Kristi Luetkemeyer
John Kernan
Curt Schildknecht
Ted Baugh
Bobby Allen

Staff:

Jodi Gardner
Joe Jackson
Terri Burroughs

Excused: Ann Barnum, Deborah Jones, and Dana Rosenzweig.

- **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - The minutes of the April 14, 2026, meeting were approved following a recommendation from Mr. Kernan and a second from Mr. Schildknecht.
- **Reports from Committees**
 - Finance Committee: Report approved following the recommendation by Mr. Baugh and a second by Ms. Luetkemeyer.

Associate Director's Report-

- **Program news and information/Remaining site visits**

Finishing up site visits with 4 remaining agencies. (PSOP, East Side Aligned, Epilepsy Foundation and the Regional Office of Education / agency compliance.

- **ACMHAI** including their legislative committee.

Currently updates on legislation remain slow, however it is important to note **SB2771**, also known as Tammurra's act. This bill has passed the Illinois Senate and moved to the house for further consideration. This is a locally written bill based on mental health and suicide prevention. The bill would require public institutions such as schools and healthcare facilities to display 988 and crisis response information.

- **SUD Updates-**

Partnership for drug free communities is planning an in-person meeting in June and is beginning to invite speakers and panelists to their meetings to provide training and information. St. Clair County ROSC is hoping to increase Peer Advisory attendance at their meetings. Metro East Recovery Council, events for the summer including a movie night in Madison County (details pending) an upcoming documentary showing at Granite City Cinema on Oxford houses.

- **Ancillary Meetings**

- **HOPE Coalition**

(Healthcare Organizations Preparing for Emergencies). Meeting. This last month we were able to attend a "**Mass Fatality Full Scale Exercise**". We learned steps needed in the event of mass fatality and how mental health support would play a role in such an event. Jodi gave a wonderful debriefing at the end of the day and shared how self-care for first responders was

important and necessary to continue helping those in need.

I was able to participate in the **Madison County CESSA subcommittee** and discuss **SB3798** and the logistics of how behavioral health organizations will begin to take on crisis response for behavioral health based 911 calls. This will give me some experience in the subcommittee for when I begin to participate in our St. Clair County CESSA Subcommittee.

- **Corresponding Community Events.**

Jodi and I attended the **Millstadt Autism Walk**, and I was able to attend **St. Clair County Drug Takeback event in O' Fallon**.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Jodi Gardner, LCSW, reviewed relevant funding details. CY26 Opioid Settlement Funds programming continues with 6 funded agencies. Services include harm reduction, treatment, service linkage, case management, grief support, and youth leadership and prevention. A reserve remains for CY27 planning.

FY27 planning is underway for MHB funds. ORS is open for continuation applications, and new requests are to be directed to the ED and AD. A full slate of agencies and programs will be submitted for approval in June. One-time requests will also be submitted to be covered by interest and TIF monies.

The FY27 JRI is completed, and the budget and program plan has been accepted by the JRI Board. Once a recipient agreement is issued to SCC, the MHB will extend a subrecipient agreement to Chestnut Health Systems. FY26 programming was successful.

Jodi Gardner will participate in several ACMHAI committees and may take an officer role in the future.

CESSA/911/988/mobile crisis response planning continues statewide, regionally, and locally, with Jodi Gardner and Joe Jackson each participating in committees.

Jodi Gardner and/or Joe Jackson attended and/or spoke at several events: MEESC awareness event, APS staff meeting, a workshop for SCC managers, a HOPE Coalition regional disaster event, and Holy Trinity Church.

Our website, www.stc708.org will transition to be a part of the SCC website in preparation for coming disability access regulations.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Lisa Atkins-ROE; Tyrone Hill-Amare; Dianna Cuddeback-Heartlinks; Joe Harper- CBHC; Madeline Graham-Birth to Five; Federico Porola-Hoyleton; Troy Metheny-ICA; Claire Breidenbach-VPC; Lara Duy and Marilyn Parsons-PSOP; Donna Brooks-Epilepsy Foundation; Jennifere Dell-Metro East Every Survivor Counts; Angie Anderson-CPSWIL; Akasha Coleman=Nex Gen Business Solutions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Burroughs